

ANNOUNCEMENTS

from St. Raphael's
July 3, 2026

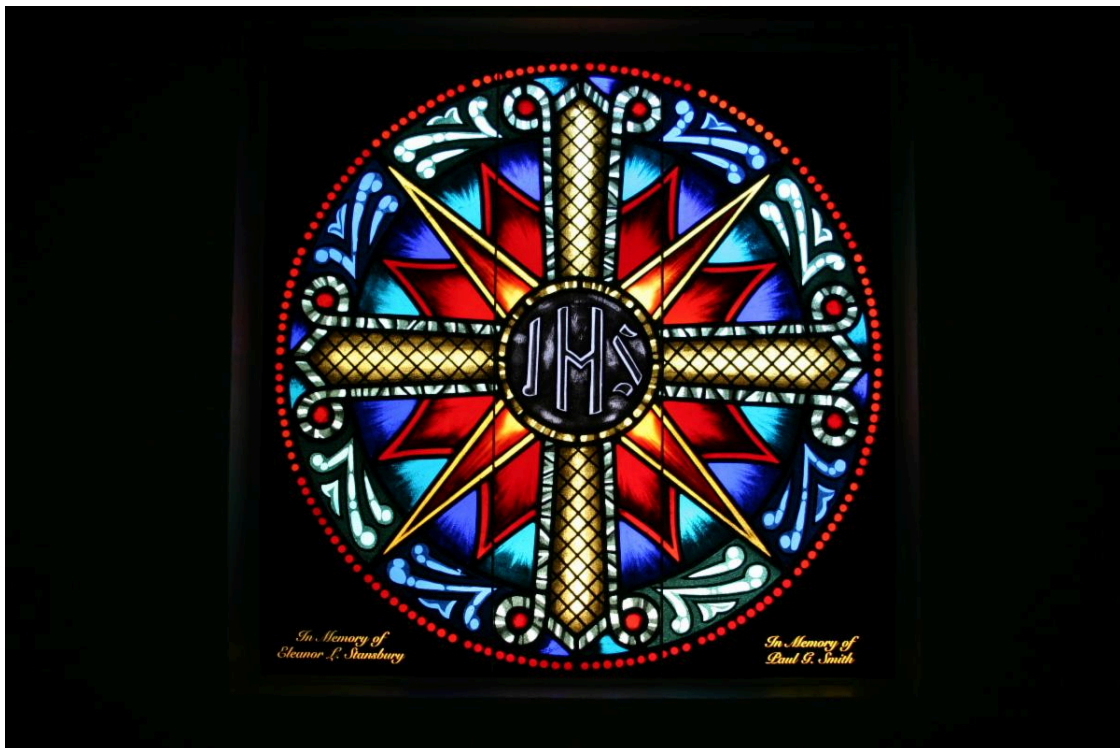
Join Us Every Sunday

Holy Eucharist

10:00 am at

5607 Williams Drive

All are invited - All are welcome!



Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, we are committed to nurturing spiritual growth, fostering a sense of belonging, and serving our community with compassion.



St. Raphael's

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 2026



DATE	CHALICE	READER
 July 5	 Bob	 Ellie
 July 12	 Bob	 Ellie
 July 19	 Ellie	 Ross
 July 26	 Ellie	 Charles



— Thank You! —

Thank you to all of our worship volunteers for sharing your time and talents. Your faithful service helps make our Sunday worship meaningful each week.

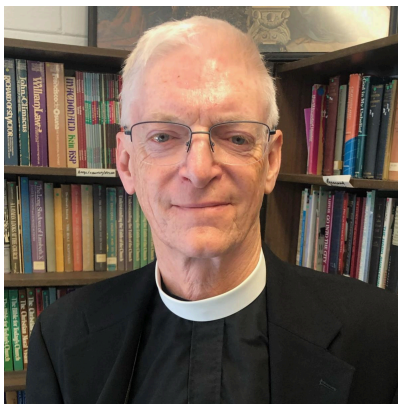


Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

Psalm 100:2



Please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall immediately following the service. Ellie is going to attempt to make sticky buns.



A Message From Father Rowe

*Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Dear members and friends of St. Raphael's,
I have finished my time at The House of the Redeemer in New York City where I provide daily prayer as well as counsel and spiritual direction. I look forward to being back with you at St. Raphael's this Sunday, July 5.

Saturday is, of course, Independence Day. Despite the heat, New York hosts multiple celebrations. In our Church, this day is observed with the dignity of a major saints' day.

You may pray the collect and read the appointed lessons at home, and we will include prayers for our nation at the Eucharist on Sunday. We will include prayer for our nation at the Eucharist on Sunday.

The Sunday scriptures include the tender story of how Rebekah was brought to Isaac, concluding with the simple and moving words: “He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her.” In his letter to the Romans, Paul speaks candidly of our inner struggle—how we so often desire the good, yet fail to do it. Lord, rescue us!

And we continue to explore the Gospel according to St. Matthew, which also addresses our human tendency to disregard what really matters. God bless you in these summer months wherever you may be.

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Help Us Find Our Next Part-Time Priest

If you know of a priest who may be a suitable fit for St. Raphael's, please let us know. We are seeking someone who embraces our welcoming spirit, values meaningful worship, enjoys pastoral care, and appreciates the unique character of our island community. If you would like to recommend someone or have questions about the search, please contact the senior warden at profbunting@gmail.com.



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Help Us Prespare for the Next Chapter

Canon Norman has asked us to provide him with an updated budget, which will include the cost of a part-time priest.

Since we do not know if the priest we choose will need housing or not, the finance committee will need to create a budget with and without the rental income.

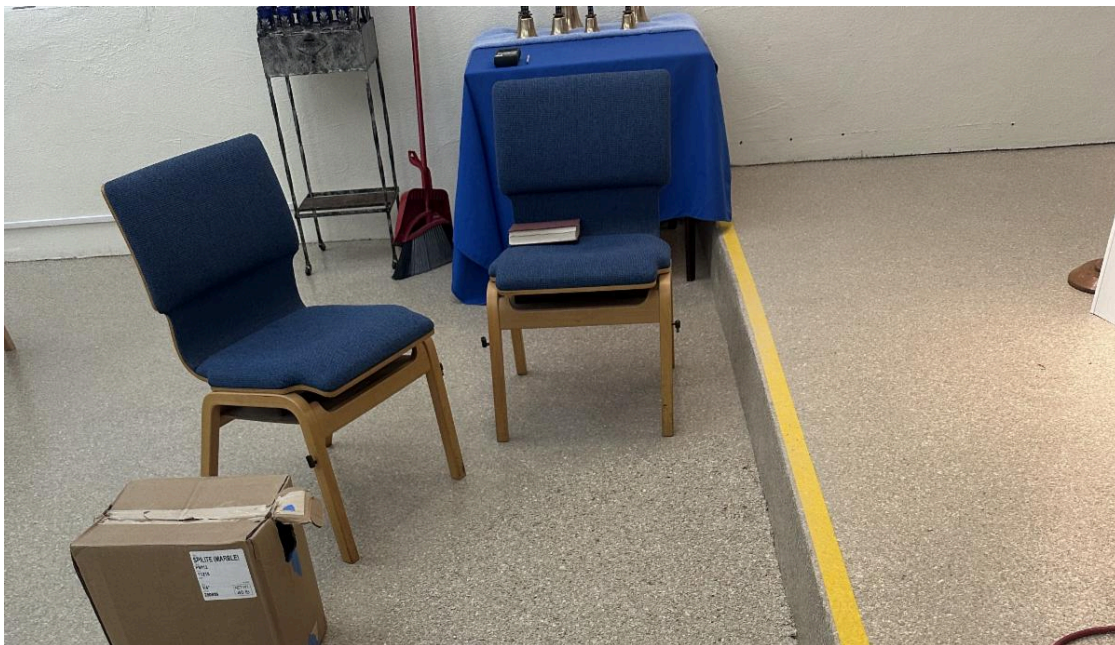
In any case, we will need to work on getting more pledges turned in so we can show the Diocese that we have the funds to support a part-time priest. So, if you haven't turned in your pledge yet, please do so asap so we can get this completed and begin the preliminary search process.



Bible Study Continues

Kathy Leson has reminded us the the Bible Study will continue through the summer. Many are gathering for one hour of Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:00 am eastern time via zoom. It is a wonderful way to continue our community family bonds while we are away for the summer. We invite others who have not experienced this fellowship and reflection to join us. Let Kathy Leson know at kathleenleson@gmail.com if you would like the zoom invite.

Building and Grounds Update



The bubble in the new floor is being repaired and should be ready by Sunday. Jim Davis reported that he has someone coming out to get an estimate for repairing the railing in the front of the church. Sprinklers are working well, and the grass is starting to look somewhat better.



In Loving Memory of Garnet Bowden

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our parishioner, Garnet Bowden.

For many years, Garnet was a loyal member of the St. Raphael's family, making Fort Myers Beach her winter home and sharing in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of our parish. Her presence, kindness, and faithful spirit touched the lives of many, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Garnet's family and loved ones. As we mourn her passing, we also give thanks for her life and for the many blessings she shared with our parish community.

We pray that she may rest in the eternal peace of our Lord and that her family may find comfort in God's abiding love.

Additional information regarding funeral arrangements and memorial services will be shared with the parish as it becomes available. We invite you to keep Garnet and her family in your prayers.

Help Us Increase Our Facebook and YouTube Presence



Our online presence has been increasing recently thanks to our streaming videos and presence on Facebook and YouTube. You can help us out by visiting [St. Raphael's Facebook Page](#) and clicking Like/Follow. You can also

help by subscribing to [Father Michael's YouTube channel](#). By liking us on FB and subscribing to Father's You Tube channel you will be helping our online presence which has advantages. For example, we need to have a certain number of subscribers to live stream on You Tube. Presently, we need to stream to Facebook, save the file, and then upload to Father's You Tube page. If we could stream live directly to Facebook, we could deliver faster to viewers and increase our audience.

St. Raphael's Episcopal Church

our mission

Healing, Hope & Hospitality

on Ft. Myers Beach

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for your continuing financial contributions to St. Raphael's.

Your financial pledges and donations keep our ministries vital and enable us to rebuild for the future.

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