

"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
Elisabeth Turco, Director of Liturgical Music
Jeanne Sause, Director of Youth Apostolate
Virginia Osella, Director of Religious Education
Mary Hansen, Religious Education Secretary
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Catherine Hansen, Parish Office Intern
Mary Butler, Parish Office Support

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Rel. Ed.: ReligiousEducation@straymonds.org

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School and Home School Scholarship Fund: 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)

First Fridays

3:00-4:00 pm and 6:00-7:00 pm

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.

OCIA: The Order 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

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

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

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

I know that some families don't have a dad, at least not regularly present, for a variety of sad reasons. And these families can survive and even flourish thanks to the grace of God and the dedication of self-sacrificing mothers, and perhaps grandparents or aunts and uncles. But that is not how God designed things to work. That is not how human beings are made. That is not the best way to raise a family. So we, as Catholics and Americans, must do our utmost to support and promote marriage, and motherhood and fatherhood.

Good Fathers. Of course, it's not enough just to be a Father. We need good Fathers. And the first thing a good father should do is be a good husband, showing love, respect, honor and cooperation to/with his wife, his children's mother. What a blessing for children to be raised by a devoted father partnered with their mother. Together a good father and mother teach their children how to love, serve and lead others: how to be good citizens, good workers, good friends, and good neighbors, and of course good brothers and sisters, good parents and good spouses.

A good father teaches his children, especially his sons, how to be good and holy men, how to be responsible, hardworking and creative, and both strong and caring, just and merciful, brave and compassionate. By the way he treats his wife, a good father teaches his sons how to treat all women with respect and love, and how to be a good and faithful husband and father; and he teaches his daughters what to look for in a good husband.

Most especially, fathers, along with your wives, I urge you to take responsibility for the intellectual formation of your children. Nowadays this means you must be actively involved in protecting them from false educators, those who would use basic learning, even in math and literature/reading, to indoctrinate your children in their destructive ideologies. You must actively ensure that your children know the truth about history and economics. Especially teach them patriotism, to love and support our country, embracing its goodness and working with determination to correct its flaws.

Above all take charge of the religious and moral formation of your children. You take care of all their physical needs, why would you neglect their spiritual and moral life? Life is hard, but it's impossible without God's grace. And when their life on this earth is over, you want to be with them blissfully happy in heaven, and not wallowing in the pain of hell for eternity. So make it your first priority to bring them up in the devout practice of the Catholic faith—first and foremost by your good example.

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

And all you boys and men who are not yet fathers, think of all this. Think of the great gift and responsibility of being a father that may lie ahead of you, and prepare. And don't do stupid things to ruin your chances to be the best father possible.

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

American Semiquincentennial. That means the 250th anniversary of the founding of our country, which is coming up in two weeks on July 4th. So I encourage you all to take the next few weeks to prepare to celebrate as true Patriots!

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

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

Note however, Patriotism isn't the same as loving the government, but rather honoring the government and its just laws to the extent it/they are at the service of the people of the country. Nor does it mean ignoring our historical flaws. But just as with a family, we see those flaws in the light of love and in the context of the great good our nation has done and strives for.

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

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

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

Finally, it includes honoring the symbols of our country. Of course this includes the American Flag, so I encourage you to fly the Flag. But it also includes things like Constitutional offices of our government, especially the Office that represents the unity of all Americans: the Office of President. Even when we disagree with his governing decisions, we should honor our president as President of the United States.

God bless America.

Oremus pro invicem, et patria nostra. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 22nd

6:30 am Joseph Troup
 8:30 am Father's Day Triduum
 6:30 pm Celebrant's Intentions

Tuesday, June 23rd

6:30 am Father's Day Triduum
 8:30 am Mary (Ginger) Avvenire

Wednesday, June 24th

6:30 am Regine Benayoun Feuer
 8:30 am Jean-Luc Murray
 7:00 pm Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday, June 25th

6:30 am Mary Solorzano
 8:30 am Andrew Whearty +

Friday, June 26th

6:30 am Marge O'Kane +
 8:30 am Christian Hoopes

Saturday, June 27th

9:00 am Mary (Ginger)
 Avvenire

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. Bergida**
 Nathaniel Wright

Sunday, June 28th

7:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
 Michael, Tess & Elliot
 Troup

9:00 am **Fr. Bergida**

Parishioners

11:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
 Arsenio Venaracion, Jr. +

1:00 pm **Fr. Bergida**
 Dominic Troup

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.

Brandon Skiba

Ryan Higgins

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Glenn Bliss
 Michael O'Neill
 Cindy Laird
 Patricia Lewis
 Mai Pham
 Jason Saenz
 Phyllis Zitnik
 John Florio
 Carolina Baker
 Debra Henkel
 Gaudencio Dizon

Paul Haynes
 Nena Brennan
 Donald Trayer
 Ellen Trayer
 Arlene Pietraszko
 Virginia Cummings
 Mary M. Dixon
 Helen Estabrooks
 Michael Snaveley
 Annette Haynes
 Joann Alba

Beth Fitzgibbons
 Jean Keegan
 Robert Petitti
 Alicia Tocconi
 Jay & Linda Cabacar
 Rita Felkel
 Colleen O'Connor
 Mary Grace Gottstein
 Pat Ravenelle
 Flavia Tommasi
 Marvin Opulencia

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

6/21-23 Father's Day Triduum of Masses

6/22 No Young Adults Meeting

6/22 St. Thomas More Mass 6:30pm with Talk & Reception to follow in Parish Hall

6/22 Family of Jesus Prayer Group

6/23-26 Summer Floor Maintenance in Parish Hall

6/24 No Mother's Group

6/24 Adoration 9 am—7 pm

6/25 No Bridge Club

6/26 Adoration 9 am—3 pm

6/29 Young Adults 7 pm

6/29 No in person Family of Jesus Prayer Group

6/30-7/2 Summer Floor Maintenance in Parish Hall

7/1 Adoration 9 am—7 pm

7/2 No Bridge Club

7/3 Parish Offices Closed for Fourth of July Holiday

7/3 One Mass at 10 am No Adoration

7/3 Daily Family Rosary at 10:45 am

7/3-4 No First Friday Nocturnal Adoration July or Aug

7/4 No Men's Prayer Group

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF CHRIST THE KING is a small co-ed classical high school that is part of the international Chesterton Schools Network, will be opening at St. Lawrence Catholic Church this fall. Chesterton Academies are known for their strong Catholic identity anchored in daily school Mass, rigorous classical curriculum, screen-free socratic seminar format, and affordable tuition. Visit Chesterton-ChristTheKing.org to learn more or to apply. Limited spaces remain for rising freshmen for the 2026-2027 school year.

HOME SCHOOL GROUP - for more information visit our website www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/ Or email straymondhsg@gmail.com.

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 18th.** For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327 or email maryndavew7705@gmail.com.

**View livestreaming
 of the Holy Mass at St. Raymond's
www.straymonds.org**

**Monday - Friday Daily Mass at 8:30 am
 Wednesday at 7 pm
 Saturday at 9:00 am
 Sunday Mass at 9:00 am & 11:00 am
 (See the website for Holy Days)**

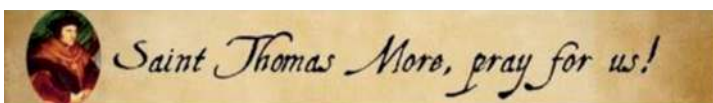


FATHER'S DAY TRIDUUM - Sunday, June 21st is Father's Day. We will be honoring fathers with a Triduum of Masses June 21-23. If you would like to include the special fathers in your life (i.e. Father, Grandfather, Godfather, etc.), cards are available in the Narthex and at all exits after all Masses this weekend. Please give Ushers or Parish Office your completed envelope.

WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF ADORERS! Our Wednesday Adoration schedule is in need of Adorers especially for the 12 pm Noon hour. Please consider spending time with Our Lord. Contact the Parish office if interested, 703-440-0535.

DAILY FAMILY ROSARY LEADERS NEEDED! St. Raymond's has a Daily Family Rosary in the church: Monday-Friday 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.

YOUNG ADULT WOMEN—ages 20-40, join the women of our parish in an Endow study of Saint Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter, *Mulieris Dignitatem* (Dignity of Women). They meet on first and third Thursdays from 7-9pm to read together, discuss our roles as women in Christ, and grow in Christian fellowship. For more information, please contact Dominique Bliss, domarch20@gmail.com, (470) 652-3411 or Elise Hamilton, 2EliseHamilton@gmail.com, (703) 300-4131.



CELEBRATE ST. THOMAS MORE'S FEAST DAY! Join the St. Thomas More Guild for Catholic Legal Professionals for Mass on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Raymond's. A reception will follow, with a keynote address by Nicolas McAfee, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Economics, Christendom College. He will be giving an address on the background of the protection of religious liberty in the American Constitution. Please RSVP to guild@tmglaw.org.



July 3rd is a Federal Holiday



**One Mass at 10 am
 Daily Family Rosary at 10:45
 No Adoration
 Parish Offices Closed**



THE FULLNESS OF KNIGHTHOOD: Join the Knights! Your very own St. John Bosco Council #12846 has just been awarded the prestigious and distinguished **STATE DEPUTY AWARD** for a **THIRD YEAR** in a row as one of the most outstanding councils in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This noteworthy award is only earned by strong Catholic men tirelessly working together to serve their parish, community and their nation. Now is the **perfect time** to take your place with us. Just go to <https://www.kofc.org/joinus> to experience the Knights **free** for one year. Enter our council #12846 for local information when you register. Please contact our Deputy Grand Knight, Dave Hayes, at cell (703) 380-4550 if you have any questions or want to learn more about the many benefits of being a Knight! Get in the game, answer the call, **LIVE FULLY; BECOME A KNIGHT!**



Upcoming Events:

JUNE 2026

- 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30am, Parish Hall)
- 27 Council Officer Installation Ceremony (FY26/27) Parish Hall 6:15pm)

JULY 2026

- 13 Membership Meeting (7:00pm Rosary, Library, 7:30pm General Meeting)

AUGUST 2026

- 10 Exemplification/Membership Meeting (7:00 pm Rosary, Library 7:30 pm Exemplification)

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance to people with intellectual disabilities. The Knights of Columbus are still collecting donations for KOVAR online. If you didn't get a chance to contribute previously, please consider donating using the QR Code please. Thank you for your support!



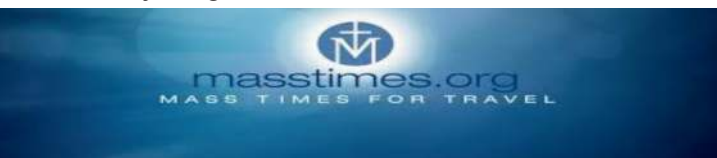
DO YOU DESIRE A MORE MEANINGFUL PRAYER LIFE? Perhaps God is inviting you to an intercessory prayer ministry that helps keep a sense of awe and gratitude for His presence through His priests. Please consider joining the Seven Sisters Apostolate who prays an hour specifically for our St. Raymond's priests (at the church during a time you choose). Each priest at St. Raymond's should have at least one sister praying for him each day of the week. Join one of the Seven Sisters teams, or join Substitute. Visit www.sevensistersapostolate.org. Please contact Renee LeBoeuf for more information renee.leboeuf@gmail.com.

JP SUMMER CAMPS – REGISTER TODAY! Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School's summer camp registration is now open! Check out this year's camp offerings and sign up today! For rising 2nd to 9th graders, JP summer camps are a great way to spend your summer! John Paul offers both Athletic and Enrichment Camps and its premier day camp, Camp Quintessential. Go to jpthegreat.org/summercamp to learn more about what JP is offering!

NEW ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM! We are transitioning to Pushpay, our new online giving platform. Please visit our website and click on the blue button in the upper right corner titled "Online Giving" or scan the QR code provided here.



BRIDGE CLUB - All levels of players are welcome. We play Bridge cards each week in the Church Hall. Contact Lois Kotlowski at .703-455-6567 or bridgeclub402@gmail.com if interested in joining us.



SAINT RAYMOND'S LOVES LIFE

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

[Fathers,]"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." 1 Cor 16:13

There is no morally significant difference between the embryo that you once were and the adult that you are today. Differences of size, level of development, environment, and degree of dependency are not relevant such that we can say that you had no rights as an embryo but you do have rights today. Prolifetraining.com.

There can be no such things as 'secret discipleship'. Either the secrecy destroys the discipleship or the discipleship destroys the secrecy. (from *Pro Life Reflections*) "Your light must shine so that it can be seen by others." Mt 5:16

Whether in person, by phone, email or regular mail, we are all urged to contact our representatives in Richmond to politely voice our opposition to any support of the proposed abortion amendment in Virginia. Otherwise, **'Silence implies consent'**! whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov.

ToughTopics.Life What comes to mind when you hear the word 'abortion'? Learn what it is and what it leaves behind. **Abortion Basics** equips you with straightforward knowledge and listening skills so you are ready to answer questions and guide others to life affirming choices.

MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center... Humble amazement continues! Thank you for the steady stream of overwhelming material support! Diapers welcome and so very much appreciated. Collection box near is in the narthex. **Greatest needs:** size 5 and 6 diapers, clothes up to 2T, formula, wipes. **Please do not leave bouncy seats, walkers, gates or jogging strollers.**

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.

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. Yet how much more they offend Almighty God! As we call on Our Father to forgive us, we are called to forgive those who trespass against us. Every abortion deforms the abortionist and desensitizes him or her to the humanity of both the mother and child violated through abortion. In fact, it diminishes their understanding of the inherent value of every human being. **Pray fervently for the conversion of abortionists.** Somehow, they have been led astray by greed, ignorance, a misguided sense of compassion or perhaps evil itself.

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

As we wrap up another school year, I want to thank all of the many folks who made this year so fruitful. It takes many hands and lots of prayer support to be able to do what we do. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us! Whether making meals and donating snacks (both essential elements of Youth events!) or sharing encouraging words, donating money to help provide the resources needed to do all that we do and to help everyone to be able to afford the retreats and various activities we offer, to managing your schedule and making it a priority to get your child(ren) and their friends to events...all of your sacrifices are seen by the Father and we have certainly been blessed by them!

I want to specifically thank all of our regular committed volunteers who have given so generously of their time throughout the year, whether helping with youth group on Sundays, Talitha Koum or Sons of Thunder, helping with Friday Morning breakfasts, and our swing dances. There are too many of you to name here, but you know who you are. The Youth Apostolate would simply cease to exist were it not for your dedication to our young people, and to me. We are so thankful!

Unfortunately many of our volunteers are unable to return next year. This means we need YOU (yes, you reading this) to pray, to ask the Holy Spirit if He is calling you to step up and fill this great need. Our teens need good Catholic role models, folks who see their value and who are willing to invest time in them because you care and believe in them. St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time". To give your time is to give your life, for "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13. "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ~Isaiah 6:8 God has you here for a reason. Contact Jeanne for more info if/when you feel the call!

Attention Class of 2026: The Associates of Saint John Bosco will host five free **College Nights** this summer for graduated seniors heading to college in the fall. The two nights closest to us are:

- ♦ June 30th at **Holy Spirit** in Annandale (7pm)
- ♦ July 21st at **Basilica of Saint Mary** in Alexandria (7pm)

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 get 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, go to www.asjb.org/student-registration.

COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS (INCLUDING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2026)

7pm-8:30pm Every MONDAY beginning June 1st (except June 22nd) YOUNG ADULT Bon-Fire Bible Study Young Adults (college age & older) of the parish are organizing weekly gatherings this summer to build community and grow in faith. Join us on the back patio at St. Raymond's. In the case of rain, meet in the hall. Bring your friends! Email Jeanne to be added to the GroupMe.

High School Class of 2026 & Current College Students:

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., Fairfax.

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 email list for the most updated info on Youth Apostolate news & upcoming events!

A new **YA Info. Sheet** is REQUIRED to be turned in once **Each school year** for every child prior to participating in any Youth Apostolate event on or off site. <http://bit.ly/YAforms>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Happy Father's Day!

Parents: It is time to register for 2026-27 CCD classes! Registrations received after July 31 will be subject to a \$25 late fee. Please look for a yellow handout at one of the exits for registration information!

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

Volunteers needed for 2026-27 academic year. If you or someone you know is looking for a rewarding way to volunteer for the parish, please consider joining our wonderful team of teachers. We are in need of the following volunteers for the 2026-2027 academic year:

Sunday (5-6:30 pm):

2nd grade Teacher

3rd grade Teacher and Assistant

4th grade Teacher



OUR LADY OF RANSOM Scholarships to Catholic Schools.

St. Raymond's will again offer a one-time \$2,000 scholarship for each parish child who is switching from public school (K-12) to Catholic school this year. For all parish families, each student in Catholic grade school can receive \$1,000 and Catholic high school students can receive \$2,000. This amount is renewable every year and is subject only to minimal qualification terms. You need to be a parishioner and send a request for the scholarship to Fr. De Celles. Also, additional financial aid is available if a family truly can't afford Catholic school, even with the above scholarships. These decisions are made on a case by case basis. There is also assistance available for homeschooling families. Contact the parish office for more information.

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.

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, 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.

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. We will not be meeting in person from June 29-July 20.

SAINT RAYMOND'S TRAIL LIFE TROOP VA-0683 is a great scouting opportunity for the boys of the parish. By pairing outdoor opportunities like camping and wood tools with spiritual formation and a focus on developing the faith life of our sons, Trail Life seeks to develop boys into young men who are godly and responsible husbands, fathers, and citizens. Our troop meets on the first and third Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall, beginning again this September. For additional information, please contact TrailLifeUSA@straymonds.org.

CHURCH PERSECUTED

This week and next, as we enter the final two Sundays leading up to our nation's 250th celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we will reflect on the crucial role that the United States of America plays within its own boundaries and across the world. Here are excerpts from a presentation that Pope Saint John Paul II gave during a meeting on December 16, 1997, with H.E. Mrs. Corrine (Lindy) Claiborne Boggs, the new United States of America Ambassador to the Holy See.

"The Founding Fathers of the United States asserted their claim to freedom and independence on the basis of certain 'self-evident' truths about the human person: truths which could be discerned in human nature, built into it by 'nature's God'....Reading the founding documents of the United States, one has to be impressed by the concept of freedom they enshrine: a freedom designed to enable people to fulfill their duties and responsibilities towards the family and towards the common good of the community. Their authors clearly understood that there could be no true freedom without moral responsibility and accountability, and no happiness without respect and support for the natural units or groupings through which people exist, develop and seek the higher purposes of life in concert with others.

"...But the continuing success of American democracy depends on the degree to which each new generation, native-born and immigrant, make its own the moral truths on which the Founding Fathers staked the future of your Republic. Their commitment to build a free society with liberty and justice for all must be constantly renewed if the United States is to fulfill the destiny to which the Founders pledged their 'lives...fortunes...and sacred honor.'

"...Respect for religious conviction played no small part in the birth and early development of the United States...John Dickinson, Chairman of the Committee for the Declaration of Independence, said in 1776: 'Our liberties do not come from charters...but come from the King of Kings and the Lord of all the earth' (Cf. C. Herman Pritchett, *The American Constitution*, McGraw-Hill, 1977, p. 2)...it may be asked whether the American democratic experiment would have been possible, or how well it will succeed in the future, without a deeply rooted vision of divine providence over the individual and over the fate of nations."

This will conclude next week.

<https://tomperna.org/2020/07/04/pope-saint-john-paul-ii-the-american-experiment/>

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

Watch: ST. Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven An epic feature film on the famous "Apostle of Rome" and great friend of youth in the 16th century. One of the most popular saints of all time, St. Philip Neri was widely known for his great charity, deep prayer life, and tremendous humor. Hoping to join St. Ignatius of Loyola's new order of Jesuits and be a missionary to India, Providence instead guided Philip to seek out the poor and abandoned youth of Rome to catechize them in the faith and help them find a better life. He became the founder of the religious congregation, the Oratory, that worked with the youth and also labored to re-evangelize a decadent Rome. Parental guidance suggested.

Watch- Kids: Adventure Catechism Join Brother Francis and his friends as they embark on an adventure to explore the many rich aspects of our faith through Adventure Catechism! **Formed Now** features special guests & insider looks at unique topics. To see Formed Now content organized topically, click the drop-down menu!

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As we begin planning for the 2026-2027 school year, we are preparing to fill several teaching and staff positions. We are seeking joyful, faithful, and dedicated candidates who are drawn to the daily work of forming young children in a Catholic classical school environment. Our early childhood classrooms are places where children are invited into wonder, prayer, rich language, beautiful stories, meaningful habits, early academic skills, and the joyful discovery of God's love and His plan for each child.

Currently, we have employment opportunities in Full-time Kindergarten and 1st grade teaching positions as well as part-time music and Little Messengers aide positions, all beginning in August.

Interested candidates may send a cover letter and resume to Mr. Joseph Ammirati, Interim Head of School, at employment@angelusacademy.org.

We invite you to help us spread the word in your family and our parish community!

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SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES COMMITTEE - collects food on an ongoing basis for the Springfield Resource Center, which serves over 250 families in the Springfield area. A collection box is in the Narthex and donations are collected and distributed weekly. Suggested food items are listed, but all donations are welcome (no clothing). For equitable distribution, smaller packaging is requested (i.e. 1 lb bags of rice vs. 5 lb. bags, 1 qt. oil vs. 1 gal oil).

CALLING ALL MOMS OF YOUNG CHILDREN OR EXPECTANT MOTHERS! Our moms' group aims to build community through faith, meaningful conversations, and shared experiences. Each Wednesday we meet from 9:30am to 11:30am either at a local playground or at St. Raymond's. To join the group, email Morgan Hempfling for more information: sohlmb@gmail.com.

ANNUAL SUMMER FLOOR MAINTENANCE -The Parish Hall will be closed from **June 23-26 and June 30-July 2** to outside activities. Thank you for your patience and support.

SISTERS, HANDMAIDS OF REPARATION: June 20-21, our parish will participate in the Missionary Cooperative Plan through the Diocesan Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. We are honored to welcome the Sisters of the Handmaids of Reparation, an international religious order founded in Italy in 1918, serving in the United States, Africa, and South America. The Sisters will speak at all Masses about their mission of education, parish ministry, and service to families around the world. A special collection will be taken to support their important work.

This Weekend's Second Collection: Sisters, Handmaids of Reparation – Propagation of Faith (please read above for more information.)

Next Weekend's Second Collection: Peter's Pence

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