

**"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

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TUITION ASSISTANCE: Please inquire with our office about the availability of partial scholarships for the

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 Leo XIV. We have new Pope, Leo. May God grant him the fullness of the grace of his office and ordination to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious namesake, Pope Leo I, known to history as “Leo the Great.”

His election has been greeted with overwhelming enthusiasm by Catholics and media. Even the secular media seems a bit obsessed, especially with the novelty of an “American Pope,” from Chicago, and a White Sox fan, no less.

Much of the excitement, though, seems to generate from the fact that he is at once both like and different from Pope Francis. The “progressive” crowd (both Catholic and secular) seems content and relieved in knowing he was elected by a like-minded majority of the college of cardinals, apparently chosen as a compromise between other “progressive” candidates. The “conservative” crowd (mainly Catholic) takes heart in his public embrace of relatively minor papal traditions, and that he was not known for being as radically progressive as the alternative candidates. And both sides seem relieved that he is calm and thoughtful, and has a reputation as a man who listens respectfully to opposing views and knows how to govern. In other words, different from Pope Francis.

Some, however, do not share the unbridled enthusiasm of the masses—even many of the optimistic conservative pundits. Some remind us that that Pope Leo was, in fact, elected as a compromise between radical candidates, even if he was also at least acquiesced to by conservative cardinal electors. Some are also concerned by the fact that his positions on many theological and ecclesial issues are largely unknown: prior to conclave the excellent website “The College of Cardinals Report” listed Cardinal Robert Prevost (now Leo XIV) as having ambiguous positions on most of their key “Where He Stands” issues.

For myself, I remember that much of the same enthusiasm greeted the election of Pope Francis: the novelty of a Latin American Pope, who was seen as conservative by the conservatives and liberal by the liberals. At that time I knew something of Cardinal Bergoglio’s record, and did not share the enthusiasm.

However, there are hopeful signs with Pope Leo XIV. First, his public display of traditional symbols and vocabulary. Also, none of the more faithful cardinals or bishops have sounded any objection or concern to his election (at least not as far as I’m aware).

And some excellent Cardinals have spoken very hopefully. Cardinal Gerhard Müller told the Associated Press this week: “I am convinced that he (Pope Leo) will overcome these superfluous tensions (which were) damaging for the church... We cannot avoid all the conflicts, but we have to avoid the not necessary conflicts, the superfluous conflicts.” With regard to the liturgy and the suppression of the “Old Mass,” Müller added, “According to his character, I think (Leo) is able to speak with people and to find a very good solution that is good for everybody.” When asked if he voted for Cardinal Prevost in the conclave, Müller replied, “Oh, I cannot say. But I am content, no?”

But of course our greatest source of hope is in Christ. The Church is a mess, especially in Rome. But the gates of hell will not prevail against Her, and Peter is always a key part of Christ’s plan to defend Her, and to make Her flourish. So, let us take to heart the words of Cardinal Muller, who wrote elsewhere:

“We believe in the Holy Spirit, who leads the Church of Christ. And we pray that the same Spirit of God will strengthen

the newly elected Pope Leo XIV so as to unite the Church in professing ‘Christ, the Son of the living God’ (Matthew 16:16).

“Let us hope that the new Pope ...will follow the good and saintly popes...and contribute to overcoming the divisions in Christendom and the tensions in the world, so that all Christians may be united in Christ, the Son of the living God, and that, with the help of the moral authority of the papacy, the peace of God might enter the hearts of men, and hatred and war on earth might be overcome.”

And so I encourage you to join me in praying for our new Holy Father, and to hope in Jesus Christ. In the words of our friend, Cardinal Raymond Burke:

“Please join me in thanking Our Lord for the election of Pope Leo XIV, Successor of Saint Peter, as the Shepherd of the Church throughout the world. I urge [you]...to pray fervently for Pope Leo XIV that Our Lord, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saint Peter Apostle, and Pope Saint Leo the Great, will grant him abundant wisdom, strength, and courage to do all that Our Lord is asking of Him in these tumultuous times. May God bless Pope Leo and grant him many years. Viva il Papa!”

What’s in a Name? Our new Pope explained his choice of names to the cardinals in his first formal meeting with them after the conclave:

*“I chose to take the name Leo XIV. There are different reasons for this, but mainly because **Pope Leo XIII** [1878 to 1903] in his historic Encyclical **Rerum Novarum** addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice and labor.”*

This may also be a very hopeful sign, in that by today’s standards *Rerum Novarum* very closely aligns with modern conservative Catholic economic thought. Although later interpretations of the Church’s teaching on “social justice” have sometimes veered leftward, the writings of Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI were much more in line with the perspective of *Rerum Novarum*, especially in their defense of “free market capitalism.” Hopefully, our new Pope’s name may indicate a similar return to the basics of Leo XIII.

“Leo the Great.” Then there’s Pope Leo I, one of 3 popes called “the Great,” who became pope in 440AD. It was a time of rapid growth for the Church and time to clarify doctrine, as several heresies also grew. Pope Leo I acted strongly against the heretics, especially in writing to the bishops across the Roman Empire, emphasizing unity of doctrine and with the Pope. At the ecumenical Council of Chalcedon in A.D. 451 his letter defining the unity of Christ’s divine and human natures—the “hypostatic union”—led the Council fathers to declare in one voice: “Peter has spoken through Leo.”

History also tells us that when Attila the Hun invaded Italy in A.D. 452 and threatened to enter and conquer and pillage Rome, Leo went out to meet him and convinced him to spare Rome. Legend has it that as the aged Leo knelt and spoke to Attila, the Hun saw two giants on either side of the Pope, wielding fiery swords. Then behind them he saw a huge army of angel warriors with flaming weapons. Attila capitulated.

Oremus pro invicem, et pro Papa Leone. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

<p>Monday, May 19th 6:30 Donna Foster + 8:30 Samuel Berger</p> <p>Tuesday, May 20th 6:30 am William Wrona + 8:30 am Emma Berger</p> <p>Wednesday, May 21st 6:30 am James Kolakowski + 8:30 am Gary Battles + 7:00 pm Priest's Intentions</p> <p>Thursday, May 22nd 6:30 am Patricia Crane 8:30 am Berger Family</p> <p>Friday, May 23rd 6:30 am J.J. Kelly + 8:30 am William Ehorn +</p>	<p>Saturday, May 24th 9:00 am Carlota Buhain +</p> <p>Vigil Mass 5:00 pm Margie Anderson +</p> <p>Sunday, May 25th 7:00 am Joseph Mary Rivers +</p> <p>9:00 am Parishioners</p> <p>11:00 am Aimee LaBuy</p> <p>1:00 pm Family of Jesus Prayer Group</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</p>	<p>Debra Henkel Gaudencio Dizon Paul Haynes Nena Brennan Serrin Foster Donald Trayer Ellen Trayer Arlene Pietraszko Virginia Cummings Mary M. Nixon Edward J. Susank</p>	<p>Helen Zogaib Helen Estabrooks Annette Haynes Beth Fitzgibbons Jean Keegan Joann Alba Margaret M. Hill Bill Roche Florence Miller Robert Petitti</p>
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

- May 19 Family of Jesus Prayer Group
- May 19 Confirmation 7pm
- May 20 Junior Legion of Mary 4:15-5:15pm Maurer Room
- May 20 Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
- May 21 Adoration 9am-7pm
- May 23 Adoration Fri. 9am- Sat. 9am
- May 26 Memorial Day One Mass at 10 am
- May 26 Parish Offices Closed
- May 29 RSVP deadline for Senior Luncheon
- May 31 Annual Spring Senior Luncheon at Noon
- June 6 First Friday Nocturnal Adoration
- June 7 First Saturday Communal Devotions
- June 7 Men's Prayer Group 7 am

FRIDAY ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED- 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 would like to sign up for Fridays, please call Elizabeth Frazee in the parish office at 703-440-0535. . If you are interested to sign up for Wednesdays, please call Leslie Schratz at 703-569-1940.

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 June 7th.** For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327 or email maryn-davew7705@gmail.com.

The Parish Library is located outside the Parish Hall. Staffed by Parish Volunteers, it is open on Saturdays from 1-5 and Sundays from 10-2. With over 5,000 Catholic items for adults and children in written and AV form, there's something for everyone! Come and see! "You will not find anyone who is truly striving after his spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading." St Athanasius.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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

6/7 Shredding Event

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.

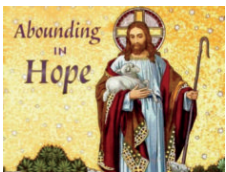
Urgent Need for Christ House and Gift Shop leaders!

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!

Legion of Mary-sponsored local 1-day retreat for Young Adults, Sat., May 31:

The annual Young Adult 1-day retreat will be held on Sat., May 31, 11:00am - 5:00pm, sponsored by the **Legion of Mary - Arlington Senatus**. It will be held at **Holy Trinity Jubilee Park**, located at **4407 Aldie Road, Catharpin, VA 20143**. The theme is “Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati - Young Man of the Beatitudes”. It is open to all Catholic young adults from ages 18-39. Come and join us for an exciting day with Confession, Blessed Sacrament exposition, holy Mass, uplifting talks and group sharing, and obstacle course activities! The priests attending are Fr. John Melmer and Paul Berghout. The fee is \$35.00 per person which includes refreshments (pay by credit card or check). Register by May 16. Bring a bag lunch, water, and dress for outdoor activities. To obtain registration forms or to inquire about the retreat, call Dr. Seggy Acosta at (703)392-6420, or parishioner Judy Mayer (703) 627-7320, email: jmayer9014@aol.com. You may visit www.holytrinityjubileepark for location information (about 45 minute drive from St. Raymond’s).

FAITH DIRECT: eGiving helps you provide regular support to St. Raymond’s, even when you are out of town. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA64. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless you.



Bishop’s Lenten Appeal—Thank you to all the families who supported the BLA for Saint Raymond’s. We have met our 2025 goal! Every donation, large or small was essential to completing what we accomplished.

SAINT RAYMOND’S RESPECTS LIFE

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

“God’s mercy calls us to protect every life, especially those society overlooks—the child yet to be born and the elderly nearing their journey’s end—because each bears Christ’s face.”

Robert Cardinal Prevost (*now Pope Leo XIV*), to the Diocese of Albano in Italy, 2025

Be not complacent! Stay informed! Silence implies consent. Make your voice heard!

There is a fast-tracking move afoot in the Virginia Assembly to make abortion a constitutional human right in our Commonwealth.

In January both chambers of the Virginia Assembly 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 members of the General Assembly 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.

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.

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 and those who work in the abortion industry trespass against us.* Please continue to pray for their conversion.

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

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, to nurture a deeper respect for all human life. **Thank you for your referrals and your support.**

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 all of our teens who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation tomorrow, May 19th. Come, Holy Spirit!

THANK YOU PARISH FAMILIES & VOLUNTEERS!

As we come to the close of another academic year, I want to thank all the parishioners, families, and volunteers who have supported the events and ministries of the Youth Apostolate this past year. Thank you for your generosity in sharing your wealth, whether through the gifts of your time, talent, and/or treasure. This ministry would not exist without you. Special thanks to our "regular" Sunday Youth Group volunteers, Joshua Oswald, Patty Miller, Page McDermott, Dominique Arcobasso, Alex Kayser and Joe Adelman. Thank you to the men and women who once again faithfully led our Talitha Koum and Sons of Thunder groups this year, Maria Del Carmen Medina-Hernandez, Katherine Ferguson, Nate Smith, Phil Bettwy and Fr. Bergida.. Thank you to the Friday morning breakfast crew, Bobbi Jones, Claire Ward, and Dominique Arcobasso, and special thanks to Court & Greta Wheeler for all your support! Last but not least, thank you to our dedicated high school swing dance leadership team, led by Michelle Roberts and to our instructors, Virginia Jarvis and James Stagem. What a blessed year it has been! Please continue to keep the Youth Apostolate in your prayers, especially our graduates as they transition into the next chapter in their lives, that God may lead them and that they would always remain close to Him, and for our Confirmandi preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church on May 19th, that as the Holy Spirit descends upon them in Confirmation, that they would know God's love in a particular way, and that their hearts be set on fire to know Him more, and to seek Him with ALL their heart, mind and soul.

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

All 7-12th graders: Join us Friday mornings for Mass followed by breakfast with Fr. Horkan & Fr. Bergida in the parish hall. Please RSVP at <https://bit.ly/FRIDAYRSVP> to help us ensure we have enough food and seats set up for everyone.

May 23 (Fri): 6:30pm Baccalaureate Mass & Light Reception

All parishioners, family & friends are invited to attend St. Raymond's Baccalaureate Mass in celebration of all of our high school graduates! Come thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon our teens and support them with your prayers as they prepare for their next chapter in life. Mass will be followed by a light reception and the Knights of Columbus presentation of the Senior Man & Woman of the Year Awards! If possible, please RSVP at <https://bit.ly/BACMASS> to help us plan for both the Mass and reception.

May 30th: High School Bible Study (7-8pm Library)

Grow in faith and meet new people at the same time! BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible)...and a friend! Everyone is invited to join us for the parish family rosary at 6:30pm too! **Bible study will NOT meet 5/23.**

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

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.

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

Congratulations to our students, parents, and catechists for the excellent results on the final exam. All your hard work has paid off! The program test average was 92%. God bless you all!

Please pray for our parish youth who will be confirmed tomorrow by Bishop Loverde. May their hearts be open to all the graces Our Lord wishes to give them.

Confirmation REHEARSAL TODAY (5/18) Candidates and their sponsors should be in the parish hall at 2:30 pm.

Confirmation Ceremony TOMORROW (5/19) at 7 pm. Candidates and their sponsors should be in the parish hall between 6 and 6:30 pm.

2025-2026 CCD Registration forms: Teal registration forms can be found in the narthex, outside the Religious Education Office and in the Parish Office. You may also register online through the parish website. Please complete and return the form (with payment) as soon as possible.

Volunteers needed for 2025-26 academic year. Please consider volunteering as a catechist, assistant, or substitute in September. Contact the RE office if you are interested in getting involved! Specific openings so far:

Sunday (5-6:30 pm):

2nd grade Teacher

3rd grade Teacher and Assistant

7th grade Assistant

Monday (4:45-6:15 pm):

3rd grade Assistant

7th grade Assistant

8th grade Assistant

A Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy with Msgr. Saunders Sept 21 -30, 2025-This Catholic journey features two nights in Assisi and six nights in Rome, with a day-trip to Orvieto built in as well. Daily Mass – the cornerstone of each day – will be complemented by a rich Catholic touring program designed to bring pilgrims face to face with the great saints, martyrs, Eucharistic Miracles and cultural heritage of Roman Catholicism. Highlights include St. Peter's Basilica, the Papal Basilicas, the Catacombs, the Colosseum and Roman Forum, the Pantheon, many incredible saints and holy sites, and finally our participation in the Jubilee of Catechists Events. For more information: <https://prorometours.com/arlingtoncatechists/>



FOR SENIORS

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

For years, there has been tension regarding the ordination of bishops in Communist China. While the details are locked in a secret pact between the Vatican and the Chinese Communist government, what we do know is that there are bishops being ordained in China without the apparent approval of the Vatican. Now we are learning that after the death of Pope Francis, The Chinese Patriotic Association has named two priests as auxiliary bishops.

Father Wu Jianlin, the vicar general of Shanghai, was “chosen to be the city’s new auxiliary bishop by an assembly of local priests. The following day, Father Li Jianlin was ‘elected’ bishop of the Diocese of Xinxiang.” The only problem is that the diocese of Xinxiang already has a sitting bishop, Bishop Joseph Zhang Weizhu, appointed by Pope John Paul II in 1993. The Vatican recognizes him as the legitimate head of that diocese. He has been in and out of jail several times for defying the Communist regime.

Father Li Jianlin is well-known in the area as a sympathizer of the Patriotic Church and the Communist party. In 2018 he cosigned a document banning minors from attending Mass in Henan province. Since he has been assigned to a diocese with a Vatican-approved sitting bishop, this poses a challenge for the new pontiff in Rome.

For a quick history lesson, the Chinese government established the Patriotic Catholic Association (PCA) (the government-approved “Catholic” Church) and began ordaining bishops. The true Catholic Church leaders were forced to comply with the rules of the PCA or face imprisonment. After the Chinese began replacing Vatican-appointed bishops with their own, both sides signed an agreement in 2019 (renewed in 2024) which has never been made public. We do know, though, that Beijing “nominates” a single candidate and presents the name to Rome for approval. The Vatican has acknowledged that this agreement has been violated on many occasions.

This will be one of the many challenges awaiting Pope Leo XIV.
<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/263795/2-priests-elected-as-catholic-bishops-in-china-after-death-of-pope-francis>



Our Lady of Ransom Scholarships to Catholic Schools are Available.

Please send requests for 2025-26 tuition assistance to Fr. De Celles or contact the parish office for more information. We can also help cover homeschooling expenses.



Get In-Formed!

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

Watch *The Woman*. This short film presents the role of Mary in salvation history alongside the various Marian dogmas and devotions within the Catholic Church.

Watch *The Face of Mercy*. Narrated by Jim Caviezel, this film explores the development of the devotion to Divine Mercy and relates real stories of its transformational power continuing even today.



For Kids. Listen to *Our Lady of Fatima*. This audiobook from *The Truth to Inspire* series tells of the vision of Our Lady to the three shepherd children and their subsequent devotion to her and obedience to the Father’s will.

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.

www.AngelusAcademy.org 703-924-3996
 7644 Dynatech Ct., Springfield, VA 22153

Angelus Academy is seeking a new **Head of School**. The Head of School, working closely with the Director of School Mission, will embody, manifest, and advocate the mission, vision, and culture of the school, as articulated in Angelus Academy’s mission statement. The Head of School will be tasked with establishing a rapport with the community, strengthening faculty culture and professional development, and advancing the mission of Catholic classical education. For a full job description or to apply, please email Hannah Brink at board@angelusacademy.org.

John Paul the Great Summer Camps June-August 2025

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