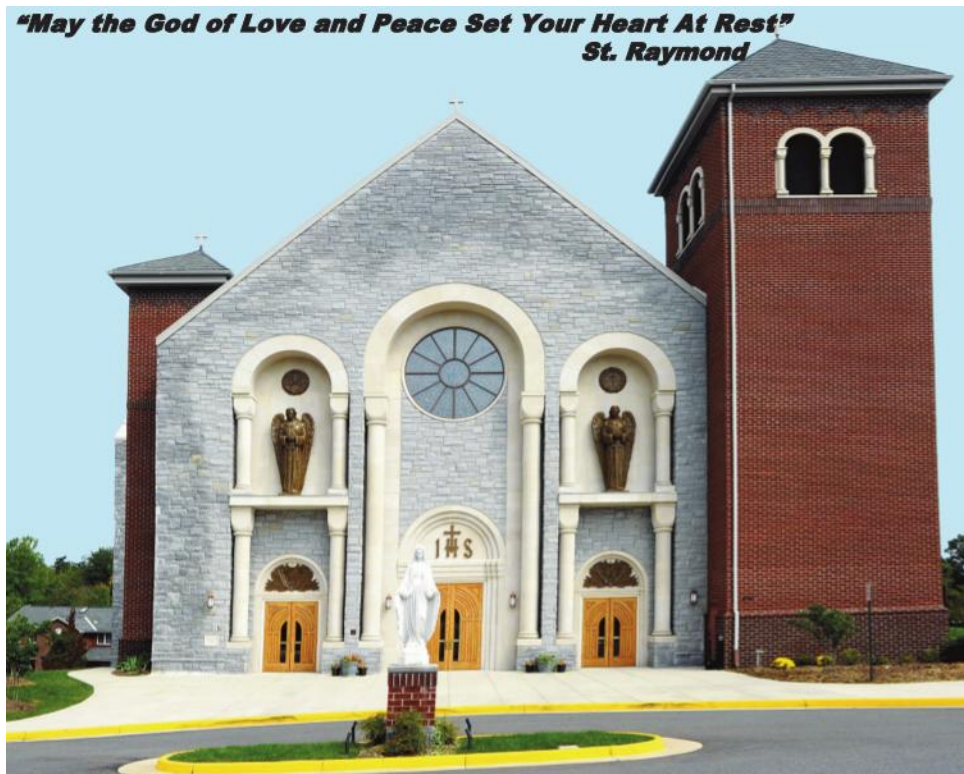


**"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond**



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
Virginia Osella, 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

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD. If you haven't done so already, come see the panel exhibition of "Eucharistic Miracles Of The World," designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, **in our Parish Hall today!** Viewing hours are: **Saturday, June 15, 9am to 7pm**, and **Sunday, June 16, 9am to 4pm**. The display will also include a First Class Relic of Blessed (soon to be Saint) Carlo Acutis.

Happy Father's Day. Today America celebrates Father's Day, a day to thank and praise good Fathers who love, care for and make huge sacrifices for their families. Every child needs and has a God-given right to a loving father, especially a father married and loving his/her mother. Our very bodies and brains tell us this, as does all of human history: children are happiest and flourish in the home of a loving father and mother committed to each other in a loving marriage; and Scripture and Sacred Tradition teach this with absolute clarity.

But this is not what many in society are preaching today. The woke/marxist movement, as well as many of their less radical fellow travelers, are trying to transform society for the worse, beginning with tearing down the traditional family.

They are wrong: we need to have stronger traditional families, of mom, dad and kids; and that means strengthening the roles of **mothers and fathers**. Without that our culture will crumble—and with it our country and the world.

I know that not all families have both dads and moms for a variety of sad reasons. And families can survive and even flourish thanks to the grace of God and the dedication of self-sacrificing mothers, and perhaps grandparents or aunts and uncle.

But that is not how God designed things to work. That is not how human beings are made. That is not the best way to raise a family. So we, as Catholics and Americans, must do our utmost to support and promote marriage, and motherhood and fatherhood.

Dads, you are so important to the family and society. You know the statistics: if there is no father in the home kids are exponentially more likely to go to prison, get hooked on drugs or booze, be unemployed, commit suicide, on and on. And so with fatherless homes and families, society at large suffers more and more.

So, fathers, do what God made you to do, and gives you the grace to do, and be a man! And be the very best father—and husband—you can be. And THANK YOU for doing your best at that!

And all you boys and men who are not yet fathers, think of all this. Think of the great gift and responsibility of being a father that may lie ahead of you, and prepare. And don't do stupid things to ruin your chances to be the best father possible. This involves many possible "stupid things;" but first and foremost, don't engage in those acts that lead to fatherhood, before you are ready and committed to be a good father and husband.

Again, **thanks Dads** for all you do for your families, and our society. God bless you.

Traditions: Chapel Veils/Mantillas. You may have noticed, or been part of, the growing trend of women wearing veils ("chapel veil" or "mantilla") on their heads at Mass. Where does this come from, what does it mean, and is it appropriate?

The origins of the veil go back to the modesty standards of the time of Christ, both for the Jews and pagans. St.

Paul reflects this when he writes: *"A woman brings shame upon her head if she uncovers it to pray or prophesy; She is no better than the woman who has her head shaved. If a woman would go without a veil, why does she not cut her hair short too if she admits that a woman is disgraced when her hair is cut short or shaved, then let her go veiled..."* (1 Corinthians 11).

While this passage has been interpreted in different ways since it was written, it does remind us of the importance of modesty and humility in dress at Mass, especially for women (Men are weak in this regard, and are more distracted by a woman's beauty than vice versa).

Veiling is also a reminder of the spousal relationship between Christ and the Church, like a bridal veil. In this context it also reflects the Catholic custom of covering things we consider sacred: a wife/bride is to be protected, cherished, respected, and adored. For example, we veil the altar, the chalice and also sometimes tabernacle. And, of course, consecrated nuns wear the veil.

Today, it is no longer the ordinary custom for the modest woman to wear in society. Even so, the Mass is a different "animal": It is filled with all sorts of "uncommon" but, traditionally meaningful signs and symbols that express interior attitudes and virtues. So, for a woman to wear a veil at Mass to express humility, modesty and the bridal sacredness of the Church is very fitting.

After the changes in the Mass in the 1960s and 1970s, the *requirement* for women to veil was dropped; and they largely disappeared from Mass. But now, they are returning among the young and old alike. Some wear it as a sign of their desire for modesty and bridal openness and service. Others see it as a way of emulating the Virgin Mary, who most certainly wore a veil most of the time in public. And some say that it shows their desire to express their Catholic identity and/or love for the traditions of the Church.

I find all these reasons very edifying and admirable. So while I would never require the veil, nor condemn the absence of it, I do think it is appropriate and welcome. But only if the woman wants it—hey, I'm not a rigid backward-thinking priest!

Religious Freedom Week. Freedom of religion is the first human right guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. And yet attacks on Christianity and Catholicism are on the rise and anti-Christianity has become the only form of prejudice allowed by our government and society.

Considering all this, it is more important than ever that we defend our Catholic Faith and we observe Religious Freedom Week, which runs from this **Saturday, June 22**, the Feast of St. Thomas More (and St. John Fisher), through **Saturday June 29**, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. St. Raymond's will keep this "Week" by:

- praying the "Prayer for Religious Freedom" after every Mass;
- encouraging all parishioners to pray the "Prayer for Religious Freedom" daily at home, and perhaps also making the Novena to St. Thomas More.

Sacred Heart Flags. We still have plenty of Sacred Heart Flags available by the doors of the church. Take one home with you, put it somewhere to remind you and yours that June is the Month not of "pride" but of the humility and mercy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 17th

6:30 am Caleb Schweitzer
 8:30 am Father's Day
 Triduum

Tuesday, June 18th

6:30 am Father's Day
 Triduum
 8:30 am Anne Hansen

Wednesday, June 19th

10:00 am Joe Riedel +

Thursday, June 20th

6:30 am Rodney Allen Cruz +
 8:30 am Emily Severn

Friday, June 21st

6:30 am Ernest Rudolf +
 8:30 am Benjamin Park +

Saturday, June 22nd

9:00 Tom & Colleen Crowley

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. Bergida**
 Gregorio Clayag +

Sunday, June 23rd

7:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
 Matthew Wagner +
 9:00 am **Fr. Bergida**
 Parishioners
 11:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
 Rose Meader +

1:00 pm **Fr. Bergida**
 Family of Jesus Prayer
 Group

**View livestreaming of the Holy Mass
 at St. Raymond's!**

www.straymonds.org

Monday - Friday Daily Mass at 8:30 am
 Saturday at 9:00 am
 Sunday Mass at 9:00 am & 11:00 am
 (See the website for Holy Days)

Summer Schedule Changes (June-August) There will **not** be a 7pm Mass on Wednesdays. Wednesday Adoration and Confession schedules will be unaffected. 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.

St. Raymond's has Adoration Wednesdays and Fridays! Would you like to spend an hour in silent prayer and reflection with our Lord during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament? We are in need of weekly adorers especially at 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm on Wednesdays and 1:00 pm on Fridays. We also need volunteers to be on our substitute list. If you are interested in Wednesdays, please call Leslie Schratz at 703-569-1940 or email spoiledk9s@verizon.net. If you are interested in Fridays, please call the office at 703-440-0535. Drop-ins are always welcome!

Parish Picnic Committee Saint Raymond's parish picnic is August 25. We are 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.



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	John Florio	Ellen Trayer
Tom Dietz	Debra Henkel	Arlene Pietraszko
Michael O'Neill	Gaudencio Dizon	Virginia Cummings
Cindy Laird	Paul Haynes	Helen Zogaib
Patricia Lewis	Ted Tolpa	Erich Whitt
Mai Pham	Nena Brennan	Carmen Schultz
Jason Saenz	Serrin Foster	Nancy Christman
Phyllis Zitnik	Margaret O'Neill	
Patricia Del Buono	Donald Trayer	

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

June 16 Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit 9am-4pm
June 16-18 Father's Day Triduum of Masses
June 17 Family of Jesus Prayer Group
June 19 Federal Holiday-June 19th
 One Mass at 10 am -Adoration following until 7pm, Family Rosary at 6:30pm
 Parish Offices are closed
June 19 Legion of Mary 6:30pm
June 19 Pints with Aquinas 7:30pm
June 21 Adoration 9am - 3pm
June 22 Youth Apostolate Service Week begins
 June 22-28
June 24 Summer Reading Program begins
Aug 25 Parish Picnic

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT is here one more day June 16, 2024. This exhibit will be on display in the Parish Hall 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. Life is messy; decision making can be difficult. Where should I live? What career should I follow? Do I date this person or that one? Our Faith can help answer these questions and give us a roadmap. Come learn some tips from Scripture and the saints.

Samaritan Group Lead Needed! This group provides rides or meals to our parishioners in their time of need. The lead role is to receive and disseminate requests from parishioners to your group (of a dozen plus) volunteers. If you think you can serve our parish community in this way, please contact the parish office. Also, please call if the Samaritan Group can help you!

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.



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!**



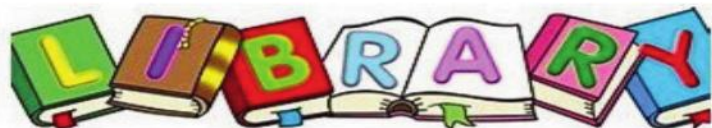
Upcoming Events:

- 6/19 Pints with Aquinas
- 6/29 Installation Ceremony for New Officers
- 7/2 Officers Meeting
- 7/8 Membership Meeting

PINTS WITH AQUINAS: The Knights of Columbus invite all men of the parish to a night of theology, fraternity, fire, and bourbon on Wednesday, June 19th outside the parish hall at 7:30pm. Fr. Bergida will be presenting the theology. The Knights will be providing the fire, food, and fraternity with a short presentation and tasting of local spirits. Even if you are not a Knight, you are welcome to join us. You can start the night with adoration and come down after benediction! The event is free.

Coach Leah's Lacrosse Camp for girls is back! Join us for 5 days of top tier instruction, games, competition and tons of FUN! This camp is the perfect opportunity for girls in grades 3-9 to refine their skills and learn from the best. Our dedicated coaching staff, consisting of former college players and current varsity athletes, will provide expert instruction in a supportive and encouraging environment. Who: Grades 3-9, June 24-28, Bishop O'Connell HS. Sign your daughter up today! Refer a friend or teammate and receive \$10 registration at check out. Learn more and register at www.coachleahlax.com

Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics -Help Needed! We are seeking obstetric professionals - Obstetricians, Nurses/Midwives, Radiologists and Ultrasound Technicians- to volunteer at our free clinics in Manassas and Woodbridge. To learn more about how you can answer God's call to serve others and help transform the lives of the poor and vulnerable, please email volunteer.clinic@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3838.



Summer Library Hours:
 Fridays from 9:30-11:30 am
 Saturdays 3-5 pm
 Sundays 10 am-2 pm
 Starting June 14th

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

Learn the TRUTH. Live the TRUTH. Spread the TRUTH... in LOVE

May God bless all fathers who strive to make tangible the love of God the Father. For inspiration from one such local father, visit www.tvwguild.org

Virginia Primary. Tuesday June 18th. Human Life Action has again provided a simple resource for pro-life voters. Visit VoteValuesVA.com to learn about primary races within our diocese. Faithful citizens can conscientiously inform their voting decisions.

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!

March for Life is hiring! For more information, visit MarchForLife.org/jobs

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

Healing After Abortion Retreat: Saturday September 28th. A day of prayer and healing for women who have experienced abortion. The Retreat will be held in a private, peaceful setting with an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. The Father of Mercy is waiting to welcome in reconciliation. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 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.

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!



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!

College Nights for rising College Freshmen:

This summer, the Associates of Saint John Bosco will be hosting four College Nights throughout the Diocese for graduated high-schoolers headed to college in the fall. The purpose of these **free** events is to help teens keep their faith while transitioning into college. Free dinner with registration! Register at: <https://www.asjb.org/student-registration>. Contact associatesofst.johnbosco@gmail.com for more info.

This year's College Nights will be at 7pm

July 2nd at St. Mark (Vienna)

July 11th at St. Theresa (Ashburn)

July 16th at Holy Trinity (Gainesville)

July 23rd at the Basilica of St. Mary (Alexandria)

July 30th at St. Mary's (Fredericksburg)

Bi-Weekly Monday Gatherings for Ages 18-25!

June 17-August 12th from 6:30 /7pm until 8:30pm

Are you between the ages of 18-25? Home from college or just looking for fellowship and opportunities to grow in your faith? Join Fr. Bergida bi-weekly on Monday evenings June 17th through August 12th. The daily family rosary will be at 6:30 on those evenings, so if you want, you could come to the rosary and also have the chance to go to confession or receive spiritual advice from Fr. Bergida, as he'll be in the confession box. We will gather on the back patio (Maurer Room if raining), at 7pm for a social and discussion about Saints and/or Scripture. We will end the evening with Night prayer at 8:15pm in the Church.

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

A quick hello from the new Director of Religious Education (DRE), Virginia Osella...

I will be in touch with information for the upcoming school year, and I look forward to working with our families and catechists.

If you or someone you know is looking for a rewarding way to volunteer for the parish, please consider joining our wonderful team of teachers (details below).

Don't forget to register for 2024-25 CCD classes! Did you know that students who attend Catholic School or are homeschooling are more than welcome to attend CCD classes at St. Raymond's? All **high school students** of the parish are particularly encouraged to take advantage of our fantastic teachers –and no tests! Give us a call for more information.

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

Sunday:

Grade 2 Assistant Teacher

Grade 4 Teacher

Monday: Assistant Teachers for Grades 4, 5, 6, and 8

Tuesday: RCIC Teacher and Assistant for grades 5-6

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.

Mass to Pray for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Abuse.

All of the faithful are invited to attend a Mass to Pray for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse celebrated by Bishop Burbidge at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Arlington on Thursday, June 20, at 6:30 pm. Reception to follow. Please join us as we gather to pray for the healing of victims/survivors, their loved ones, and for the Church. This event is hosted by the Diocese of Arlington's Office of Victim Assistance. For more information, please call (703) 841-2530.

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 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.

Join the Legion of Mary! The Legion of Mary makes its members better Catholics through prayer, service and evangelization. "Active" members meet weekly for prayer, planning and discussion. In pairs, we perform several hours of apostolic work each week. "Auxiliary" members of the Legion of Mary offer their daily prayers to Our Lady so that she can apply them where they are needed. The Active Legion group meets on Wednesday nights, 6:30 – 8:00pm, in the Maurer Room. If you are interested in joining the Legion or have any questions, please contact Judy Mayer, jmayer9014@aol.com, or call / text 703-627-7320.

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.

Church Persecuted

Have you ever heard our non-Catholic Christians speak about Eucharistic miracles? The primary reason is that our Protestant brethren do not believe that the Eucharist is truly the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the form of bread and wine. One non-believer challenged that if it were truly Jesus, why doesn't it happen all the time? This weekend, we have a unique opportunity to view the travelling Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit by Blessed Carlo Acutis here in the parish. Consider one of the more recent miracles.

The scene was the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday August 18, 1996, at St. Mary's Church in Buenos Aires. A woman noticed a discarded host and Father Alejandro Pezet picked it up and gave it to an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist who immersed it in water in the Tabernacle.

Eight days later, Fr. Pezet observed that the host had a red smudge on it, which expanded over the coming weeks. After consulting with Bishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio (the future Pope Francis), photographs were taken, and the substance was placed in a bottle of distilled water. Three years later, nothing changed; it did not decompose, and the substance was sent to a laboratory in New York for study without being told the source.

On April 20, 2004, eminent cardiologist, Professor Frederick Zugibe, noted that "This cardiac muscle is inflamed; it has lost its striations and is infiltrated by leukocytes (white blood cells)....This was a live sample at the time it was taken."

When the researchers asked how long the white blood cells can survive in water, the answer was, "They would dissolve within a few minutes and no longer exist." But the tissue had been in water for three years, and Zugibe exclaimed, "Absolutely incredible! Inexplicable by science!" It was then that those who provided the sample revealed to Dr. Zugibe that the original tissue came from a consecrated host.

Yes, Jesus is truly present in the world today. Spend a moment with Him in the Tabernacle. Visit the Eucharistic Miracle presentation in the parish center this weekend.

The Catholic Faith and Science, Sophia Institute for Teachers, p. 97.

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Get In-Formed!

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

Happy Father's Day! Some suggestions especially for fathers:

*Listen to **Because of Our Fathers**.* Twenty-three testimonies of current Catholic priests, apologists, or presenters about the impact of their fathers on their own spiritual lives. Contributions by Abby Johnson, Fr. Paul Scalia, Patrick Madrid, and Bishop Joseph Strickland.



*Watch **Kapaun's Men Series**.* These four formational series ("Virtue," "Stewardship," "Beatitudes," and "Pilgrimage") are designed to encourage discussion among men of practical and pertinent spiritual matters. Based on Fr. Kapaun's life and spirituality.

*Listen to **Pure Fatherhood**.* Devin Schadt, founder of the Fathers of St. Joseph, encourages dads to imitate God the Father and St. Joseph on a path to authentic fatherhood.

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

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



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 will again offer a one-time \$2,000 scholarship for each parish child who is switching from public school (k-12) to Catholic school for the upcoming school year. **For all parish families**, each student in Catholic grade school can receive \$1,000 and Catholic high school students can receive \$2,000. This amount is renewable every year and is subject only to minimal qualification terms. You need to be a parishioner and send a request for the scholarship to Fr. De Celles. Also, 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. 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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Summer Classes. Calling All Catechists and Caregivers! Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church is offering the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd faith formation training this summer and next for Level I (ages 3-6), Level II (6-9yrs) and Level III (9-12 yrs) for certification. Contact Kay Kale at goodshepherdlittlelambs@gmail.com or contact the CTRCC parish office at 703-430-0811 for information.

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