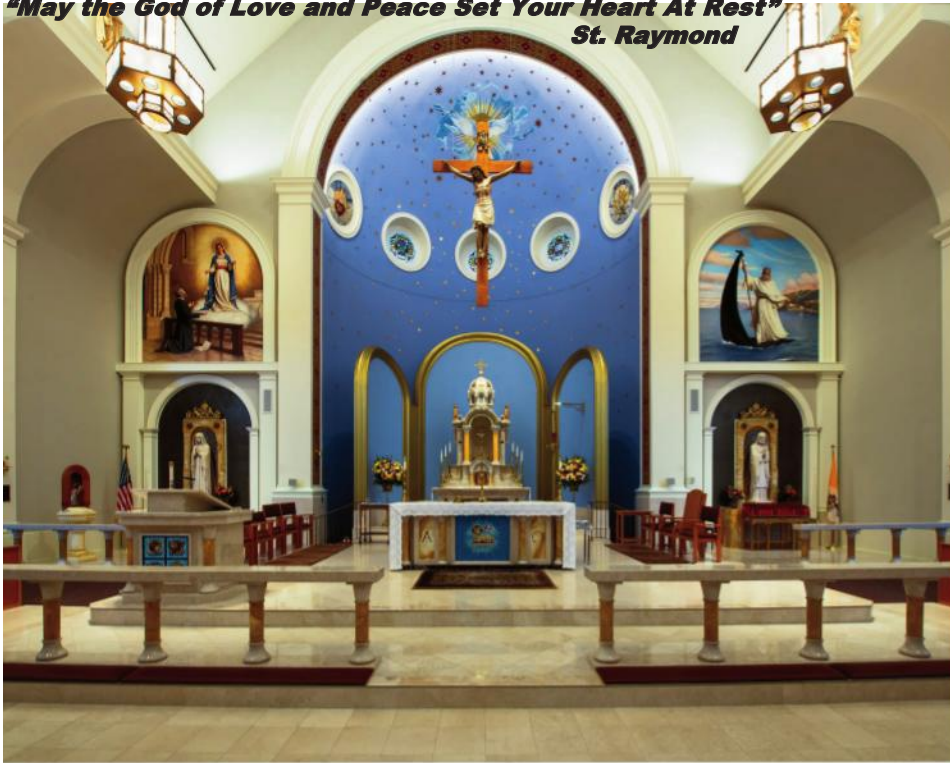


**"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond**



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
Mary Hansen, Religious Education Secretary
Michael Thompson, Plant Manager
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Mary Butler, Parish Secretary

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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

Brown Scapular. This Tuesday, July 16, is the feast of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. With this in mind, we will be enrolling folks in the Confraternity and investing them with the Brown Scapular after all Saturday and Sunday Masses **next weekend**, July 20 and 21.

The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel memorializes the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite priest, and her gift to him of the "Brown Scapular" on July 16, 1251. "Take, beloved son," she said, "this Scapular of your order as a badge of my confraternity and for you and all Carmelites a special sign of grace; whoever dies in this garment, will not suffer everlasting fire. It is the sign of salvation, a safeguard in dangers, a pledge of peace and of the covenant." The Carmelites immediately began to wear this Scapular as part of their regular habit, and very soon many non-Carmelites also began to wear it, usually in a smaller form of two small pieces of cloth bound by two strings, worn around the neck, hanging down in front and back.

From the beginning, it was understood that in order to participate in Our Lady's promises the wearer of the Scapular must be officially associated with the Carmelite order. So, the Carmelites established the "Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel," which any Catholic may be enrolled in through a short ceremony conducted by a priest.

Even so, the Scapular is in no way a "a good luck charm." As St. John Paul II wrote, it is a sign that evokes "*the awareness that devotion to her cannot be limited to prayers and tributes in her honor on certain occasions, but must become a 'habit,' that is, a permanent orientation of one's own Christian conduct, woven of prayer and interior life, through frequent reception of the sacraments, and the concrete practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.*"

Assist a Seminarian. Last August, one of our outstanding young parishioners, **Mark Taylor**, passed up his sophomore year at Christendom College to enter *The Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*, a special order of priests officially called a "a society of apostolic life." The mission of the Institute is to "spread the reign of Christ in all spheres of human life by drawing from the millennial treasury of the Roman Catholic Church, particularly her liturgical tradition, the unbroken line of spiritual thought and practice of her saints, and her cultural patrimony in music, art and architecture."

Mark was an Altar Server at St. Raymond's for 10 years, often serving as Master of Ceremonies for me, and serving for both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Form. He had an outstanding Academic background at St. John Paul the Great and Christendom, and was very active in parish life in general.

He spent all last year as a pre-seminary candidate in the Institute's St. Mary Oratory in Rockford, Illinois. He is now preparing to enter the Institute's international seminary near Florence, Italy, in August. But the Institute is very young, and without many of the resources of the larger more established religious orders. So they ask each seminarian to try to raise funds (at least \$10,000 annually) to assist in paying the cost of his education and formation.

If anyone would like to **join me in contributing** to help defray the cost of his seminary formation, you can do so by sending a **check made payable to the parish**, made out to "St. Raymond of Peñafort," with "Mark Taylor" written on the memo

line. We will then gather the funds and send them to the Institute, making sure Mark gets credit for them.

Patriotism. What does patriotism have to do with Catholicism?

Jesus tells us that the 2 greatest commandments are first, to love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and second, to love your neighbor as yourself. **St. Thomas Aquinas explains** that our first neighbor is our parents (family), but after that our second neighbor, is our country, or our "patria" in Latin, and our fellow countrymen.

So that the 2nd great commandment applies first to parents and family and second to country and countrymen. We see this specified, if you will, in the 4th commandment: "Honor your father and mother." God gives you parents and family to love and care for you, and in return calls you to love and care for them—to "honor" them. And in the same way, God gives us our country and fellow countrymen to love and care for us; and so we in turn must love and care for our country and countrymen.

Of course, the people in other countries are also our neighbors. But it's a matter of priorities: It's a simple rule, "Charity begins at home." So we should love people in other countries; but first, we should love, honor, and care for our country and our countrymen.

Note however, Patriotism isn't the same as loving the government; but rather honoring the government and its just laws to the extend it/they are at the service of the people of the country.

Patriotism also involves participation in the life of our nation. This includes everything from working diligently in school or at a job, to raising a good and healthy family, to paying taxes, to participating in the public square, and voting.

Patriotism also means defending our country, not only in the military (thanks!); but also simply speaking out publicly to promote what you believe is genuinely good for our country.

And patriotism means truly striving for the good of each other through just laws and a sound economic system that allow each of us to provide for our own needs. But it also requires a safety net for those who truly cannot provide for themselves.

Finally, it includes honoring the symbols our country.

Out of Town. The next few weeks I will be out of the parish quite a bit. This coming week I'll be in Indianapolis at the semi-annual Catholic Vote meeting (as their chaplain), returning for Masses here next weekend. Then, the next week, I will be off to Alaska for some vacation and fishing. Thanks to Fr. Bergida and Fr. Horkan for filling in.

During the *Catholic Vote* meeting in Indianapolis we will take a day to attend the National Eucharistic Congress in that city. I have watched the planning of this Congress (a big convention) with a critical eye. Organized by the U.S. Bishops, it's aim is to renew faith in the Eucharist. But I'm concerned that it may be too little too late, producing headlines and good feelings, but little lasting change. To me things like persistent emphasis on greater reverence at Mass, clearer preaching by parish priests, and protecting the Eucharist from the sacrilegious reception of Communion, would be much more effective and enduring.

Please join me this week in praying for an increase in Eucharist faith.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

<p><u>Monday, July 15th</u> 6:30 am Joseph Ammirati 8:30 am Jamie Alonge +</p> <p><u>Tuesday, July 16th</u> 6:30 am Michael O'Brien + 8:30 am Margaret V. Woodrough +</p> <p><u>Wednesday, July 17th</u> 6:30 am Grace Long Hayden + 8:30 am John Crowley +</p> <p><u>Thursday, July 18th</u> 6:30 am Sally Fogg + 8:30 am Prudencia Gonzalves +</p> <p><u>Friday, July 19th</u> 6:30 am Kelley and Lynne LaFleur + 8:30 am Caleb Shealy</p>	<p><u>Saturday, July 20th</u> 9:00 Liz Haberkorn Plust +</p> <p><u>Vigil Mass</u> 5:00 pm Fr. De Celles Fr. Kenneth Molinaro</p> <p><u>Sunday, July 21st</u> 7:00 am Fr. Rippy Leonard and Bobbi Tiso</p> <p>9:00 am Fr. De Celles Parishioners</p> <p>11:00 am Fr. Bergida Jeff Fresnoza +</p> <p>1:00 pm Fr. Horkan Marc Brousseau</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)

Summer Schedule Changes (June-August) There will **not** be a 7pm Mass on Wednesdays. Wednesday Adoration and Confession schedules will be unaffected. There will be **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 July!** All are invited to attend.

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.

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!

Brown Scapular Enrollment. Tuesday, July 16, is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. On Saturday July 20 at the Vigil Mass and Sunday July 21 after all Masses, we will be enrolling people in the Confraternity and investing them with the Brown Scapular. If you have not been enrolled previously and would like to, please stay after Mass to participate.



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	Effie Mutumanje
Patricia Del Buono	Donald Trayer	Margaret Norton

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

- July-August** Summer Reading Program Ongoing
- July 13-14** Religious Ed Registration Drive in Narthex
- July 15** Family of Jesus Prayer Group
- July 16** Legion of Mary 6:30pm
- July 17** Adoration 9am -7pm
- July 19** Adoration 9am-3pm
- July 20** Men's Prayer Group
- July 20-21** Brown Scapular Enrollment after all Masses
- Aug 12** Altar Server Kings Dominion outing
- Aug 25** Parish Picnic 2-5pm
- Sept 14** Father Tad Talk after 9 am Mass

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!

Men's Prayer Group: On the first and third Saturdays of each month a group of men meet in the parish hall to pray and read the Scriptures. They are neither theologians, philosophers, nor great scholars. Just some guys, coming together to pray, read, and share a simple breakfast. **Our next meeting will be July 20.** For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

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.

Holy Hour Offering Cards-Have you made or are you making a Holy Hour for a loved one or a friend? There are now complimentary Holy Hour Offering Cards (with envelopes) available in the Narthex suitable for mailing. Please feel free to take one and let someone know that you are remembering them in prayer.





MORE THAN EVER BEFORE ... NOW IS THE TIME! JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS! Knights are men who stand for many things ... most importantly,

their **FAITH**, their **FAMILIES**, and their **COUNTRY**. 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! **STEEL SHARPENS STEEL!** The 2024-2025 Fraternal Year of the St. John Bosco Council began on July 1, so now is the **perfect time** to get onboard. 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 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 ... answer the call ... join your brothers and **BECOME A KNIGHT!**



Upcoming Events:

- 7/20 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 8/3 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 8/8 Officers Meeting
- 8/10 Fredericksburg Nats Game (5:00 pm)
- 8/12 Exemplification Ceremony

Blood Drive. The Knights of Columbus are co-sponsoring a blood drive on behalf of Inova Blood Donor Services on Saturday, August 3rd at Nativity parish hall from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Please consider signing up for a 15 minute time slot within that period and giving the Gift of Life. You may sign up either on-line at www.inovabloodsaves.org or in the Narthex after all masses in the coming weekends. 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.

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. We are looking to fill several key committee positions, including Secretary, Community Service Chair, Equipment Coordinator, Recruiting Chair, Activities Chair, Ceremonies Coordinator, and Youth Ministries Coordinator. Training and support will be provided. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Keith Oswald at TrailLifeUSA@straymonds.org.

Youth are invited to participate in the Parish Library Summer Reading Program! Check out the Parish Library collection and spend hot summer afternoons reading about our Faith, our saints, our traditions, etc. Complete the participation form found in the narthex or on the parish website and be eligible to win a prize! Questions? Contact Liz Hildebrand: hildebrandseven@gmail.com.

Altar Server Training. St Raymond's Parish has a very active Altar Server program. We invite all young men of the Parish to consider becoming an Altar Server. Young men between the ages of 9 and 18, who have received their First Communion are eligible. **Training sessions with Fr. Bergida will begin in the fall.** Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/SRPAltarServerTraining> or contact the Parish Office at 703-440-0535 to sign up.

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

"Give us the grace, when the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy human life. Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: Be not afraid!"
Saint Pope John Paul II.

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 know someone who works in the abortion industry and wants to get out? And Then There Were None can help. Visit Abortionworker.com. Call or text 888-570-5501.

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.

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>

Pray for our 20 high school youth and their chaperones at the Franciscan University Youth Conference in Steubenville this weekend

Our Parish Service Week was a resounding success!! Special thank you to the many adults without whose support the week would not have been possible. Thank you to Jim Hildebrand & Phil Bettwy, who organized and led the youth in the projects around the parish all week. To the adults who helped do the actual work and kept the kids safe all week, Kelly Sward, Michele O'Kane, Michelle Roberts, and Jon Sipple. Thank you to the entire kitchen crew spearheaded by Sheri Burns, Patty Miller and Bobbi Jones who had food prepared and ready to go all week. And to those who helped in various capacities to fill in wherever help was needed, making food, belaying, driving, lending tools, and so much more.

Thank you to Erin Burns, Bob Keegan, Mary Liz Aldridge, Court & Gretta Wheeler, Liz Hildebrand, Joseph Burns, Alicia Steger, Anna Doan-Lee, Katie Brado, Judy Mayer, Nathaniel Michael, Teri Tolpa, Joe Adelman, Virginia Osella, Rose Jarvis, Mike Moore, Mike Thompson, Luis Tapia, the Whitefield, Russo, Steger & Anderson families. A heroic thank you to Fr. Bergida, Fr. Horkan and Fr. De Celles for your support and spiritual leadership throughout the week! Most importantly, thank you to the 29 youth who participated and gave so much this week!

CCD/Religious Education for 7-8th Grade & 9-12th Grade

Learning about our Faith is a life-long process... and does not end after Confirmation. We should all continue to seek out opportunities to learn more about our Faith throughout our entire lives. AND at the same time, it is super important to have friends who share your values and beliefs, with whom you can form life-long friendships and grow in the Faith ... thus youth group! Don't forget to sign up for CCD at <https://bit.ly/CCDforMe>. We have a TOP NOTCH high school program open to all 9-12th graders, whether public, private, or home schooled. Come check it out! No charge for HS CCD.

College Age Thursday Night Gatherings

The Catholic Campus Ministry at George Mason University is hosting Thursday Night Gatherings (TNG) for all local college students and graduating high school seniors on Thursdays in June and July, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel (4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax, VA). It's a great way to meet college students from different schools and stay connected to the Faith! Follow us [@catholic_patriot](https://www.instagram.com/catholic_patriot) on Instagram! Find out more at www.gmuccm.org or email jhernandez@ccmgmu.org.

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 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 @ St. Ray's

July 15, 29 and 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 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. Come to all or any of the nights you can make!

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

Registration Drive this weekend after ALL MASSES. Please join us in the Narthex to sign up your family for CCD Classes for the Fall.

PARENTS: It is time 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!

All Catholic School and homeschool students intending to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation at St. Raymond's must register with the RE office for grades 2, 7, & 8 even if they will not attend classes. Please reach out with any questions.

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.

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.

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.

"Before the foundation of the world God chose us in Christ." Are you discerning the vocation that God has chosen for you in Christ? Might it be to serve the Church in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

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.

Parish Registration Drive This Summer! Please check your registration status, if it needs an update or if you need to register, fill out a parish registration form located at all exits. This helps us to keep our database current and allows families to participate in parish groups and activities. Thank you!

Church Persecuted

The following are excerpts from an article written by Dr. Dan Guernsey of The Cardinal Newman Society and published online at www.TheCatholicThing.org/2021/05/19/the-remedy-for-canceling-and-division-catholic-education/. It continues from last week.

“There are key things that Catholic educators should – and should not – do to address hot-button topics like race, gender, and equity. The following is a partial list of some central things that can help Catholic educators avoid the pitfalls of ideology and division:

- Embrace a Catholic worldview throughout the institution, where faith and culture enrich and speak to each other.
- Bring to the table the Catholic values of faith, forgiveness, mercy, and justice, and shun sins of calumny, detraction, rash judgment, and pride.
- Relate discussions to a Catholic understanding of the human person through a clear and convincing Christian anthropology, which affirms our creation by God as male or female and the union of our bodies and spirits, as well as our common humanity and destiny.
- Teach students to analyze the morality of human acts (including separating the sin and the sinner), properly attribute degrees of culpability based on individual awareness and freedom, ascribe sin (in the proper sense) to individuals not groups, and affirm the possibility of repentance and forgiveness.
- Help students discover the religious dimension in human history and compare the actions of peoples according to Catholic morality and virtues, but also according to the level of development of a person or culture and the impact of surrounding conditions, knowledge, and understanding of the time.
- Relate discussions to Catholic social teaching, including its emphasis on the dignity of all persons, the sacredness of human life, the sanctity of marriage, and its importance as the central social institution – and human fraternity amid national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences.”

This list will conclude next week. In the meantime, check out Angelus Academy and John Paul the Great High School as examples of schools which carry out these principles.



Get In-Formed!

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

Road Trip! Take Formed with you in the car (good for commutes, too!). Enjoy great Catholic programming for yourself and your family. Download audiobooks or audiodramas to your portable device using the FORMED App to use *without the internet*.



Listen to *The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love*. In this audiobook, popular Catholic author Edward Sri explains why virtues are foundational to best love God and others.

Listen to *Be a Man!* In this audiobook, Fr. Larry Richard encourages men to be strong, Godly men who place Christ at the center. He recounts his own path and the stories of men he's encountered and counseled in his priestly ministry.

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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/](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.

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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.

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