

ANNOUNCEMENTS
from St. Raphael's
June 12, 2026

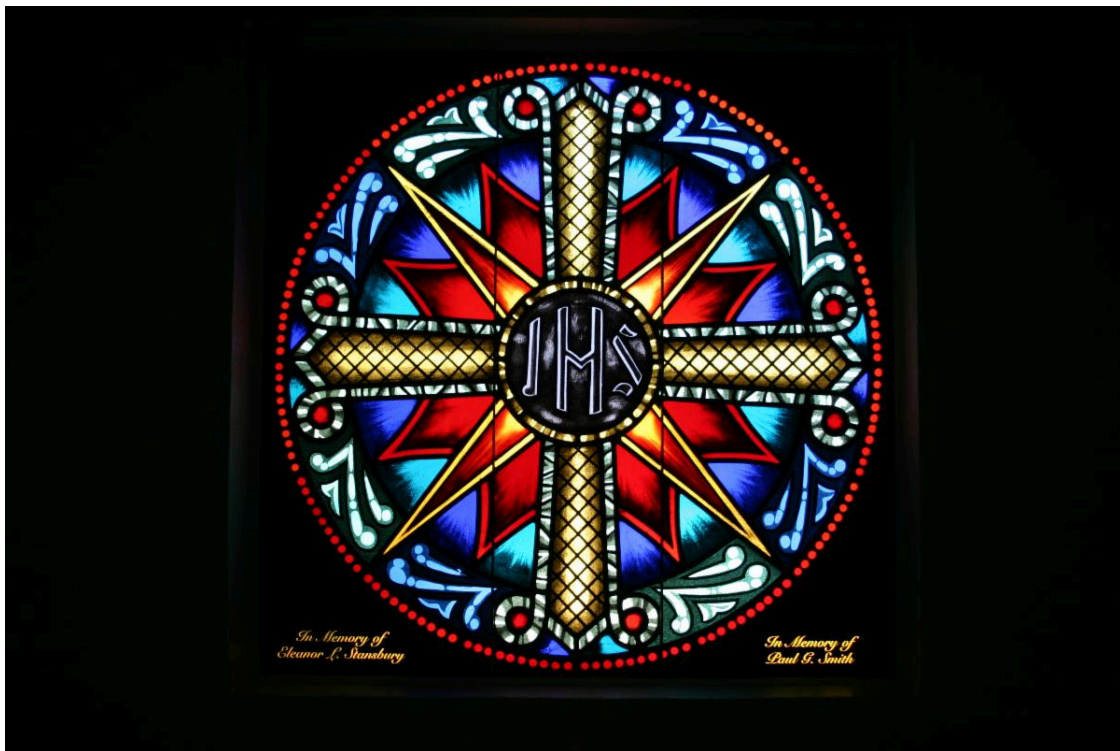
Join Us Every Sunday

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.



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 leave this Saturday for the The House of the Redeemer in New York City where I provide daily prayer as well as counsel and spiritual direction. I will be back for Sunday, July 5.

Mother Jean Hite will be our celebrant and preacher while I am away, guiding us through the next sections of the *Gospel According to St. Matthew*. This week's readings include Jesus commissioning his twelve apostles to carry his message throughout all the people of Israel.

God bless you as you represent our Lord Jesus Christ wherever you are.

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God bless you as you grow in Christ.

Summer Slow Down is Here



Summer has arrived, and with it comes a slower pace at St. Raphael's. While many of our seasonal residents are away enjoying cooler temperatures, the summer months provide us with an opportunity to catch our breath, complete projects, and make plans for the busy season ahead.

Several improvements are already underway. JoAnne has been learning our presentation software so that we can project worship services on the screen when needed. This capability will give us greater flexibility and enhance our worship experience for visitors and parishioners alike.

The long-awaited kneelers have arrived and will soon be placed on the appropriate chairs in the church. We are grateful to everyone who helped make this project possible.

Morey has completed the new name tag display, which will make it much easier for parishioners and visitors to find their name tags each Sunday. Small improvements like this help us extend the warm welcome for which St. Raphael's is known.

On the facilities front, the lock on the Parish Hall door had begun to malfunction and has now been replaced. The good news is that the same access code remains in place, so there is no need to learn a new one.

Although summer is traditionally a quieter time, there will still be opportunities for fellowship. Chef Kevin is planning a couple of special events during the coming months, so be sure to watch for announcements and details in future communications.

The recent rain showers have been a welcome sight after several dry weeks. With a little luck, our grass will soon begin to recover. Repairs to the sprinkler system are continuing and should be completed in the near future, helping keep our campus looking its best.

We also received encouraging news from the Diocese regarding property insurance. After an extensive review, the Diocese identified a new insurance carrier that offers better coverage at a lower cost. Each parish was asked to vote on whether to participate.

The Bishop's Committee voted unanimously in favor of the new plan because it will provide St. Raphael's with improved coverage while saving the church a considerable amount of money.

While summer may be quieter, it remains an important season in the life of our parish. It is a time to prepare, maintain, improve, and plan for the ministries and activities that will begin anew when our winter residents return.

Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer, support, and pray for St. Raphael's throughout the year.



Bible Study Continues









Kathy Leson has reminded us that 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.



St. Raphael's

—• June Schedule •—



	 CHALICE	 READER
 June 7	No Chalice	Reader: Charles
 June 14	No Chalice	Reader: Ross
 June 21	 Chalice Bob	Reader: Mary
 June 28	 Chalice Bob	Reader: Ellie



Worshiping Away from Home This Summer?

As many of our St. Raphael's family travel north or spend time away during the summer months, we would love to stay connected with you in a special way.

If you are attending another church while you are away, please send us the name of the church along with a brief description of the congregation or a photo of the church building. Tell us where it is located and, if you'd like, a few words about what makes it special.

Later this summer, we will dedicate a Sunday to praying for the churches that have welcomed members of our St. Raphael's family. During our Prayers of the People, we will name these congregations and give thanks for the ministry they provide in their communities.

Whether you are worshiping in a small country chapel, a historic cathedral, a beachside church, or a mountain parish, we would love to hear about it.

Please send your photos and information to the church office at Office@StRaphaelChurch.org.

We look forward to seeing where your summer travels take you and celebrating the many places where God's people gather to worship.

No matter where your travels take you this summer, you remain an important part of the St. Raphael's family, and we look forward to welcoming you home in the fall.

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.

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our mission

Healing, Hope & Hospitality

on Ft. Myers Beach

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