

***"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](http://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  
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Mary Hansen, Religious Education Secretary  
Michael Thompson, Plant Manager  
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### **PARISH OFFICE**

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**TUITION ASSISTANCE:** Please inquire with our office about the availability of partial scholarships for the upcoming school year.

### **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](mailto:bulletin@straymonds.org) 10 days prior to publication date.

## Pastor's Corner

**CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY.** Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, a feast established to remind the faithful in a particular way of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us:

*"1376 The Council of Trent summarizes...declaring: 'Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God...that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called **transubstantiation**.' 206*

*"1381 'That in this sacrament are the true Body of Christ and his true Blood is something that 'cannot be apprehended by the senses,' says St. Thomas, 'but only by faith, which relies on divine authority.' For this reason, in a commentary on Luke 22:19 ('This is my body which is given for you.'), St. Cyril says: 'Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, for since he is the truth, he cannot lie.'"*

In sum, the Eucharist is the Real and True Body and Blood of Our Lord and God Jesus Christ, miraculously present under the outward appearance, the "accidents," of bread and wine. But there is no bread or wine present any more, only Jesus.

And what do we do in the real, actual presence of Jesus? What do the saints do at the heavenly liturgy? The Book of Revelations tells us.

*"And when I saw Him, I **fell at His feet** ...." (1:17)*

*"The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders **fell down** before the Lamb." (5:8)*

*"All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They **fell down** on their faces before the throne and worshiped God." (7:11)*

*"The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures **fell down** and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne." (19:4)*

**Don't Kneel?** You will hear some people nowadays, especially some Bishops, saying that the norm in the U.S. for receiving Holy Communion is to stand while receiving. Well, that's true, and false. Actually it's half true, as it states only half of the norm, as if the other half of the norm isn't an equal half of the norm. The whole norm, as stated in the "General Instruction of the Roman Missal"—the governing set of norms for Mass—states at 160.2: *"The norm established for the Dioceses of the United States of America is that Holy Communion is to be received standing, **unless** an individual member of the faithful wishes to receive Communion while kneeling* (emphasis mine).

So, the norm has two parts: 1) stand OR 2) kneel if you want. Period. Of course, for centuries kneeling was required in the Roman Church. In 1970 the U.S. Bishops changed this, setting a rule, approved by Rome, that we would stand for Communion. This 1970 U.S. rule, or "norm," did not mention kneeling, but that lack did not suppress the practice of kneeling if the communicant so desired, as was repeatedly made clear by the Congregation for Divine Worship. So in 2011, when the 2000 Roman Missal was translated and became effective in the U.S., the U.S. norms were changed to clarify that we can kneel for Communion.

(And to be clear, when we use the word "norm" here, it does not mean the same thing as "normally"—it means "rule.")

Does the reference to an "individual member of the faithful" mean that parishes, priests or bishops should not recommend kneeling. No.

As Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI) wrote in 2000: **"There are groups, of no small influence, who are trying to talk us out of kneeling. 'It doesn't suit our culture'....It may well be that kneeling is alien to modern culture -- insofar as it is a culture, for *this culture has turned away from the faith and no longer knows the one before whom kneeling is the right, indeed the intrinsically necessary gesture.* The man who learns to believe learns also to kneel, and a faith or a liturgy no longer familiar with kneeling would be sick at the core. **Where it has been lost, kneeling must be rediscovered**, so that, in our prayer, we remain in fellowship with the apostles and martyrs, in fellowship with the whole cosmos, indeed in union with Jesus Christ Himself."**

Or as Cardinal Rober Sarah wrote in 2018: **"The liturgy is made up of many small rituals and gestures — each of them is capable of expressing these attitudes filled with love, filial respect and adoration toward God. That is precisely why it is appropriate to promote the beauty, fittingness and pastoral value of a practice which developed during the long life and tradition of the Church, that is, the act of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue and kneeling. The greatness and nobility of man, as well as the highest expression of his love for his Creator, consists in kneeling before God. Jesus himself prayed on his knees in the presence of the Father...."**

**"Father, What Should I Do?"** If you ask me, I encourage you **all to kneel to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion.** But I do not judge anyone who does not, and I admonish all of you to make no judgments about someone who does not kneel. Some want to kneel and can't because of physical limitations. Some chose to stand—it is their right to freely do so and judging their hearts is simply contradictory to the very meaning of Communion. Others do not understand, maybe no one has explained to them, maybe it was explained badly, who knows? We do not judge.

**CHOIR TAKES THE SUMMER OFF.** With Corpus Christi Sunday behind us, the choir will take the rest of the summer off. I'm sure you join me in appreciation for all the beautiful music they have provided us with this last year. The Mass is not about the music, but the music our choir provides is definitely about the Mass, and helps us to more deeply enter into the solemnity and reverence of the Holy Sacrifice. Thank you, choir members, and especially Elisabeth Turco (director) and Denise Anezin (organist), and have a great and restful summer.

**VACATION.** I was on vacation last week visiting family in Indiana (South Bend and Indianapolis) and Chicago. I had a great time visiting two of my siblings (a brother and a sister) and their families. I really enjoyed visiting with a bunch of my nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews—they are always the highlight of these trips. And I always like visiting Notre Dame (my brother is an alumn, not me) and the stunning Basilica and peaceful Grotto. But I didn't enjoy getting stuck in downtown Chicago traffic for 1½ hours. Thank the Lord Jesus for a fun, restful and safe trip.

**Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, June 23rd**

6:30 am Joseph Troup  
 8:30 am Fr. John Martin Ruiz

**Tuesday, June 24th**

6:30 am Regine Benayoun Feuer  
 8:30 am Jean-Luc Murray

**Wednesday, June 25th**

6:30 am Vicki Arcobasso  
 8:30 am Christian Hoopes

**Thursday, June 26th**

6:30 am Jessica Rubino  
 8:30 am Margaret Mary  
 O'Kane +

**Friday, June 27th**

6:30 am Elizabeth Troup  
 8:30 am Nathaniel Wright

**Saturday, June 28th**

9:00 am Laura Danbom +

**Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm Fr. Bergida  
 Arthur Milne Jr. +

**Sunday, June 29th**

7:00 am Fr. De Celles  
 James Leo Mault +

9:00 am Fr. Horkan

Parishioners

11:00 am Fr. De Celles  
 Bob Ferguson +

1:00 pm Fr. Bergida  
 Rico + & Fe Robles

**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 Elizabeth Archer Kathleen McGovern**

**Please pray for the sick of our parish**

Glenn Bliss	Debra Henkel	Helen Zogaib
Tom Dietz	Gaudencio Dizon	Helen Estabrooks
Michael O'Neill	Paul Haynes	Annette Haynes
Cindy Laird	Nena Brennan	Beth Fitzgibbons
Patricia Lewis	Serrin Foster	Jean Keegan
Mai Pham	Donald Trayer	Margaret M. Hill
Jason Saenz	Ellen Trayer	Bill Roche
Phyllis Zitnik	Arlene Pietraszko	Florence Miller
John Florio	Virginia Cummings	Robert Petitti
Carolina Baker	Mary M. Dixon	Richard Buettner
	Edward J. Susank	Joann Alba

**Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church**

<b>June 22</b>	<b>Corpus Christi Procession TODAY after 1pm Mass</b>
<b>June 23</b>	<b>Family of Jesus Prayer Group</b>
<b>June 24</b>	<b>Junior Legion of Mary 4:15-5:15pm Maurer Room</b>
<b>June 24</b>	<b>Legion of Mary 6:30pm—Maurer Room</b>
<b>June 25</b>	<b>Adoration 9am-7pm</b>
<b>June 26</b>	<b>Bridge Club</b>
<b>June 27</b>	<b>Adoration Fri. 9am—3pm</b>
<b>June 27</b>	<b>Sacred Heart of Jesus—Additional Mass at 7 pm</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>Independence Day—One Mass at 10 am</b>
	<b>Daily Family Rosary at 10:45 am</b>
	<b>Parish Offices Closed</b>

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

[www.straymonds.org](http://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 June and July!** 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 Maurer Room. All auxiliary members and anyone interested in joining the Legion of Mary are welcome! Point of Contact: Judy Mayer, [jmayer9014@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:pamiller35@gmail.com), or call / text her at: C - 703-663-0480.

**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 July 5th.** For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327 or email [maryndavew7705@gmail.com](mailto:maryndavew7705@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:office@straymonds.org).**

**FRIDAY ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED—** Friday Adorers needed at all time slots between 9am and 1pm. 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**Corpus Christi Procession**



**Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 1 pm Mass**

**Corpus Christi Procession, TODAY! June 22** inside the church after the 1pm Mass. Please join us for an IN-DOOR Procession, Adoration & Benediction. 1 pm Mass attendees and all parishioners are encouraged to join in this special celebration to honor and worship Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Ice Cream Social to follow in the parish hall.



## # 11 of 12 FUN FACTS ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ([Alyssa Murphy](#) (Oct. 9, 2020) from the [National Catholic Register](#)).

Perhaps you recently made a contribution to some Knights in yellow vests handing out Tootsie rolls. They weren't collecting for the Knights but rather for other charities that support Virginians with intellectual disabilities. This is part of a long tradition: "The organization also partners with a few groups on international charitable events including Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity."

**Why wait? 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

**6/21—Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am in Parish Hall**

**6/28—Installation of Council Officers in 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.

**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!

### Following St. Joseph to Jesus – Men's Silent Retreat

He played an essential role in the greatest event in human history; husband to Mary, adopted Father of Jesus Christ, a quiet carpenter... and a righteous man. Aside from these things we don't know much about St. Joseph — but what we do know can help us to be better Men...husbands, and fathers. Join Fr. John Riley at our Arlington Diocese Retreat Center at the edge of the Shenandoah Mountains in White Post, VA to "rest and pray" with Christ. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday July 11th and concludes Sunday July 13th with lunch at noon. Retreat cost is \$285. For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: [john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org) For more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead, please visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat).



## Saint Raymond of Peñafort's 15th Annual

## Summer Reading Challenge



**Summer Library Extended Hours and Reading Program.** Come visit the parish Library! There's something for everyone! Saturdays 1-5. Sundays 10-2. Thursday 3 July 9:30-11:30. Fridays June 13, July 11, 25 and August 1 from 9:30-11:30. Sign Up Sheets for the **15th Annual Pre-K - Grade 8 Summer Reading Program** are available in the narthex, library, parish office and website! *"You will not find anyone who is truly striving after his spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading."* St Athanasius

**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](http://faith.direct/VA64). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless you.

## SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

### TRAGICALLY VIRGINIA IS BECOMING AN ABORTION DESTINATION.

**Save the date. Saturday 12 JULY.** A new abortion facility has opened near Tysons Corner - a location (close to Dulles and the metro) specifically chosen to 'serve' out-of-staters where abortion is restricted. The abortionist moved here from TX after they enacted pro-life legislation. Join Bishop Burbidge for 8:30 am Mass at St John the Beloved in McLean immediately followed by the Rosary on the public sidewalk in front of 'Meadow Reproductive Health and Wellness' at 1749 Old Meadow Road, McLean. The facility will not be open for business that day, but the spiritual battle rages on every day.

**Be not complacent! Stay informed! 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.**

Both chambers of the VA 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](http://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](http://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](http://abortionpillreversal.com).**

Do you need a personal consultation on real-life (not hypothetical) medical or legal decisions? The **National Catholic Bioethics Center** has the training, expertise, and magisterial fidelity to help you form your conscience with trustworthy resources and confidential, person-to-person interaction. Please visit to [www.ncbcenter.org/consultation-form](http://www.ncbcenter.org/consultation-form) An ethicist will generally respond within 5 business days. Need an answer sooner? Please call us (24/7) at 215-877-2660.

**The Power of Prayer.** Abortionists and those who work in the abortion industry trespass against us. Yet how much more they offend Almighty God! As June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we suffer anew the reality that every abortion stops a beating heart which was created to love Our Lord. Every abortion also deforms the abortionist and desensitizes him or her to the humanity of both the mother and child violated through abortion. **Pray fervently for the conversion of abortionists.** Somehow most have been led astray by greed, ignorance, a misguided sense of compassion or perhaps evil itself. Yet the Sacred Heart of Jesus beats for love of them too.



## 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>

**Please keep our teens & adult volunteers in your prayers this week,** as they gather together in community to grow in faith, make friends and memories, have fun together and find joy and fulfillment through serving others.

Monday 6/23: DC Pilgrimage & Hike with Fr. Bergida  
Tuesday 6/24: FBI Tour & Catholic Information Center  
Wednesday 6/25: Service for Mary's Shelter & Mason Neck Park  
Thursday 6/26: Service for Parishioners & Fun at St. Raymond's  
Friday 6/27: White Water Rafting in Ohiopyle, PA

*"In our world today, sometimes it may be that the context of your life has not given you the opportunity to live the faith, to live as participants in a faith community. And I'd like to take this opportunity to invite each one of you to look into your own hearts, to recognize that God is present, and that perhaps in many different ways, God is reaching out to you, calling you, inviting you to know His Son, Jesus Christ, through the Scriptures, perhaps through a friend or a relative, a grandparent, who might be a person of faith — but to discover how important it is for each one of us to pay attention to the presence of God in our hearts — to that longing for love in our lives, for searching, a true searching for finding the ways that we may be able to do something with our own lives to serve others. And in that service to others, we may find the coming together in friendship, building up community, we too can find true meaning in our lives.*

*Moments of anxiety, of loneliness, so many people who suffer from different experiences of depression or sadness, they can discover that the love of God is truly healing, that it brings hope, and that, actually, coming together as friends, as brothers and sisters, in community, in a parish, and in an experience of living our faith together, we can find that the Lord's grace, that the love of God can truly heal us, can give us the strength that we need, can be the source of that hope that we all need in our lives. To share that message of hope with one another, in outreach, in service, and looking for ways to make our world a better place, gives true life to all of us, and is a sign of hope for the whole world."* ~Pope Leo XIV to the Youth in America (June 14, 2025)

Lord we pray that our teens & adult leaders coming together this week as friends, as brothers and sisters, in community, in an experience of living our faith together, will find that the Lord's grace, that the love of God will truly heal them & give them the strength that they need., Lord let them find that You alone are the source of that hope that we all need in our lives. May they be a vessel of hope & love to all they encounter.

### Friday, July 18: High School Bible Study (7-8pm Library)

High School is on a small break due to Faith Fun & Service week on 6/27, Independence Day on 7/4 and Steubenville on 7/11. Our weekly Friday night Bible Study will resume July 18.

**Attention Class of 2025!** The Associates of Saint John Bosco (ASJB), will host five free **College Nights** this summer for graduated seniors heading to college in the fall. One of these nights will take place at the **Basilica of Saint Mary Lyceum** (313 Duke Street) at **7pm on July 22**. These events help rising college freshmen network with other Catholics heading to college, and give them the tools to navigate the transition from high school to college, keeping their Catholic faith strong. Students walk away with a free bundle of Catholic books to take to college to help deepen their faith while away at school. The events come with a pizza dinner, too. Registration is **FREE!** For additional dates, locations and information, [www.asjb.org/student-registration](http://www.asjb.org/student-registration).

**Thursday Night Hangouts for College Students & Graduating High School Seniors:** The George Mason University Catholic Campus Ministry is hosting Thursday Night Gatherings from 7-9pm every Thursday in June and July for college students and graduating high school seniors at. Robert Bellarmine Chapel, 4515 Roberts Rd.

**Jeanne Sause**

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)

[youth@straymonds.org](mailto: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

Don't forget to register for 2025-26 CCD classes! Did you know that students who attend Catholic School or are homeschooling are more than welcome to attend CCD classes at St. Raymond's? All high school students of the parish are particularly encouraged to take advantage of our fantastic teachers —and no tests! Give us a call for more information.

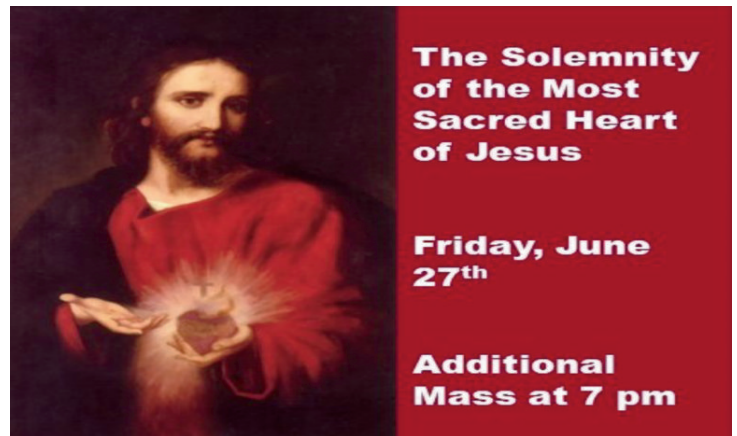
**2025-2026 CCD Registration forms:** Teal registration forms can be found in the narthex, outside the Religious Education Office and in the Parish Office. You may also register online through the parish website. Please complete and return the form (with payment) as soon as possible.

**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):**  
3rd grade Teacher  
7th grade Assistant

**Monday (4:45-6:15 pm):**  
3rd grade Assistant  
7th grade Assistant  
8th grade Assistant

**Chesterton Academy of Christ the King** will be opening in the Fall of 2026, hopefully at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Alexandria. The more than 70 Chesterton Academies nationwide are known for their strong spiritual formation anchored in daily Mass as well as their rigorous, integrated classical curriculum oriented toward the good, the true, and the beautiful. Chesterton high schools form joyful, faithful, curious, articulate, and resilient young men and women prepared for college and for life. Parent information sessions will be held throughout the summer. Visit [Chesterton-ChristTheKing.org](http://Chesterton-ChristTheKing.org) to learn more, connect with us here, or register to attend an upcoming information session (June 28, or July 16).



### **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.

**Saint Raymond's Art Camp 2024** Join us for the first Saint Raymond's Art Camp 2024 held in the parish hall from nine to noon July 8-11. To find out more information scan this QR code. This camp is for rising 1st through 12th grade students.



## CHURCH PERSECUTED

The order from the U.S. Supreme Court was short and simple: "MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025 CERTIORARI -- SUMMARY DISPOSITION 24-319 ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE, ET AL. V. HARRIS, ADRIENNE A., ET AL. The petition for a writ of certiorari is granted. The judgment is vacated, and the case is remanded to the Court of Appeals of New York for further consideration in light of Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc. v. Wisconsin Labor & Industry Review Comm'n, 605 U. S. \_\_\_\_ (2025)."

This is another case of a liberal state going after religious groups with their abortion mandates in health insurance. In 2017, New York state required all employers to cover abortions in their employee health insurance plans. Several religious groups; including the Roman Catholic dioceses; Baptist and Lutheran churches; and the Sisterhood of St. Mary, an Anglican/Episcopalian order of goat-herding contemplative nuns; asked the NY courts to protect them from abortion coverage in their health plans since this would violate their religious convictions about the sanctity of life. Of course, the NY courts refused in spite of landmark rulings in similar cases in *Fulton v. Philadelphia*, and *Little Sisters of the Poor v. Pennsylvania*.

As the case moved through the courts, the saga continued with the New York Supreme Court adamant that these organizations needed to provide abortion coverage in their health plans. Then came the 9-0 U.S. Supreme Court decision earlier this month of *Catholic Charities v. Wisconsin* which said that Wisconsin could not single out religious organizations from the state employment compensation program because they were Catholic. While 9-0 decisions resolve a majority of the cases before the Court, it is most significant on a religious liberty issue such as this one. It will have broad applications to situations where states discriminate against religious organizations solely because they are religious.

So, on June 16, the U.S. Supreme Court sent the case back to the Court of Appeals of New York for reconsideration in light of the *Catholic Charities v. Wisconsin* ruling of June 5, 2025.

<https://becketfund.org/case/diocese-of-albany-v-harris/?section=caseDetail>

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