

"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
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PARISH OFFICE

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Monday-Friday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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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

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

CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY! I hope you all are having a wonderful time celebrating the 250th birthday of our beloved nation. Let us pray for her, our leaders and each other.

Declaration of Independence [in part]

"In CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

"The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America,

"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..."

Franklin's Proposal for Prayer. This is an excerpt from a famous speech given in 1787 at the Constitutional Convention:

"The small progress we have made after 4 or five weeks [in] close attendance & continual reasonings with each other ...is methinks a melancholy proof of the imperfection of the Human Understanding. We indeed seem to feel our own want of political wisdom, since we have been running about in search of it. ...

In this situation of this Assembly groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with [Great] Britain, when we were sensible of danger we had daily prayer in this room for the Divine Protection. -- Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered.... And have we now forgotten that powerful friend? Or do we imagine that we no longer need His assistance.

"...We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that "except the Lord build the House they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this....

"I therefore beg leave to move -- that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven...held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business...."

George Washington's First Inaugural Address, April 30, 1789 (excerpt):

"...[I]t would be peculiarly improper to omit in this **first official Act, my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being** who rules over the Universe, who presides in the Councils of Nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that [H]is benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the People of the United States, a Government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes: and may enable every instrument employed in its administration to execute with success, the functions allotted to [H]is charge.

"In tendering this homage to the **Great Author of every public and private good** I assure myself that it expresses your sentiments not less than my own; nor those of my fellow-citizens at large, less than either. No People can be **bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand, which conducts the Affairs of men** more than the People of the United States.

"Every step, by which they have advanced to the

character of an independent nation, seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency. And in the important revolution just accomplished in the system of their United Government, the tranquil deliberations and voluntary consent of so many distinct communities, from which the event has resulted, cannot be compared with the means by which most Governments have been established, without some return of pious gratitude along with an humble anticipation of the future blessings which the past seem to presage.

"These reflections, arising out of the present crisis, have forced themselves too strongly on my mind to be suppressed. You will join with me I trust in thinking, that there are none under the influence of which, the proceedings of a new and free Government can more auspiciously commence....

"...Since we ought to be no less persuaded that **the propitious smiles of Heaven, can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained:** And since the preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the Republican model of Government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked, on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people....

"I shall take my present leave; but not without resorting once more to the benign parent of the human race, in humble supplication that since he has been pleased to favor the American people, with opportunities for deliberating in perfect tranquility, and dispositions for deciding with unparalleled unanimity on a form of Government, for the security of their Union, and the advancement of their happiness; so his divine blessing may be equally conspicuous in the enlarged views, the temperate consultations, and the wise measures on which the success of this Government must depend."

Pope John Paul II and America. In September of 1987 Pope St. John Paul II made an "Apostolic Journey to the United States of America." The Pope, known for his affection and respect for our country, spoke to the crowds at the end of his visit (excerpt):

"Dear Friends, dear People of America,...As I go, I take with me vivid memories of a dynamic nation, a warm and welcoming people, a Church abundantly blessed with a rich blend of cultural traditions. I depart with admiration for the ecumenical spirit that breathes strongly throughout this land, for the genuine enthusiasm of your young people, and for the hopeful aspirations of your most recent immigrants. I take with me an unforgettable memory of a country that God has richly blessed from the beginning until now.

"**America the beautiful!** So you sing in one of your national songs. Yes, America, you are beautiful indeed, and blessed in so many ways: in your majestic mountains and fertile plains; in the goodness and sacrifice hidden in your teeming cities and expanding suburbs; in your genius for invention and for splendid progress; in the power that you use for service and in the wealth that you share with others; in what you give to your own, and in what you do for others beyond your borders; in how you serve, and in how you keep alive the flame of hope in many hearts; in your quest for excellence and in your desire to right all wrongs.

"Yes, America, all this belongs to you....With these sentiments of love and hope for America, I now say goodbye in words that I spoke once before: Today, therefore, my final prayer is this: that God will bless America, so that she may increasingly become - and truly be - and long remain one Nation, under God, indivisible. With liberty and justice for all. **May God bless you all. God bless America!**"

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 6th

6:30 am Natalia Nitro +
 8:30 am James Mercer +

Tuesday, July 7th

6:30 am Stephen Shook
 8:30 am Eduardo Visaya +

Wednesday, July 8th

6:30 am Alice Hunt
 8:30 am Narain & Mercy Dass +/
 7:00 pm Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday, July 9th

6:30 am Matthew & Heather
 Perricone
 8:30 am Donna Hayden Foster +

Friday, July 10th

6:30 am Elizabeth Brown
 8:30 am Ricardo Fernandez +

Saturday, July 11th

9:00 am Barbara Brady +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
 Sally Fogg +

Sunday, July 12th

7:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
 Ira Gene Hovatter +
 9:00 am **Fr. Bergida**
 Parishioners
 11:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
 Bob Ferguson +
 1:00 pm **Fr. Bergida**
 Family of Jesus Prayer Group

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	Paul Haynes	Beth Fitzgibbons
Michael O'Neill	Nena Brennan	Jean Keegan
Cindy Laird	Donald Trayer	Robert Petitti
Patricia Lewis	Ellen Trayer	Alicia Tocconi
Mai Pham	Arlene Pietraszko	Jay & Linda Cabacar
Jason Saenz	Virginia Cummings	Rita Felkel
Phyllis Zitnik	Mary M. Dixon	Colleen O'Connor
John Florio	Helen Estabrooks	Mary Grace Gottstein
Carolina Baker	Michael Snaveley	Pat Ravenelle
Debra Henkel	Annette Haynes	Flavia Tommasi
Gaudencio Dizon	Joann Alba	Marvin Opuencia

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

- 7/6 **No in person Family of Jesus Prayer Group**
- 7/6 **Young Adults 7 pm**
- 7/7 **Junior Legion of Mary 4:15 pm Maurer Room**
- 7/8 **Legion of Mary 6:30 pm Maurer Room**
- 7/8 **Adoration 9 am—7 pm**
- 7/9 **Bridge Club**
- 7/10 **Adoration 9 am—3 pm**
- 7/13 **No in person Family of Jesus Prayer Group**
- 7/18 **Men's Prayer Group**
- 7/18-19 **Brown Scapular Enrollment after all Masses**
- 7/31 **Christ House Dinner Hosting**

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.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS—Did you know we have an American Heritage Girls troop here at St. Raymond's? AHG is a fun Christian scouting group for girls from Kindergarten to 12th grade. Our troop, Troop VA0683, meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month beginning in September at St. Raymond's. Please contact our Troop Coordinator, Bea Frey, At ahgva0683@gmail.com or visit our website, <https://straymonds.org/ministries-and-groups/american-heritage-girls-troop/>, for more information.



**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)**

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 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.

PARISH PICNIC COMMITTEE—Our annual parish picnic is Sunday, August 23rd. We are looking for volunteers interested in joining the committee to support the event. For more information or to sign up, please contact the parish office at office@straymonds.org or call 703-440-0535.

BROWN SCAPULAR ENROLLMENT. Thursday, July 16 is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This weekend, July 18 at the Vigil Mass and Sunday, July 19 after all Masses, we will be enrolling people in the Confraternity and investing them with the Brown Scapular. If you have not been enrolled previously and would like to, please stay after Mass to participate.



CHRIST HOUSE—We are hosting a Christ House dinner on the fifth Friday of July. If you would like to help, please contact Jackie Kruse at 703-232-6668 or email christhousecommittee@straymonds.org.



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 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—

JULY 2026

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

AUGUST 2026

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

If you are a Knight, please come to the next Membership Meeting on Monday, July 13 at 7:30 PM and be a part of the next Fraternal Year from the very start. If you are not a Knight and want to learn more about our Council, please call the Grand Knight-Elect, Dave Hayes, at (703) 380-4550. Live Fully! Become a KNIGHT!

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.



SAINT RAYMOND'S LOVES LIFE

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

Are YOU registered to vote in the Virginia November election?
Life is on the line!
elections.virginia.gov/registration/how-to-register

*We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life,
'the unborn' without diminishing the value of all human life."*
President Ronald Reagan

Level of development: Of the 45 generations of cell divisions that take place before adulthood, 41 take place before birth! Only 4 more come before adolescence. But yes, it does remain scientifically true that embryos and 'fetuses' are therefore less developed than the adults they'll one day become. But why is this relevant? Should older humans have a greater right to life than their younger siblings? Some people say that self-awareness makes one human. But if that is true, newborns, infants, toddlers do not qualify as fully valuable human beings since they lack the immediate capacity for performing human mental functions, as do the comatose, the sleeping, and those with conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease, etc. Are those among who are vulnerable less valuable? Prolifetraining.com

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... Thank you for the steady stream of overwhelming material support! May God bless you for your goodness. Diapers are 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

NEED: Laborers (age 21+) for the Vineyard
Are you willing to share the Gospel with Your life?

The Youth Apostolate is in need of SEVERAL more volunteers for the 2026-2027 academic year. Isaiah 6:8 God has you here for a reason! Pray and ask the Lord if He is calling you to help. No experience necessary. Training will be provided...so long as you respond soon!!

Specific Volunteer Needs/Time Commitments:

- ◆ 3-6pm most Sundays: Jr. High Youth Group
- ◆ 6-9pm most Sundays: High School Youth Group
- ◆ Talitha Koum High School Girls Group—day/time TBD
- ◆ 6-8am most Fridays: Help set up/serve Friday breakfast

“Proclaiming Christ means above all giving witness to Him with one's life. It is the simplest form of preaching the Gospel and, at the same time, the most effective way available to you. It consists in showing the visible presence of Christ in one's own life by a daily commitment and by making every concrete decision in conformity with the Gospel. Today the world especially needs believable witnesses.” - Pope Saint John Paul II

“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.”

—Pope Saint Paul VI

“The two disciples were initially with Jesus only for a few hours, but that encounter changed their lives forever. The first thing Andrew did afterwards was go and tell his brother Simon, ‘We found the Messiah’ (cf. v. 41), in other words, ‘We have found the one we were looking for!’ After meeting Jesus, Andrew could not help but share with his brother what he had found. Indeed, missionary zeal is born from an encounter with Christ. We desire to share with others what we have received so that they, too, can come to know the fullness of love and truth found only in Him.

I pray that...you will be moved by this same missionary zeal to share with those around you the joy that you have received from a genuine encounter with the Lord.” - Pope Leo's Message to SEEK 2026

Contact Jeanne for more information about volunteering.

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 through August 10th Young Adults (post high school-age 35ish) of the parish are organizing weekly gatherings 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. Email youngadults@straymonds.org to be added to the GroupMe for updates.

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!



**May God bless and guide our nation as we
celebrate our Semiquincentennial!
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception,**



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.

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Happy 250th Anniversary United States of America!



CHURCH PERSECUTED**God Bless America**

The year was 1918 and America was in the throes of World War I. The great song-writer Irving Berlin was drafted and while stationed at Camp Upton, in Yaphank, New York, wrote "God Bless America." Twenty years later with the rise of Adolf Hitler and Nazism, Berlin revised it and included the four introductory lines. The great vocalist Kate Smith sang it for the first time on radio that year. Let us pray that God will continue to bless America and continue to keep it as "a land that's free."

**While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.**

**God bless America,
Land that I love,
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.**

**From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home
God bless America, My home sweet home.**

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GET INFORMED



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

The story of Saint Maria Goretti is retold in this beautifully made film from Italy. It explains the plight of the poor laborers of the time, struggling to survive in a swampy area with rampant malaria and extreme poverty. Luigi and Assunta Goretti keep their faith despite the hardship, and they instill in their children a deep love for God. Their daughter Maria is especially devout. But tragedy strikes more than once: sickness and death affects the Goretti family, and then their young neighbor Alessandro does the unthinkable. This film, made on location and filled with authentic detail, stars Martina Pinto as Maria, Flavio Insinna (Saint John Bosco) as the brave local Passionist priest, Luisa Ranieri and Massimo Bonetti as her parents, and Claudia Koll as the Countess Mazzoleni. Below is the link to watch:

Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth - Formed

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com**Angelus Academy**

Where the Truth of Catholic teaching takes flesh in the lives of 3 year-old to 8th grade children and their families.

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!

WATCH FOR OUR CONSTANT CONTACT UPDATES! If you are not receiving emails from the parish, please contact the parish office at 703-440-0535 or office@straymonds.org to verify your email address.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD) If you are 70-1/2 or more, please consider making an IRA Charitable gift to the parish before December 31. If you are 73 or older and need to make required minimum distributions (RMD) from your IRA, your QCD counts toward your annual RMD for the year. QCDs can have a significant tax benefit for you. Eligible accounts for QCDs can be made from most IRAs, including Traditional IRAs, Rollover IRAs, Inherited IRAs, and Roth IRAs. Always consult your Tax professional regarding your specific situation. Use our parish address: St. Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church, 8750 Pohick Road, Springfield, VA 22153.

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.

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

Next Weekend's Second Collection: Pastoral Solidarity Fund for Africa

	June 28, 2026	June 2026
	Collections	Online Giving
Offertory	\$ 14,487.00	\$ 56,600.00
Family Assistance	\$ 770.00	\$ 1,120.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 755.00	\$ 6,090.00
OLOR	\$ 370.00	\$ 2,200.00
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