



**"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
7:00 pm on Wednesdays
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
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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

Sunday Morning

8:30-9:00 am and 10:30-11:00 am

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

Pope Francis, Requiescat in Pace. Last Monday, Easter Monday, April 21, the world woke to the news that our Holy Father, 88-year-old Pope Francis, had died in bed at 7:35am Rome time. Later we found out he had suffered a stroke and consequent heart failure after suffering another attack of “respiratory distress.”

For many Catholics this is a time of great sadness and morning. For other Catholics it is a time of mixed emotions, as while they respected and loved the Pope as the Holy Father, many found him, as the *New York Times* called him, a “divisive” figure.

But we must **all now join together in praying for his soul.** However saintly you think he was, it is clear that he was, like all of us, a sinner. As he told the other cardinals who elected him Pope when they asked if he would accept his election, “I am a sinner, but I trust in the infinite mercy and patience of our Lord Jesus Christ.” So with confidence in the mercy of the Risen Christ we pray:

**Requiem aeternam dona Francisco, Domine.
Et lux perpetua luceat ei.
Anima eius et anime omnium fidelium defunctorum
per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.
Amen.**

Jorge Bergoglio. His is a short bio from *The Pillar*: “Pope Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on Dec. 17, 1936, in the Argentine capital, Buenos Aires. His parents, Mario Bergoglio and Regina Sívori, were immigrants from Italy.

“The oldest of the couple’s five children, the future pope left school with a chemical technician’s diploma. His passions included soccer ...Italian neorealist movies, and the milonga, a dance predating the Argentine tango....

“He was accepted to the Buenos Aires diocesan seminary in 1956. But at the age of 21, he suffered a life-threatening pulmonary illness. ...Surgeons removed the upper part of his right lung.

“...He entered the Jesuit novitiate in Córdoba, central Argentina, in 1958....

“He was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 13, 1969....It was a time of tumult in the Catholic Church following Vatican Council II and the publication of the papal encyclical *Humanae vitae*. The Jesuit order was in the vanguard of change, especially in Latin America....

“Shortly after he took his perpetual vows as a Jesuit in 1973, he was appointed superior of Argentina’s Jesuit province....

“After he ceased his service as superior in 1979, he was named rector of the Jesuit Colegio Maximo in Buenos Aires. But he fell out of favor with influential members of the Society of Jesus in Argentina and elsewhere, experiencing a period of exile that deeply marked his character.

“He agreed to move to Germany in 1986 to work on a thesis ...but felt homesick....Abandoning his doctorate, he returned to Argentina, where ...[he was assigned] to Córdoba, a city more than 400 miles from Buenos Aires, where he served mainly as a confessor....

“Reflecting on his ...sojourn in Córdoba...he said: ‘...It was my authoritarian way of making decisions that created problems.’

“His exile ended in 1992, when Pope John Paul II named him an auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires, at the behest of Cardinal Antonio Quarracino,Archbishop of Buenos Aires ...[T]he cardinal persuaded John Paul II to appoint Bergoglio in 1997 as his coadjutor archbishop with right of succession... Quarracino

died in February 1998, Bergoglio immediately succeeded him.

“In February 2001, he was given the cardinal’s red hat by Pope John Paul II at a consistory in Rome, along with 36 others, including...Washington’s Theodore McCarrick.

“Bergoglio... [became] president of the Argentine bishops’ conference, ...in 2005 and was re-elected in 2008 for a further three-year term.

“In April 2005, he took part in the conclave that elected Benedict XVI. According to later accounts, he drew the second-highest number of votes.

“In 2007, he played a critical role in creating the influential *Aparecida Document*, a blueprint for renewed efforts to evangelize Latin America. ...

“He was elected pope on March 13, 2013, on the fifth ballot. ...”

What Comes Next. After 9 days of official mourning the Cardinals will gather in Rome and the conclave to elect the next Pope will begin sometime between May 6 and May 12, 15 and 20 days after Pope Francis’s death. Next week I’ll probably talk more about the conclave, and maybe something about cardinals who are “papabile”—being talked about as possible Popes. In the meantime, this website is an excellent point of reference: <https://collegeofcardinalsreport.com/>.

“The Church After Francis.” For now let me leave you with the thoughts of probably the most widely respected Bishop in the United States over the last 20 years: **Archbishop Charles Chaput**, AB Emeritus of Philadelphia [taken from *First Things*, April 21]:

“I have personal memories of Pope Francis that I greatly value: a friendly and generous working relationship at the 1997 Synod on America when we were both newly appointed archbishops; his personal welcome and warmth at Rome’s 2014 *Humanum* conference; and the extraordinary success of his 2015 visit to Philadelphia for the Eighth World Meeting of Families. He devoted himself to serving the Church and her people in ways that he felt the times demanded. As a brother in the faith, and a successor of Peter, he deserves our ongoing prayers for his eternal life in the presence of the God he loved.

“Having said that, an interregnum between papacies is a time for candor. The lack of it, given today’s challenges, is too expensive. In many ways, whatever its strengths, the Francis pontificate was inadequate to the real issues facing the Church. He had no direct involvement in the Second Vatican Council and seemed to resent the legacy of his immediate predecessors who did; men who worked and suffered to incarnate the council’s teachings faithfully into Catholic life. His personality tended toward the temperamental and autocratic. He resisted even loyal criticism. He had a pattern of ambiguity and loose words that sowed confusion and conflict. In the face of deep cultural fractures on matters of sexual behavior and identity, he condemned gender ideology but seemed to downplay a compelling Christian ‘theology of the body.’ He was impatient with canon law and proper procedure. His signature project, synodality, was heavy on process and deficient in clarity. Despite an inspiring outreach to society’s margins, his papacy lacked a confident, dynamic evangelical zeal. The intellectual excellence to sustain a salvific (and not merely ethical) Christian witness in a skeptical modern world was likewise absent.

“What the Church needs going forward is a leader who can marry personal simplicity with a passion for converting the world to Jesus Christ, a leader who has a heart of courage and a keen intellect to match it. Anything less won’t work.”

***Oremus pro invicem, et pro anima Francisci.
Fr. De Celles***

MASS INTENTIONS

<p><u>Monday, April 28th</u> 6:30 Matthew & Colleen Hamilton 8:30 Meghan Anezin</p> <p><u>Tuesday, April 29th</u> 6:30 am Elizabeth Hurley + 8:30 am James Butler</p> <p><u>Wednesday, April 30th</u> 6:30 am Jim Evans 8:30 am Linda & Jack Anezin 7:00 pm Priest's Intentions</p> <p><u>Thursday, May 1st</u> 6:30 am Mary Ellen Jelic + 8:30 am Gene Pearce +</p> <p><u>Friday, May 2nd</u> 6:30 am Nick DeFilice + 8:30 am Breny Mantooth</p>	<p><u>Saturday, May 3rd</u> 9:00 am Joseph Burns</p> <p><u>Vigil Mass</u> 5:00 pm Avery Martin Hash Jr. +</p> <p><u>Sunday, May 4th</u> 7:00 am Marie Lourdes Lalanne +</p> <p>9:00 am Parishioners</p> <p>11:00 am George Rouse +</p> <p>1:00 pm RE Catechists</p>
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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.

Brian Groth

Please pray for the sick of our parish

<p>Glenn Bliss Tom Dietz Michael O'Neill Cindy Laird Patricia Lewis Mai Pham Jason Saenz Phyllis Zitnik John Florio Carolina Baker Sharon Falat</p>	<p>Debra Henkel Gaudencio Dizon Paul Haynes Ted Tolpa Nena Brennan Serrin Foster Donald Trayer Ellen Trayer Arlene Pietraszko Virginia Cummings Helen Zogaib</p>	<p>Helen Estabrooks Annette Haynes Beth Fitzgibbons Jean Keegan Joann Alba Margaret M. Hill Bill Roche Florence Miller</p>
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

- Apr 27 Easter Egg Hunt 2:30 Back of the Church
- Apr 27-28 CCD Classes
- Apr 28 RCIA Class
- Apr 28 Family of Jesus Prayer Group
- Apr 29 Junior Legion of Mary 4:15-5:15pm Maurer Room
- Apr 29 Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
- Apr 29 Adult Bible Study
- Apr 30 Adoration 9am-7pm
- May 2 First Friday Nocturnal Adoration Fri. 9am- Sat. 9am
- May 3 Communal First Saturday Devotion- Maurer Rm.
- May 4 May Crowning, after 11 am Mass.
- May 4 Donut Sunday hosted by CYO and Altar Servers

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

www.straymonds.org

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

Daily Family Rosary leaders needed! St. Raymond's has a Daily Family Rosary in the church: Mon-Fri at 6:30pm and Saturday and Sunday after the 9am Mass. **Please visit our website to sign up to lead during May!** All are invited to attend.

Donut Sunday, Next weekend, May 4th after the 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 am Masses. Stop by the Parish Hall after Mass to enjoy some treats and drinks and meet your fellow parishioners. We will also have LOST & FOUND items out for you to check. May's Donut Sunday will be hosted by our CYO and Altar Servers.

Book Club News: Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 8th at 9:30 AM, in the Parish Library. We will be discussing "Eight Popes and the Crisis of Modernity" by Russell Shaw. We will also discuss **Pascendi Dominici Gregis (On the Doctrines of the Modernists)** an Encyclical of Pope Pius X. This can be found on the Vatican website at https://www.vatican.va/content/pius-x/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-x_enc_19070908_pascendi-dominici-gregis.html. If you have difficulty finding this article, please contact Jim Mault at the email below. New members welcome. If you have questions or plan to join us for the first time in May, please contact Jim Mault at bookclub@straymonds.org.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Sunday, April 27th at 2:30 pm behind the Parish Hall: Children ages 12 and under are invited, free of charge, no RSVP necessary! This year, we are inviting all parishioners to sign up to donate eggs, please check your email for the Sign up Genius sign up! For more information, please contact the parish office.

ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED- Both Wednesday and Friday. Wednesday adorers are needed for 1 pm and 5 pm. Friday Adorers needed at all time slots between 9am and 2pm. Please consider spending an hour with Our Lord during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. If you are interested to sign up for Wednesdays, please call Leslie Schratz at 703-569-1940. If you would like to sign up for Fridays, please call Elizabeth Frazee in the parish office at 703-440-0535.

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: We invite you to join for Communal First Saturday Devotions on **May 3rd**. Immediately following 9am Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary in the Church; and then we proceed to the MAURER ROOM for Fatima prayers & a special meditation on the mysteries, with the intention of consoling our Blessed Mother in reparation and conversion of poor sinners. Concludes by 10:45am. Please join us!

Mother's Day Triduum- Sunday, May 11th is Mother's Day. We will be honoring mothers with a Triduum of Masses on May 11-13. If you would like to include the special mothers in your life (ie. Mother, Grandmother, Godmother, etc.), cards are available in the narthex of the church or at the parish office.

May is the month of Mary! We will mark this month of Marian piety this weekend, Sunday, May 4th, with the "May Crowning" after the 11 am Mass. The Youth Apostolate will again help us with a brief ceremony paying homage to the Blessed Mother. Please join us!



8 of 12 FUN FACTS ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ([Alyssa Murphy \(Oct. 9, 2020\) from the National Catholic Register](#)). The Knights still defend Christians, even pushing for use of the term *genocide* to

describe the fate of Christians and others in the Middle East: "Christians in Iraq and Syria have suffered injustice after injustice by being kidnapped, killed, having their homes and churches confiscated or destroyed and being forced to flee for their lives," Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, said Feb. 25 **WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK? JOIN THE KNIGHTS!** Go to <https://www.kofc.org/joinus> or use the QR code below to experience the Knights for one year free of dues. Click "Add" and complete the form. Leave the representative code blank, but enter our council # **12846** for local information upon registration. Please contact our Deputy Grand Knight, John Larvie at cell (571) 356-4170 if you have any questions or wish to learn more about the many benefits of being a Knight.



UPCOMING EVENTS

4/26-27 Car Raffle ticket sales

5/3 Men's prayer breakfast (7:30 a.m. parish hall)

HELP NEEDED-USHERS AND LECTORS: Please consider volunteering to be an Usher or a Lector at Mass. Contact the parish office if interested, call 703-440-0535.

Bishop's Lenten Appeal! Update: We are at 91% of our goal! Don't forget to make a donation to the BLA to help us reach our goal. You may mail a pledge, go online to arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity!



Urgent Need for Christ House and Gift

Shop leaders! Please consider volunteering your time for two very worthy causes. Those leadership seats are or will be vacant soon! Please call the parish office if interested at 703-440-0535. God bless you!

Junior Legion of Mary. Children between the ages of 7 – 12+ at St. Raymond's who have received their First Holy Communion and parents seeking an extracurricular activity that enriches a young person's spiritual life and engages them in age-appropriate spiritual works of mercy under the spiritual direction of Father Bergida, please consider joining the Junior Legion of Mary. Meetings will be every Tuesday, 4:15-5:15pm, in the rectory Maurer Room. Two adult members of the Legion (Virtus certified) lead the meetings. Parents are welcome to attend / participate. Please email Patty Miller, pamiller35@gmail.com, or call / text her at: C - 703-663-0480.

Protecting Our Future: Child Protection & Safety: The Office of Child Protection & Safety was created to assist all parishes and schools in creating a safe environment where our children are free from sexual abuse, physical abuse and neglect. The office provides various services including child abuse prevention training for employees, volunteers, children and youth and criminal background history investigations for employees and volunteers who work with children. For more information about services provided by the Office of Child Protection & Safety as well as diocesan policy regarding the prevention of child abuse, please visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org.

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

To those who have suffered an abortion:

Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. **The Father of Mercies** is ready to give you His Forgiveness and His Peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." **Project Rachel** helps women and men who are carrying the grief and sorrow of a past abortion. (888)456-HOPE. Men: (703) 841-3833. Confidentiality always respected. www.helpafterabortion.org.

Be not complacent! Stay informed!

Did you know that there is a fast-tracking move afoot in the Virginia Assembly to make abortion a constitutional human right in our Commonwealth?

In January the Virginia Assembly (both chambers) approved a constitutional amendment which would allow abortion at any point in pregnancy. The amendment which cannot be vetoed by the governor would also eliminate parental consent and health protections for women and girls, force taxpayers to fund abortion as well as eliminate our current law limiting abortion at 27 weeks.

Sample letters to your Representatives in the General Assembly are in the narthex.

Bishop Burbidge recently authored a **Pastoral Letter** entitled *The Christian Family, In Vitro Fertilization and Heroic Witness to True Love*. Copies are available in the narthex.

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. There is a great need for diapers, formula, wipes, clothes up to 2T. Please do not leave bouncy seats, walkers, gates or jogging strollers. Thank you for your understanding.

THE ABORTION PILL now accounts for up to 60% of all abortions. Women often regret the desperate isolated decision to take the abortion pill. Call the abortion reversal helpline 855-209-4848. **It may not be too late.** abortionpillreversal.com.

The Power of Prayer. *Abortionists trespass against us.* Please continue to pray for their conversion.

Tepeyac Pro Life OB/GYN: Transforming Hearts Through Healthcare. tepeyacobgyn.com 703-273-9440. Tepeyac strives to be an instrument of God's healing mercy and love, to nurture a deeper respect for all human life. **Thank you for your referrals and your support.**

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
Natural Family Planning. A gift to your marriage. For more info visit: celi.org

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

April 27 (Sun): Sunday Youth Group & CCD

*2-4pm Jr. High Youth Group—Grades 7 & 8 (Help with parish Easter Egg Hunt) *Note: on 4/27 Jr. High Youth Group will meet EARLIER, from 2-4pm, to help with the Easter Egg Hunt

5-6:30pm 7-12th Grade CCD

6:30-8pm HS Youth Group—Grades 9-12 (Guys/Gals Panel)

Cookies Needed for Prison Ministry by May 5th! We are in need of **120 Dozen homemade cookies** to bring to prison ministry for their upcoming retreat. Would you be willing to bake a dozen or two? This can also count towards service hours if needed. Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/120cookies4prisoners>

Every Friday in May: 6:30am Friday Mass & Breakfast

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

6-8th Grade BASH Youth Rally (2:30-9:30pm May 10th)

Attention 6-8th Graders! Join over 1,000 youth from across the diocese for inflatable games, a rock wall, Gaga Ball tournament, music, free throw competition, inspirational speakers, unlimited pizza, Rita's ice & ice cream, confession and Sunday Vigil Mass with the Bishop at BASH on Saturday, May 10th! Sign up at <https://bit.ly/JRHIGHBASH> **Registration due 4/27.**

April 30 (Wed): Talitha Koum (7-8:30pm) High School Ladies! "Little Girl, arise!" (Mt. 5:41) and come to Talitha Koum! This will be our final TK meeting for the year.

May 3rd: Final High School Swing Dance (7-9pm) This will be an optional formal dance. Girls, if you would like to wear a fancy dress, please feel free to. You could wear a long formal dress or a dressier knee length or tea length dress. Dresses need to be at least knee length and please no low-cut V necks. Guys, feel free to wear nice slacks and a dressier shirt—no jacket or tie is necessary. We will have a Photo Booth, special fun dances and a great time to close out our swing dancing year. If you are new to swing dancing, please feel free to come to these last dances. We have many folks who are happy to help new dancers.

May 4th: May Crowning at the end of the 11am Mass

Fr. De Celles invites all 7-12th graders to join us in the procession! Meet in the narthex after Holy Communion. Before the final hymn, we will process 2x2 up the aisle with roses to place at Mary's feet and pray/sing a few prayers together with the congregation as she is crowned.

June 23-June 29 (ish)

St. Raymond's Week of Faith, Fun & Service!

Details currently being worked out, but the plan is to have a mix of 1-3 events (faith, fun or service) each day. Exact days TBD but they will be within June 23-29 time frame. Examples of things currently in the works include a visit to the Dominican House of Studies in DC with a talk by Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P., pilgrimages to local Catholic sites, serving with various local apostolates such as the Little Sisters of the Poor, and fun outings such as white water rafting in Ohiopyle, PA.

Scholarship Opportunities! Check out the website as it has several scholarship opportunities for ages 16 through current juniors in college. <https://bit.ly/ScholarshipsAndContests>

Can You Help Jeanne find a place to live? I am currently living in Rockville, MD, quite a commute, and looking to move closer to St. Raymond's. Father De Celles has generously offered for me to use the bulletin to ask for your assistance. If you know of an affordable place in a safe area and/or if you know of any clean, wholesome, ideally Catholic, female(s) looking for someone to room with I would be ever so grateful for your assistance. I am hoping to move between now and the end of June. Thank you for your help! Please pray I find a place soon!

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)

youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890

Email Jeanne to be added to the weekly email list for the most updated info on Youth Apostolate news & upcoming events!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER to you all!!



CCD classes resume this week - beginning TONIGHT (April 27) and the last class will be on May 4/5. Final Exams will be administered May 4 and 5: Parents, please work with your children to review the material in the Second Semester section of the Basic Study Questions booklet for their grade level.

Reminder to parents of 2nd grade students: First Holy Communion

Retreat will take place Saturday, May 3 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm here at St. Raymond's.

Attention parents of 7th Grade students:

Saint Report in the *Interviewing a Saint* format is due **May 1st** - check the Confirmation Supplement, which you received in September, for details.

2024-25 Adult Bible Study: St. Raymond's will study the Gospel of John on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. and again on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. (except for holidays) in the Parish Hall, from Tuesday, September 10, 2024 through Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

Legion of Mary invitation Do you want to develop a closer relationship with our Mother Mary and her Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ? The Legion of Mary meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Library. All auxiliary members and anyone interested in joining the Legion of Mary are welcome! Point of Contact: Judy Mayer, jmayer9014@aol.com, or 703-627-7320.

Join the Serra Club of Arlington for a Holy Hour offered for the priesthood, consecrated life, and the perseverance of all vocations. Saturday, May 17, 2025, starting at 9:45 a.m. at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA 20124-1115. We invite you to come pray with us! The Serra Club of Arlington are lay Catholics of all ages and from all walks of life who promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, support priests in their sacred ministry, and assist fellow members to recognize and respond in their own lives, to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit. For more information, please visit serraclubarlington.org.

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. **Our next meeting will be May 3rd.** For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327 or email maryndavew7705@gmail.com.

Gift Shop for Mother's Day/Confirmation/First Communion: Stop by the Shop's table in the narthex after the Sunday Masses on the weekend of April 26-27. We are also available by appointment. Email us at giftshop@straymonds.org

Annual Spring Senior Luncheon

WHO: All Seniors 55 years young and above

WHERE: St. Raymond's Parish Hall

DATE: May 31st, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

MENU: Honey Baked Ham and all the trimmings (Free!) RSVP by May 29 by emailing office@straymonds.org Or calling the office at 703-440-0535



CHURCH PERSECUTED

One of the cardinals who will be electing the next pope, became an archbishop, at the age of 34. He was youngest bishop in the world. This is the story of the persecution and imprisonment of his predecessor in Guinea, West Africa, which led the pope to call the young Father Robert Sarah to become the archbishop of Conakry.

In his book, *God or Nothing* (Ignatius Press, 2015), Robert Cardinal Sarah, in a conversation with Nicolas Diaz, relates the story of how a young seminary rector, in a country ruled by a Communist dictator, was to become an archbishop. Sékou Touré ruled Guinea with an iron fist. He imprisoned Archbishop Raymond-Marie Tchidimbo, and Monsignor Louis Barry was appointed the apostolic administrator of the archdiocese. On April 18, 1978, two emissaries from the Vatican showed up at the presidential palace. Under the cloud of secrecy, they were there to make a deal with Sékou Touré. Archbishop Tchidimbo would resign, and the Vatican officials would leave the country with the archbishop. But someone tipped off the press causing Sékou Touré to change his mind. The archbishop had vacated the see but remained in prison.

The second half of the emissary's mission was to relay a message from Rome naming the new archbishop. Monsignor Barry was given the task to notify Father Sarah who initially refused the position because of his age and inexperience as a priest. But Father Sarah was told that only when he would accept the archbishopric, would Sékou Touré release Archbishop Tchidimbo. It took a year of negotiations for that to finally happen. In the meantime, Father Sarah had to keep secret the fact that he would be the archbishop's successor. He moved to work "under" Monsignor Barry to learn what was involved in governing an archdiocese.

Finally on August 7, 1979, Sékou Touré released Archbishop Tchidimbo who left the country. On August 23, the public was informed of their new archbishop. Next week, we will continue the story of how Archbishop Sarah preached the gospel in a Communist nation.



Get In-Formed!

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

Watch Divine Mercy: In the Second Greatest Story Ever Told. In this 10-part series (30 mins each), Fr. Michael Gaitley explores historical examples of God's amazing mercy, incorporating stories and witness by St. Faustina, the children at Fatima, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and St. Pope John Paul II.

Listen to Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues. Bishop Robert Barron uses Dante's Divine Comedy to explore the seven deadly sins and the opposing virtues necessary to overcome them to grow closer to our Lord.



Watch Who is Catherine of Siena? (Feast Day April 29) In this episode of Catholic Saints on Formed, Augustine Institute President Dr. Tim Gray discusses this mystic and doctor of the church with Dr. Elizabeth Klein.

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!

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John Paul the Great Summer Camps June-August 2025
JP Summer Camps registration is now open! Sign your elementary and middle school-age children up for a variety of athletic and enrichment camps during the summer months. For registration and more details, please visit: <https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/summeractivities>

Shadow a Wolf for a Day! Shadow Days available at John Paul! Do you have an 8th-10th grader who is interested in seeing what it is like to be a JP student? Sign them up for a Shadow Day visit! For registration and more details, please visit: https://jpthegreat.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

Family of Jesus Prayer Group: Weekly meetings are in the Church on Mondays at 3:00 pm. If you have any prayer requests, please us know by emailing Elaine Perricone at jpebtp@verizon.net or by calling the parish office. You may also write down your prayer requests and drop them in the "Prayer Box" on the table in the narthex of the church.

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