

ANNOUNCEMENTS

from St. Raphael's
August 9, 2026

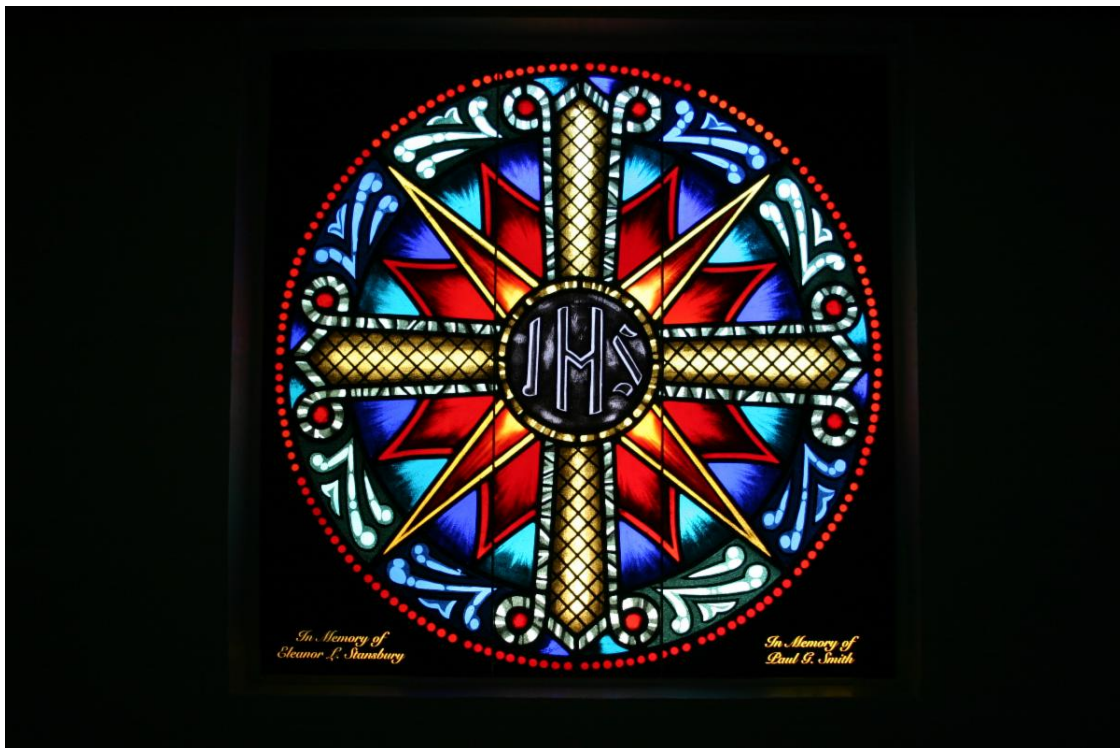
Join Us Every Sunday

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

— EPISCOPAL CHURCH —

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August

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



DATE	CHALICE BEARER	READER
Sunday, August 2	Judy	Ellie
Sunday, August 9	Judy	Charles
Sunday, August 16	Judy	Ross
Sunday, August 23	Bob	Charles
Sunday, August 30	Bob	Ellie



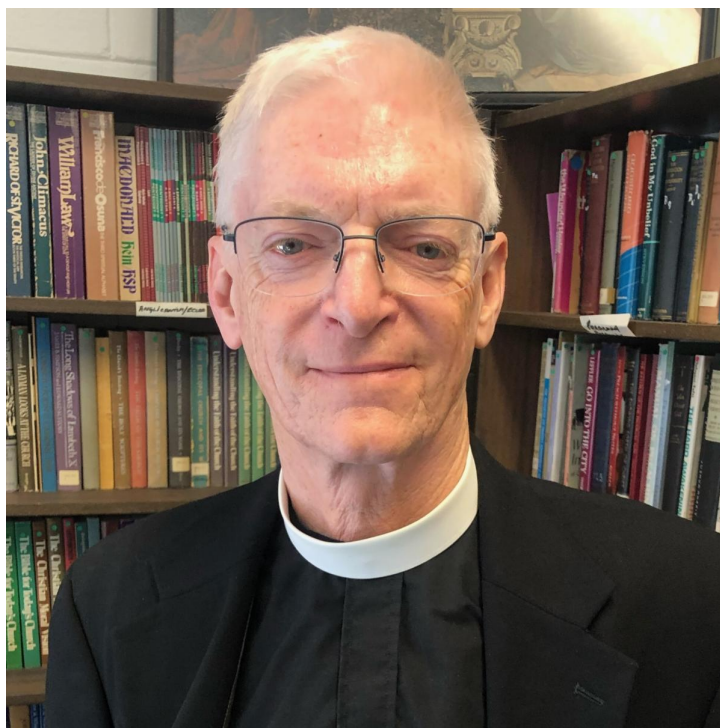
Thank you for your faithfulness and service!

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP, TOGETHER IN CHRIST.





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



A Message From Father Rowe

Dear members and friends of St. Raphael's,

[This Sunday's scriptures](#) continue the saga of Jacob's family as Leah's sons treat Rebecca's son Joseph cruelly, selling him into slavery.

In Romans, Paul reminds how close the Word of God is to us, on our lips and in our hearts.

The Gospel according to St. Matthew gives us the astonishing miracle of Jesus – and Peter briefly – walking on water. What do you make of that?

I have put together a booklet called Reading the bible: Why and How? that may help your reading of scripture, especially passages like these. Copies are available at the back of the church.

This week's holy days include the [Feast of St. Mary the Virgin](#) (called The Assumption of Mary in the Roman Catholic Church) on Saturday. Lesser days include [Clare of Assisi](#), St. Francis' friend and co worker, on Tuesday. May God bless us and the saints pray for us,

(The Rev.) Michael Rowe
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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.



New Handrails Installed

You can tell it is a slow news week when the highlight is the installation of hand rails for the altar area. On the bright side, it is nice to now be able to work on these little projects that have fallen by the wayside with all of the major construction we have had to deal with for the past four years. Also, check out the new bulletin board that has now been installed in the sacristy.

Did You Know?



- In 1936, Rev. William Kennedy of the Presbyterian church in Fort Myers established the first mission on the island. The land and building were donated, and on Palm Sunday, 1938, the newly named Chapel by the Sea held its first services. At this time, the church was

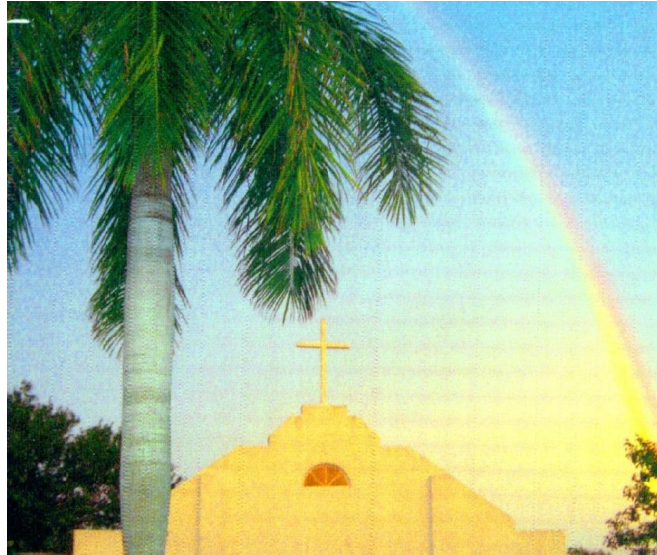
dondenominational and became a gathering spot for all kinds of civic activities.

- Over ten years later, Father Richard Brown conducted services for an Episcopal mission in the Community Hall. These services, held during Lent in 1949, were the beginning of the second church on the island, St. Raphael's. The mission held its first meeting in the old dehydration plant on San Carlos Island. Father Brown and Father John Hull conducted the services in the aluminum window plant.



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.



Parish Profile Sent to Diocese

Canon Norman has received our parish profile and new budget for 2027. He will be reading the profile and making any suggestions for revision before it becomes finalized. He will then meet with the wardens via Zoom to begin planning the search process. Once the profile has been approved, we will post it on our website. Feel free to share it with potential candidates if you hear of anyone who might be interested in this position.

Help Us Increase Our Facebook and You Tube Presence



Our online presence has been increasing recently thanks to our streaming videos and presence on Facebook and You Tube. 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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Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

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