

PALM SUNDAY OF THE Passion Of The Lord

Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "Crucify him!" Mk 15:12-13



"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,
11:00 am and 1:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday through Friday:
6:30 am & 8:30 am
Saturday: 9:00 am

**EXTRAORDINARY
FORM MASS (LATIN)**
1st and 3rd Fridays 7:00 pm

Rev. John C. De Celles, Pastor
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Jeanne Sause, Director of Youth Apostolate
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www.straymonds.org

TUITION ASSISTANCE: Please inquire with our office about the availability of partial scholarships for the children of active St. Raymond parishioners attending local Catholic grade schools and high schools.

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

6:15-6:55 p.m. (during Exposition)

Saturday Morning

8:15 - 8:45 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

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.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are instructed in the Doctrine of the Church and are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish Office.

BAPTISM: Parents are requested to make arrangements with the Parish Office ONE MONTH in advance. Parents must participate in a one-session pre-Baptismal program and are encouraged to do so before the birth of their child. You must be REGISTERED in the Parish 3 MONTHS prior to the Baptism.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please submit announcements in writing 10 days prior to publication.

Pastor's Corner

HOLY WEEK. Today we enter the holiest week of the year, commemorating the holiest week of all time, when the God of heaven and earth, creator of all the universe, God the Son, eternally begotten of God the Father, condescended to suffer and die in our flesh for the sins of all mankind. The week Jesus offered Himself as a living sacrifice out of love for His Father and for us.

A week that changed the world forever, echoing throughout history until the end of time. And so today we remember it not just as something that happened 2000 years ago, but as something that is alive today. And we use the gifts of intellect, reason, sensation, emotion and faith to take us back, to be and walk with Jesus, and with Mary, John, Peter, Magdalene, Pilate and Caiaphas...and Judas. To see what they saw, hear what they heard, feel what they felt, and even touch what they touched.

And so we use visible, audible and tactile realities to draw us into these events: we sing hymns, look at pictures or watch movies, read and listen to Scripture. We pray the Sorrowful Mysteries fingering our Rosaries, and we walk the Stations of the Cross. And we actively participate in the very special liturgies of this week, that outwardly and ritually express the holy mysteries.

We begin today with **Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion**, as we hold the palms and greet Jesus triumphantly entering Jerusalem at the beginning of that first Holy Week. And then we listen as multiple readers proclaim the drama of the Passion of the Lord from St. Luke's Gospel, and verbally join "the crowd," even shouting with Caiaphas, "Crucify Him."

And then there's **Holy Thursday**. There are no Masses all day long anywhere in the Diocese, except for one: the morning Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. There the Bishop gathers with the priests of the Diocese to consecrate the holy oils and to renew their priestly promises, signifying the priests' distinctive communion with the apostles and share in their ministry, as they came together with Jesus to prepare to celebrate the Passover.

Finally, on Thursday evening the parishes celebrate their only Mass of the day: **The Mass of The Lord's Supper** (7:00pm). Here we celebrate the institution of the Sacraments of the Priesthood and Eucharist at the first Mass celebrated by Our Lord just hours before He was to suffer. Afterwards we process with our Eucharistic Lord from the church to the Parish Hall, just as the apostles walked with Jesus from the Upper Room to the Garden of Gethsemane, and there we watch and pray until Midnight, recalling Our Lord's agony and betrayal.

We awake on **Good Friday** to a church that is stripped as much as possible of all decoration: the altar is stripped of its cloths, and the candles, crosses and rugs—every moveable ornament—are gone. This reminds us how the first disciples were stripped of all consolation and how the Lord was stripped of all outward appearance of human dignity during His trial and suffering, and how He was finally stripped of His clothes, to be hanged naked on the Cross. Recalling all this, we join in Our Lord's suffering by fasting and abstaining from meat (see rules elsewhere in this bulletin). From noon to three, wherever we are, we try to observe a time of quiet recollection—perhaps in church, but also even at work or home—recalling these are the hours Jesus hanged on the cross.

And then at 3 o'clock, the hour of His death, we all gather in the church for the solemn **Celebration of the Passion**

of the Lord. We come together as one body to stand with Mary, John and Magdalen at the foot of the Cross, our senses and faith leading our minds and hearts back over the centuries to Calvary. Our eyes see the Cross and all the eloquent rituals, and our ears hear the words of the Gospel, the prayers and the glorious yet sorrowful music of the choir. And then the congregation walks up slowly and reverently to solemnly venerate the wood of His Cross. And finally, their tongues taste the goodness of the Lord, as He comes to console them in Holy Communion.

From the depth of my heart, and invoking whatever filial respect I may call upon, I beg you, as your Spiritual Father, not to miss this most unique and Holy Liturgy. Put Covid behind you, take off from work and school, and fill the church this year. It is the hour of the death of Our Lord--what in the world could be more important than this?

Then on **Holy Saturday**, we join the whole Church waiting "at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting" by our somber prayerful reflection and voluntarily continuation of the fast and abstinence of Good Friday (as the Church strongly encourages). But then, when the Sun goes down on **Saturday evening**, the Light of Christ shines forth as we begin the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord with the **Easter Vigil Mass** (8:30pm), with its unique ceremonies: the blessing of the Easter Candle; the chanting of the *Exsultet*; a richly extended Liturgy of the Word; celebration of adult Baptism, reception into the Church, and Confirmation. It is a glorious Mass, and I encourage all to attend. (However, lasting two hours, it can be tough for little ones).

And don't forget **we have Confessions all week** (except Holy Thursday), and daily Mass Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. (See below for the entire schedule). And above all, live out the holiness of Christ in your life: love Him with all your heart, be open to His grace, love your neighbor, keep the commandments, and pray. Let this truly be a holy week at every moment and in every way!

Meanwhile...Disney Goes the Other Direction. An excerpt from an article in The Daily Signal, March 30, 2022):

"A series of videos reveals the Walt Disney Co.'s 'not-at-all-secret' gay agenda"....The videos—obtained by investigative journalist Christopher Rufo ...—expose Disney executives inside an all-hands meeting in response to Florida's HB 1557, the Parental Rights in Education bill....

The law, which prohibits schools from instructing young children in kindergarten through third grade on sexual orientation and gender identity, was dubbed by opponents as the "Don't Say Gay" bill, although the legislation never used the word "gay." ...

In one video, Karey Burke, president of Disney General Entertainment, said she aims to have at least half of the characters in upcoming stories identify as LGBT or racial minorities.

"We have many, many, many LGBTQIA characters in our stories, and yet, we don't have enough leads and narrative in which gay characters just get to be characters and not have to be about gay stories," Burke said....

Allen March, a production coordinator for Disney, said his team has been "open to exploring queer stories." According to March, he put together a character tracker to ensure there were enough gender-nonconforming characters and to make sure they were in leading roles...."

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, April 11th**

6:30 am Patricia Crane
8:30 am John Bliss

Tuesday, April 12th

6:30 am Kevin Conboy +
8:30 am Lawrence Ehorn +

Wednesday, April 13th

6:30 am Robin Laird
8:30 am John & Sandie Blair

Thursday, April 14th**Holy Thursday****No Morning Mass**

7:00 pm Sam & Charlotte
Roberts

Friday, April 15th**Good Friday****No Masses**

3:00 pm Communion Service
& Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 16th**Holy Saturday****No Morning Masses****Easter Vigil Mass**

8:30 pm **Fr. De Celles**
For those brought into the
Church at the Vigil

Sunday, April 17th**Easter Sunday**

7:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Celebrant's Intention
9:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Celebrant's Intention
1:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
Celebrant's Intention

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.**

Peter Collins

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Glenn Bliss
Tom Dietz
Michael O'Neill
Cindy Laird
Patricia Lewis
Barbara McGinn
Mai Pham
Joan Opiela
Leonora Ramos
Jason Saenz
Phyllis Zitnik
Patricia Del Buono
Juanita Boarman
John Florio

Michael
Malachowski
Debra Henkel
Daniel Moore
Lauren Hornsby
Gaudencio Dizon
Antoinette Baptist
Paul Haynes
Dwayne Taylor
Bernadette
D'Agostino
Christopher Quan
Ted Tolpa
Nena Brennan

Serrin Foster
Fr. Jerry Daly
Tom Swengros
Ellie Garcia
Margaret O'Neill
Christina
Cautero
Christine Rawls
Priscilla
Fritts-Clouse
Heather Hovatter

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE
April 10-April 17

Palm Sunday, April 10

Blessing of the Palms at all Masses

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, April 11-13

Masses 6:30 am & 8:30 am

Confessions Monday & Tuesday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Wednesday 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 14

No Masses during the day at St. Raymond's
(10:30am *Chrism Mass at St. Thomas More Cathedral*)
No Confessions on Holy Thursday
7:00pm: **"Mass of the Lord's Supper"**
After Mass, **Night Watch** is kept until Midnight in the
Parish Hall

Good Friday, April 15

(a day of mandatory fasting and abstinence)

11:00am - 12:00pm: Confessions

3:00pm: **"Celebration of the Lord's Passion"**
(Veneration of the Cross & Reception of Holy
Communion)

4:45pm - 6:00pm: Confessions

(Confessions begin after the 3pm Liturgy)

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross

7:30pm: Confessions (until the line runs out)

Holy Saturday, April 16

(a day of voluntary fasting and abstinence)

12:00pm: Blessing of the Easter Baskets

1:00pm - 3:00pm: Confessions

8:30pm: Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, April 17

Normal Sunday Mass Times

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

April 10-17 **HOLY WEEK & EASTER** see schedule
in the adjacent column

April 11 **Family of Jesus Prayer Group**

April 18 **Easter Monday**

Parish Offices will be closed

April 23 **Men's Prayer Group**

April 23 **Easter Egg Hunt**

April 25 **Summer RCIA Program Begins**

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

straymonds.org

Gift Shop Sale - April 23rd and 24th, in the Narthex.

Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence, and every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence. Failure to "substantially" keep these penances is grave matter (e.g., potentially a mortal sin). The law of abstinence requires that no meat may be eaten on these days, and binds all Catholics who are 14 years old or older. No other penance may be substituted. The law of fasting binds those who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The Church defines "fasting," for these purposes, as having only one full meal a day, with two additional smaller meals permitted, but only as necessary to keep up strength and so small that if added together they would not equal a full meal. Snacking is forbidden, but that does not include drinks that are not of the nature of a meal. Even though these rules do not bind all age groups, all are encouraged to follow them to the extent possible. Children in particular learn the importance of penance from following the practice of their older family members. The sick, pregnant or nursing mothers, and other folks with special physical circumstances may be partially or totally exempt from these rules—use good judgment and take care of yourself.



St. John Bosco Council #12846 Knights of Columbus: Are you a man of 17 ½ years or more? Are you a practicing Catholic? Then we invite you to join the Knights! Contact Deputy Grand Knight Larry Saenz 703-832-1042 or go to www.KofC.org/JoinUs to become a Knight today!

The 2022 Car Raffle Update: Thanks to all who have contributed to the success of the car raffle. If you haven't gotten around to it, we need your help!! If you are not able to participate, you can help by returning the tickets that you received in the mail. If you are purchasing your tickets, but haven't yet, do it soon. **The final deadline for ticket return is April 22.** Please note that raffle tickets must be returned to All Saints. Mail directly to All Saints in the envelope provided and make your check payable to All Saints. Thank you and I'm praying a St. Raymond parishioner or two will receive good news after the drawing on April 30th. Larry Saenz: 703-832-1042.

Men's Prayer Group: The Men's Prayer Group will not meet on April 16th, which is Holy Saturday. They will meet on the following Saturday, April 23rd. Call Dave at 703-966-5327 for the location of that meeting.

Luminaries of Holy Mary: Come join us to honor the Blessed Mother's request for making the 5 First Saturdays: Mass at 9am, then meet in the **Maurer Room** for Rosary, meditation and Gospel reflection. Our next meeting is on May 7th. All are welcome.

Book Club: Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 13th at 10 am in the Parish Library. We will be discussing *The Secret of the Rosary* by Louis De Montfort and Mary Barbour (152 pgs.). The schedule for the full year can be found at <https://straymonds.org/ministries-and-groups/book-club/>. New members are welcome. If you have questions or plan to join us for the first time, please contact Jim Mault at bookclub@straymonds.org.

Legion of Mary: Do you want to develop a closer relationship with our Mother Mary and her Son, Jesus? The Legion of Mary weekly meeting is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm 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 phone 703-627-7320.

Family of Jesus Prayer Group: Weekly meetings are in the Church on Mondays at 4:00 pm. If you have any prayer requests, please let us know by emailing Elaine Perricone at jpebtp@verizon.net or by calling the parish office. You may also write down your prayer requests and drop them in the "Prayer Box" on the table in the narthex of the church.

Spring/Summer 2022 Class to enter the Catholic Church (RCIA) will be offered at St Raymond's Parish on Monday evenings 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Classes will run from April 25, 2022 until August 29, 2022 (except for Memorial Day, May 30, and July 4, 2022). This program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and designed to prepare 1) baptized adult non-Catholics to enter the Catholic Church, and 2) baptized adult Catholics seeking First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. **Also, anyone who desires a better understanding of Catholic teachings and practices is welcomed.** No advanced registration is required. The standard RCIA program will be offered beginning in September 2022. If you have questions call Bob or Bev Ward 703-644-5873 or via email at rew6710@gmail.com.

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The MaRiH Center is a Pro Life Pregnancy Support Center on Duke Street in Alexandria. **Material donations of diapers and baby items up to 2T welcomed in the narthex.** Thank you for your continued generosity!

Our next support weekend is April 23-24

Donation collection spot is near the elevator in the narthex.

40 Days for Life THANK YOU to all who supported our parish prayer presence outside the abortion facility last weekend. Closing Rally will be held on **April 10, 2022, Palm Sunday at 3 PM** in front of 900 S. Washington St. Falls Church. Matt Britton, General Counsel for National 40 Days for Life will be the guest speaker. **PRAY TO END ABORTION.**

Join fellow parishioners for the 4th Annual Virginia March for Life. Wed. April 27th. The parish will be sending a bus. Watch for sign ups in the narthex. marchforlife.org/virginia-march-for-life/

Please see the parish website for info regarding **COVID-19 Vaccines** and their relation to aborted fetal cell lines. **You must speak up!** Sample letter to pharmaceutical companies urging ethical practices available in the narthex and on the parish website.

Delegate Kathy Tran (D42) has represented our Parish area in the Virginia Assembly since 2018. Having introduced the Repeal Act in 2019, she remains a staunch supporter and voice for abortion. Particularly during this Lenten Season, please pray for her conversion – and perhaps respectfully let her know of your concerns. *Her politics make a difference in our lives... and a fatal difference for so many unborn. Maybe you can make a positive prayerful difference in hers.* kathyfordeldelegate.com/legislation-1 or DelKTran@house.virginia.gov or P.O. Box 2731, Springfield, VA 22152.

Abortion reversal helpline 855-209-4848. It may not be too late. reverseabortionpill.com

Tepeyac Pro Life OB/GYN: Transforming Hearts Through Healthcare. tepeyacobgyn.com 703-273-9440. Thank you for your referrals and your support.

Has the sorrow of miscarriage or still birth touched your life? *A Mom's Peace*, offers discreet support to families with bereavement, burial and remembrance assistance. For more information visit amomspeace.org.

Give a Gift for Life! Gabriel Project helps pregnant moms welcome their babies. Please consider donating at www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife. For more info, contact them at 1-866-444-3553 or GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org.

Looking for something worthwhile to do this summer or next? Check out crossroadswalk.org or bikingforbabies.com/national-ride.

Are you a seamstress in search of a special project? Forever Angels turns donated wedding gowns into funeral gowns for infants. For more info, visit foreverangelsofvirginia.com or contact Kim at 540-664-2601 or kimviolet@gmail.com

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

*All are welcome to participate in Youth Apostolate events.
Make sure forms are signed and on file. <http://bit.ly/YAforms>

BAKE SALE in Narthex this weekend

After ALL Masses All proceeds directly benefit St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate, including helping with costs for WorkCamp, Steubenville, weekly meetings and more. Your generosity is much appreciated! Thank you for supporting our teens!



Youth Group & CCD this Sunday, April 10

4-5:30pm Jr. High Youth Group (pizza served)

5:30-7pm Religious Education/CCD

7-8:30pm High School Youth Group (dinner served)

Sons of Thunder: High School Guys' Group

7-8:30pm Tuesday, April 12 (Maurer Room)

Come join the brotherhood! All 9-12th grade guys are invited who want to learn more about their faith, deepen their relationship with Christ, and hang out with other guys in a chill atmosphere. Sons of Thunder meets 7-8:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month in the Maurer Room. Newcomers are always welcome! There will be food!

NO High School Fri. 6:30am Mass & Breakfast this week

There are no Masses on Good Friday. We will resume 4/22.



6-8th Grade BASH Youth Rally (2:30-9:30pm April 30th)

Attention 6-8th Graders! Do inflatable games, a rock wall, a Gaga Ball tournament, music, a free throw competition, inspirational speakers, the opportunity for confession and Sunday Vigil Mass with the Bishop sound like a good time to you? If so, join us for the Diocese of Arlington's Middle School BASH on Saturday, April 30 at Bishop O'Connell High School. You won't regret it! The cost to attend is only \$15 per person, which includes pizza, Rita's ice cream, all the fun you can imagine and a free t-shirt! Go to <https://bit.ly/BASH2022> for more info and/or to register. **Registration due Wednesday, April 20th.**



Food Contributions Needed & Appreciated!

Are you able to support our youth by picking a few items from the links below to contribute towards our Friday breakfast or Sunday dinners for our teens? Their hungry bodies thank you!

<https://bit.ly/FridayBfast> & <https://bit.ly/DinnerDonations>

Thank you for supporting our youth!

HAVE A BLESSED HOLY WEEK

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)

youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890

<http://bit.ly/youthapostolate>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Have a blessed Holy Week - please make it a priority to participate in the special liturgies of Holy Week!!

Attention parents of 8th grade students:

Confirmation Gown Order form is due **no later than** April 15th.

Attention parents of 2nd grade students:

First Holy Communion Mini-Retreat will take place April 23rd from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Attention parents of 7th Grade students:

Confirmation Registry form with Certificate of Baptism attached (unless baptized here at St. Raymond's) was **due March 31st**

Saint Report in the *Interviewing a Saint* format is **due April 28th** - check Confirmation Supplement for details

Parents, mark your calendars!!!

No CCD classes April 17, 18 and 19: Religious Education Easter Break

Final Exams will be administered May 9, 10 and 15: Parents, please work with your children in learning the material in the Second Semester section of the Basic Study Questions booklet for their grade level.

2022-2023 CCD Registration forms are going home the week of April 25th with the oldest or only child from each family. Please complete and return as soon as possible; classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. **PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no K-8 classes on Tuesdays in the 2022-2023 academic year.

Parking at St. Raymond: During the Lenten Season, the church parking lot is not large enough to accommodate all parishioners and their guests. Limited street parking is available, but can cause concern for our neighbors. One option available to you involves parking in the commuter lot at Gambrell Road and Fairfax County Parkway, where you can take advantage of carpooling. Please consider this as an option during the Lenten season. The Fairfax County Police will be monitoring the yellow striped "No Parking" zones in the parking lot, and tickets will be issued if violations occur. Please be considerate of our neighbors, and do not park where you block their driveways. Infractions will be ticketed and may possibly mean towing as well.

2022 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)

Do this in remembrance of me

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on your blessings and consider making a gift today! The Bishop's Lenten Appeal provides a unique opportunity to unite as a Catholic family to support programs, ministries and services which help tens of thousands of people. Every donation, large or small, is vital to the success of the BLA. You may mail in your pledge or go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code below to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity!



Church Persecuted

Today is Palm Sunday, commemorating the day on which Jesus Christ came to Jerusalem for His final days to institute the Eucharist, to be condemned to death, to be crucified, and then gloriously rise from the dead after three days in the tomb.

We now continue last week's reflection on the weight of the cross being multiplied by the weight of the sins of the whole world, which caused such a painful experience for Our Lord and Savior. This agony was compounded by the physical suffering at His scourging, His crowning with thorns, His standing before Pilate to be mocked and then condemned to death at the chants of the Jewish leaders. Then He struggled to Calvary, falling three times, carrying a heavy wooden cross, was nailed to it and then hung on it for three hours before bowing His head and dying. Such persecution endured by one man for the sins of all of mankind.

As St. Alphonse Ligouri writes in his Way of the Cross,

"O, my dying Jesus, I kiss devoutly the cross on which you died for love of me. I have merited by my sins to die a miserable death; but your death is my hope. Ah, by the merits of your death, give me grace to die, embracing your feet, and burning with love for you. I yield my soul into your hands.

"I love you, O my Jesus, with my whole heart; I repent of having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always; and then do with me what you will."

Optometrists and Ophthalmologists Needed: The Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic in Woodbridge is now offering vision care and needs volunteer Optometrists and Ophthalmologists. The clinics provide free, quality healthcare to low-income individuals who are uninsured or under-insured. The time commitment would be at least one 4-hour shift per month. Pope Francis said, "In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ." If interested, follow this link <http://bit.ly/MomNewVolunteer>
Questions? Contact John.mallonee@ccda.net.

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Divine Mercy 101 with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC – Divine Mercy is the urgent message of hope for our world. Learn the powerful devotion and graces associated with it in this dynamic presentation with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, filmed live at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Divine Mercy 101 provides a clear and concise overview of Divine Mercy and the role and mission of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), the apostle of Divine Mercy whom St. John Paul II called "a gift of God to our time." Those who are new to Divine Mercy as well as those looking to achieve an advanced level of knowledge will find this presentation ideal. The instructional format makes it perfect for religious education classes, prayer groups, and individuals. Jesus told St. Faustina, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."

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Angelus Academy

Where the Truth of Catholic teaching
takes flesh in the lives of Pre-K - 8th graders
and their families.

What a blessing it is to be learning together!

Come visit us and see why our students love coming to school.

Call or email us to arrange a personal tour.

We are now accepting applications for 2022-23.

<https://angelusacademy.org/admissions-overview/applying/>.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

www.AngelusAcademy.org

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Angelus Academy 2022 Gala

Sunday, May 1st

Springfield Golf and Country Club

Register by April 14th at AngelusAcademy.org

Gabriel Project Thanks all our donors who have helped moms in need through Gabriel Project at St. Raymond's. We have recently helped six moms with diapers, carseats, strollers, and hand-me-down baby clothes and other items. Thank you for the generous gift cards, too! If anyone is interested in working directly with the moms, please contact Beth Berger at kmb43@verizon.net, or 703-220-4316.

ECHO — Since reopening in early fall, ECHO has experienced a great demand for the basic needs of food, clothing, housewares, and financial assistance. Families could not come in during the past year except for food and financial help. As the families come in for clothing and housewares, the supplies are getting low. Please consider helping. **ECHO** is located at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield. The hours for donations are M-F 9:30am-12:30pm, Tuesday and Thursday 7pm-9pm, and the first Saturday of the month 9:30am - noon. If you have questions, check the website at echo-inc.org or call Kathy Siner at 703-405-8164. Thank you for your generosity.

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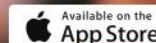
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