

### Pastor's Corner

**Trinity Sunday.** Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The mystery of the Trinity is the central mystery of our faith, and yet one of the most difficult to understand and misunderstood dogmas of the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 253-255) teaches:

*"The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the 'consubstantial Trinity'. The divine persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire...."*

*"The divine persons are really distinct from one another. ... 'Father', 'Son', 'Holy Spirit' are not simply names designating modalities of the divine being, for they are really distinct from one another: 'He is not the Father who is the Son, nor is the Son he who is the Father, nor is the Holy Spirit he who is the Father or the Son' ..."*

*"The divine persons are relative to one another. Because it does not divide the divine unity, the real distinction of the persons from one another resides solely in the relationships which relate them to one another: 'In the relational names of the persons the Father is related to the Son, the Son to the Father, and the Holy Spirit to both. While they are called three persons in view of their relations, we believe in one nature or substance.' Indeed 'everything (in them) is one where there is no opposition of relationship'..."*

The dogma of one God in three Persons is both unique and essential to Christianity. Although difficult to fathom, it has been handed down to us exactly as Christ revealed it. I encourage you to read and learn more about the mystery of the Trinity.

**First Holy Communion.** The first reception of Holy Communion is an important event in the life of every Catholic, and so in the life of their families and parishes. Sadly, this year we were not able to have a special Mass for First Holy Communion (because of guess what?), so I have asked the children to simply receive their First Holy Communion at any Mass they chose over the next few weeks. I'm sorry we can't make a big deal of it with a special Mass and all, but I actually like this way of them receiving—it's how I did it when I was a boy.

So, keep your eyes opened for 7/8 year olds all dressed up on Sunday (you can't miss the little girls in their white dresses and veils, although I'm pretty sure you'll be able to spot the boys in coats and ties), and be sure to pray for them and congratulate them. Congrats to all our boys and girls. God bless you!

**Altar Rail and Pulpit Project.** We are scheduled to begin work on the installation of the new marble altar rails and pulpit on Monday, June 15. I would have liked to begin this several weeks ago when all the public Masses were cancelled, but all this was scheduled months ago, and we weren't able to move the timing up—especially since we were waiting for materials to arrive from Italy and Turkey.

So the work will be basically in 2 stages. The first stage is essentially construction and tile-work: we have to make the first step of the sanctuary much wider, and so we need to completely reconstruct the first and second steps, and then retile that whole front part of the sanctuary. At the same time we will add tile to the area in front of the statues of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. **This step should take 3 to 4 weeks, and will require closing off the entire sanctuary for that period.**

While the sanctuary is "closed" we will put one of our wooden altars in front of the sanctuary, and remove the current wooden altar rail and (temporarily) 2 front pews. This will **create a temporary sanctuary as well as space for receiving Holy Communion.**

I realize that with all the restraints of the last 3 months you may not like the idea of using such a temporary altar etc., believe me I don't like it either for the same reasons. If I could have scheduled it differently, believe me I would've, but it's God's timing, not mine.

The second step will be to install the actual altar rails and pulpit. I'm hoping this will happen as soon as the sanctuary reconstruction/tiling is finished. However.... Italy has been closed down for months, and the rails that were supposed to be here last month are still in transit.... Fortunately, the installation of the rails and pulpit can be done within a week, maybe during the weekdays, so...

If you want to see what it will all look like, we've put some drawings up on the website for your perusal.

**Violence and Fear.** We need to all pray for an end to racism, especially in law enforcement. Personally, I have every confidence that this is not a problem for almost all police officers, but clearly there are some bad apples. I don't know how to solve this problem, except for not tolerating it when it is discovered. I do know that nothing is solved by counter-violence, or riots, and certainly not by looting or disrespecting or attacking cops.

Let us pray for the safety of all Americans, an end to racism, and an end to senseless violence in the name of protest.

**All Are Welcome?** Last week the President of the United States visited the St. John Paul II Shrine in Washington, in part to highlight his signing of an executive order to defend freedom of religion across the world. This long planned visit happened to occur a day after police used tear gas to remove a group of protestors from Lafayette Park in front of the White House, prior to the President walking across the park for a photo op in front of St. John's Church.

In response to our President's visit to the Shrine, the Archbishop of Washington, Wilton Gregory issued the following statement:

*"I find it baffling and reprehensible that any Catholic facility would allow itself to be so egregiously misused and manipulated in a fashion that violates our religious principles, which call us to defend the rights of all people even those with whom we might disagree. Saint Pope John Paul II was an ardent defender of the rights and dignity of human beings. His legacy bears vivid witness to that truth. He certainly would not condone the use of tear gas and other deterrents to silence, scatter or intimidate them for a photo opportunity in front of a place of worship and peace."*

Maybe I'm wrong, but it seems to me we should graciously welcome all well-intended visitors to our Catholic shrines, and not insult them for coming. And it also seems extremely fitting that the President come to this particular shrine to promote religious liberty, especially since St. John Paul II was an ardent defender of religious liberty. Catholics are pro-religious liberty, right?

Life as a Catholic these days can be so confusing. And baffling.

*Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles*



**MASS INTENTIONS****Public Masses have Returned !****Monday, June 8th**

6:30 am Andrew Radlicz Family  
8:30 am Chuck Tiso +

**Tuesday, June 9th**

8:30 am Joe (+) & Elaine  
Perricone

**Wednesday, June 10th**

6:30 am Linwood Russell Turner  
8:30 am Fr. Charles Smith

**Thursday, June 11th**

8:30 am Mrs Evelyn Hildebrand+

**Friday, June 12th**

6:30 am Gail Frances  
8:30 am Lecky Kuesters +

**Masses to be said Privately**

June 9 Joan Kimble +  
June 10 Erick Raymond Zegeer+  
June 11 Thomas Turner  
June 14 Tom C. Marhall +

**Saturday, June 13th**

9:00 am Anilu Varela +

**Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm Walter Jr Seiberling+

**Sunday, June 14th**

7:00 am

The Raymond Family

9:00 am

Parishioners

11:00 am

Romeo Baclig +

1:00 pm

Fr. James Waalkes

**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. Also, please be sure to let us know when they return home.

Anthony Nsekela

Stephen Aldridge

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

Glenn Bliss

Tom Dietz

Nena Brennan

Michael O'Neill

Cindy Laird

Christine B Petitti

Ofelia Vitek

Patricia Lewis

Barbara McGinn

Mai Pham

Joan Opiela

Donald Zacherl

Leonora Ramos

Jason Saenz

Phyllis Zitnik

Mary K Randazzo

Patricia Del Buono

Joann Alba

Michael

Malachowski

Juanita Boarman

Angela Colom

John Florio

Serrin Foster

James Bowling

Amy Thomason

Chris Quan

Debra Henkel

Daniel Moore

Maria Daugherty

Michael Franetic

George Thomas

Rouson, Jr

**Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church**

May 30/31

**Public Masses RETURN!**

**(Modified Schedule—Limited Attendance—**

**Sign ups Required)**

June 10

Confession Times changed for today only to  
5:30 pm to 6:00 pm

June 10

Adoration 9:00 am—6:00 pm

June 12

Adoration 9:00 am—3:00 pm

**Public Masses Have Returned!****Modified Schedules**

**Weekday Masses will be :**

6:30 am and 8:00 am Monday, Wednesday & Friday

8:30 am Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am Saturday

**Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm

Sunday at: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, & 1:00 pm

*(There will not be a 5:00 pm Sunday Mass at this time)*

**Face Masks will be required at all Masses. Sign ups are required for Sunday Masses. Contact the parish office.**

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

<https://straymonds.org/view-mass-online/>

**Monday through Friday Daily Mass at 8:30 am**

**Saturday at 9:00 am**

**SUNDAY MASS: 11:00 am**

**In the Church**

*(in person, in the flower room),*

**Confessions**

**Wednesday: 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm** (Time change—this week only)

**Saturday: 8:30 am – 9:00 am; and 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Wednesdays 9:00 am to 6:00 pm**

**Fridays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**No Adoration from June 15 to July 15, 2020 due to  
Altar Rail Project.**

**Watch for our Constant Contact Updates! If you are not receiving them, please contact the parish office at 703-440-0535 or [office@straymonds.org](mailto:office@straymonds.org) to verify your e-mail address.**

**Financial Assistance Available:**

During this difficult time, we know that there are parishioners who have been financially affected by this crisis. Please know that the parish has funds available to financially help our parishioners or someone they know who is in need.

Please contact the parish office 703-440-0535 or e-mail [eva.radel@straymonds.org](mailto:eva.radel@straymonds.org), if you are in need of financial assistance or have any questions.

**Angelus Academy** is currently accepting resumes for part-time teachers of art, music/choir, and Spanish and for a part-time preschool aide. Please contact Mrs. Vivian Zini, Director of School Mission, at [vzini@straymonds.org](mailto:vzini@straymonds.org) to apply. Positions may be combined to create a half- or full-time position.

**St. Martin de Porres Committee** - collects food on an ongoing basis for the Springfield Resource Center which services 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). **During this crisis the need for food is greater than ever. Please be generous.**

**Volunteer teachers/catechists, assistant teachers and aides** (high school students) are needed for the **2020-2021 Religious Education year**. If you would like to help, please fill out a gray Volunteer Registration form which can be found in the Narthex of the church, at the Groveland entrance, in the Parish Office or outside the Religious Education Office. You may also find it on our website at: [straymonds.org/religious-education/volunteer-registration-form/](http://straymonds.org/religious-education/volunteer-registration-form/). Please complete and return the form to the Religious Education Office.



**GOSPEL JN 3:16-18**

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish  
but might have eternal life.  
For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn  
the world,  
but that the world might be saved through Him.  
Whoever believes in Him will not be condemned,  
but whoever does not believe has already been  
condemned,  
because he has not believed in the name of the only  
Son of God.

**Online Virtus Sessions Available:** For parishioners who plan to volunteer in parish activities which include substantial contact with children, Virtus compliance is required. This is a two step process: a background check and attendance at a Virtus seminar. To initiate a background check, contact the St. Raymond Virtus liaison: Vince Drouillard at [vince.drouillard@st-raymond.org](mailto:vince.drouillard@st-raymond.org). For the Virtus seminar requirement, the chancery is temporarily holding online "Zoom" seminars. To sign up for an online seminar, register at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).

**ECHO** continues to respond to families struggling to cope with financial challenges and/or lack of food. Currently, the food pantry can use any type of food or personal care items. Because of shortages, we are asking for donations of eggs and margarine. We also especially need sliced bread, canned meats, boxed pasta, dried beans, canned tomatoes, flour, shaving cream, deodorant and toilet paper. We need cleaning supplies, wipes, and sanitizers. We have an urgent need for standard sized brown paper grocery bags. We are open to receive donations on weekdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA. Volunteers will come to your vehicle to get the donated foods.

**Attention Class of 2020:** The Associates of St. John Bosco invites rising college freshmen to attend a College Night at one of the following parishes:

**St. Mark - Vienna: July 9**

**St. Mary - Alexandria: July 22**

**St. Mary - Fredericksburg: July 29**

**College Nights are free** to all students and provide resources and support for keeping your Catholic faith when entering college this fall. Catholic student representatives from George Mason, UVA, the University of Mary Washington, William & Mary, Virginia Tech, and other private and public schools will be on hand to share their experiences of being a Catholic college student. This is an excellent opportunity to network with other Catholic students and to receive resources for the transition to college only a few months away. The Nights begin at 7:00 PM, and students are encouraged to wear their college t-shirt to the event! To register for one of the College Nights and for additional information, visit our website at [www.asjb.org](http://www.asjb.org). Registration is limited to 50 students per night. \*\* Our College Nights will be held according to all Virginia Covid-19 Guidelines for social distancing and group size.

**SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE**

*This weekend is our....  
MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center Support  
Weekend!*

**Thank you for your continued generosity as the needs remain great.  
Donations (diapers, baby items up to 2T) may be left in the box in the narthex.**



*"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed."  
Proverbs 19:17*

The issue of **vaccines** is increasing in the news as scientists strive to find relief from the COVID19 virus. Many vaccines presently in use for various diseases have been derived from aborted fetal cell lines. Catholics should educate themselves on the pertinent concerns that fact presents. The National Catholic Bioethics Center provides answers to many initial questions. Please consult the parish website for more detailed information.

**If you feel called to peacefully witness outside the Alexandria Women's (Abortion) Clinic near Landmark Mall**, please contact Geneva Park at [Jim.Geneva@cox.net](mailto:Jim.Geneva@cox.net)

**Have you been logging some extra walking miles these days?** Now you can **Walk for Life!** Consider supporting or participating in this one mile fundraiser to benefit Divine Mercy Care, CareNet PRC's and Catholic Charities. June 27<sup>th</sup>, Manassas

**Do you have extra time on your hands?** Our

 **Wrappd In Love**  program is up and stitching. Pray for the mothers and babies who will be wrapped in love by your efforts as you create baby blankets for distribution at Pregnancy Care Centers or for use by sidewalk counselors – wherever we find a need. God bless you for your efforts. Blankets may be delivered to the MaRiH collection box in the narthex.

**Natural Family Planning.** A gift to your marriage. For more info visit: [eceli.org](http://eceli.org)

Has the sorrow of miscarriage or still birth touched your life? Or perhaps you know someone in this situation. **A Mom's Peace**, A Lay Apostolate for Mothers of Miscarried and Stillborn Souls offers discreet support to families with bereavement, burial and remembrance assistance. For more information visit [amomspeace.org](http://amomspeace.org)

**To those who have suffered an abortion Project Rachel** can help someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of a past abortion. (888)456-HOPE. Confidentiality always respected.

**Give a Gift for Life! Gabriel Project** helps pregnant moms welcome their babies. Please consider donating at [www.gabrielproject.org](http://www.gabrielproject.org). For more info, contact them at 1-866-444-3553 or [GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org).



## St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

All in-person Youth Apostolate Events are canceled until further notice. We will let you know when we can meet again.



### Virtual High School Youth Group : Mondays at 8pm!

What we do varies from week to week. Some things we have done include virtual games, Lectio Divina with Fr. Willard, scavenger hunts, and prayer. Upcoming events include vocations panel, escape room night, and more games! **RSVP to [youth@straymonds.org](mailto:youth@straymonds.org) for the link to join us!**

\*Graduating seniors are welcome to continue participating in youth group activities through the summer.



### Please pray for our Confirmandi!

Keep our Confirmandi in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and full initiation into the Catholic Church this week!

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

**Jeanne Sause**

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)  
[youth@straymonds.org](mailto:youth@straymonds.org) Call/Text: 571-334-9890  
<https://straymonds.org/ministries-and-groups/youth-apostolate/>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please keep in your prayers the young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this week and also those little ones who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time over the next few weeks. We are overjoyed that you will be able to receive those Sacraments for which you have prepared over the last couple of years!!

**Registration for the 2020-2021 Religious Education year** has begun. You can pick up one of the bright orange forms in the Narthex of the church, at the Groveland entrance, in the Parish Office or outside the Religious Education Office. **Class enrollment is on a first come, first served basis so register early to get the session you want.**

**2020-2021 Religious Education volunteers needed:** If you love Christ and His Church and want to pass the truths of our awesome Catholic faith to the young people of St. Raymond's, please pick up and complete a gray volunteer registration form, found in the same places as the student registration forms, and return it to the Religious Education Office. We are in need of the following:

### SUNDAY (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

Grade 4 Teacher  
Grade 9 Teacher (Advanced degree in Philosophy or Theology required)

### MONDAY (4:45-6:15 p.m.)

Grade K High School aide  
Grade 1 Teacher  
Assistant Teacher  
High School Aide  
Grade 6 Assistant Teacher

### TUESDAY (6:00-7:30 p.m.)

Grade 2 Teacher  
High School Aide  
Grade 3 Teacher  
Assistant Teacher  
Grade 5 Assistant Teacher  
Grade 7 Assistant Teacher  
RCIC Teacher



**St. John Bosco Council #12846 Knights of Columbus:** Are you a man of 17 ½ years of more? Are you a practicing Catholic? Do you want to help others and preach the Gospel by your life? Then we invite you to join the Knights! Contact Deputy Grand Knight Stephen Delaney (703-627-8090) or go to [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs) to become a Knight today!

"God so loved the world, He gave His only Son." How can you give yourself to God the Father in a response to that love? Could God be calling you to live His love as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Michael Isenberg, (703) 841-2514, or write: [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).



## Church Persecuted

Does the First Amendment's religious freedom clause apply to religious educators today? Decisions by the Supreme Court this month will answer that question. In 2012, the Court ruled 9-0 in *Tabor v. EEOC* that the ministerial exception could be applied to a teacher who was formally deemed a "minister" by her church. Two cases before the court concerns catechists in Catholic schools.

*Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berru* and *St. James Catholic School v. Biel* both are asking the Court to clarify the *Tabor* decision. Under consideration is whether anyone who teaches religion should be under the ministerial exception, regardless of job title or any religious certification as a "minister." This would also pertain to teachers of other academic subjects.

Alliance Defending Freedom in an amicus brief proposes a simple test for the court to apply in such cases: "identify evidence that an employee of a religious organization substantially engages in religious functions, which are defined by the religious organization in 'good faith' effort to uphold its religious beliefs." (Continued next week)

(See Patrick Reilly, the president of The Cardinal Newman Society's May 21, 2020 article at [CrisisMagazine.com](https://www.crisismagazine.com))

**Home School Group:** for more information visit our website [www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/](http://www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/)  
Contact: Katherine Bogacki or Malia Cameron at [straymondhsg@gmail.com](mailto:straymondhsg@gmail.com).

**Family of Jesus Prayer Group:** Though our weekly meetings are currently canceled - we are still praying! If you have any prayer requests, please let us know by e-mailing Elaine Perricone at [jpebtp@verizon.net](mailto:jpebtp@verizon.net) or by calling the parish office at 703-440-0535.

**Parish Library:** The Parish Library will remain closed until further notice. While there is nothing quite like a good book in hand, and we regret that we can not make them available for circulation from our parish library at this time, please do check out online possibilities for good Catholic reading and viewing. Additionally, Ignatius Press ([www.ignatiuspress.com](http://www.ignatiuspress.com)) and Bethlehem Books ([www.bethlehembooks.com](http://www.bethlehembooks.com)) are wonderful publishers to purchase great literature for adults and children alike.

## FORMED

### Get In-Formed!

**Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God** by Tim Staples  
Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church's understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines and dogmas safeguard what we believe about her Son. Using penetrating insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ and empowers us to say "Yes" to God!

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## Angelus Academy

Pre K—8th

*Offering a liberal arts education in the classical tradition.*

**2020-21 Admissions are ongoing:** Tuition assistance is available for all parishioners. Share the treasures of a solid Catholic education with your child(ren)/grandchild(ren).

We will be holding an **OPEN HOUSE** on **Friday, June 12, 10:00am - 2:00pm**. Join us to learn about our engaging integrated curriculum and school community. Tours, Q & A opportunities, registration materials available. Register PreK - 8th graders for 2020-21.

**Looking for a gentle introduction to school for your 3-5 year old?** Our Little Messengers program (MWF mornings) includes Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium) sessions.

[www.AngelusAcademy.org](http://www.AngelusAcademy.org)

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703-924-3996

**Please note the parish schedule on the front of the bulletin is our normal Mass and Confession Schedule. Please reference the second page of the Bulletin for our current "temporary" schedule or visit the parish website.**

**Please remember that our parish's expenses will continue during this crisis. We need your continued support! Your donations may be mailed to, or dropped off at, the parish office or sign up to give online through Faith Direct.**

**FAITH DIRECT:** Although public Masses are limited, Religious Education, Bible Study, Apostolate events and events involving ten or more people at a time have been canceled, our parish is still in need of your donations. We have operating costs (utility, maintenance, service contracts, supplies and staff payroll and benefits) that must continue. Now more than ever we have requests for FAMILY ASSISTANCE to support those members of our parish who are in need of our help. Please visit our website [www.faithdirect.org](http://www.faithdirect.org) to join online or call directly at (866) 507-8757.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Offertory         | \$ 16,450.00 |
| Family Assistance        | \$ 502.00    |
| Maintenance Fund         | \$ 2,375.00  |
| Diocesan Retired Priests | \$ 636.00    |
| Catholic Communications  | \$ 287.00    |

**Congratulations to the 5 new priests which were ordained yesterday, June 6th, by Bishop Michael Burbidge.**

Rev. Guillermo Gonzalez, Rev. Peter M. McShurley,  
Rev. Joseph F. Moschetto, Rev. Charles C. Pavlick and  
Rev. James F. Waalkes.