

ANNOUNCEMENTS
from St. Raphael's
June 19, 2026

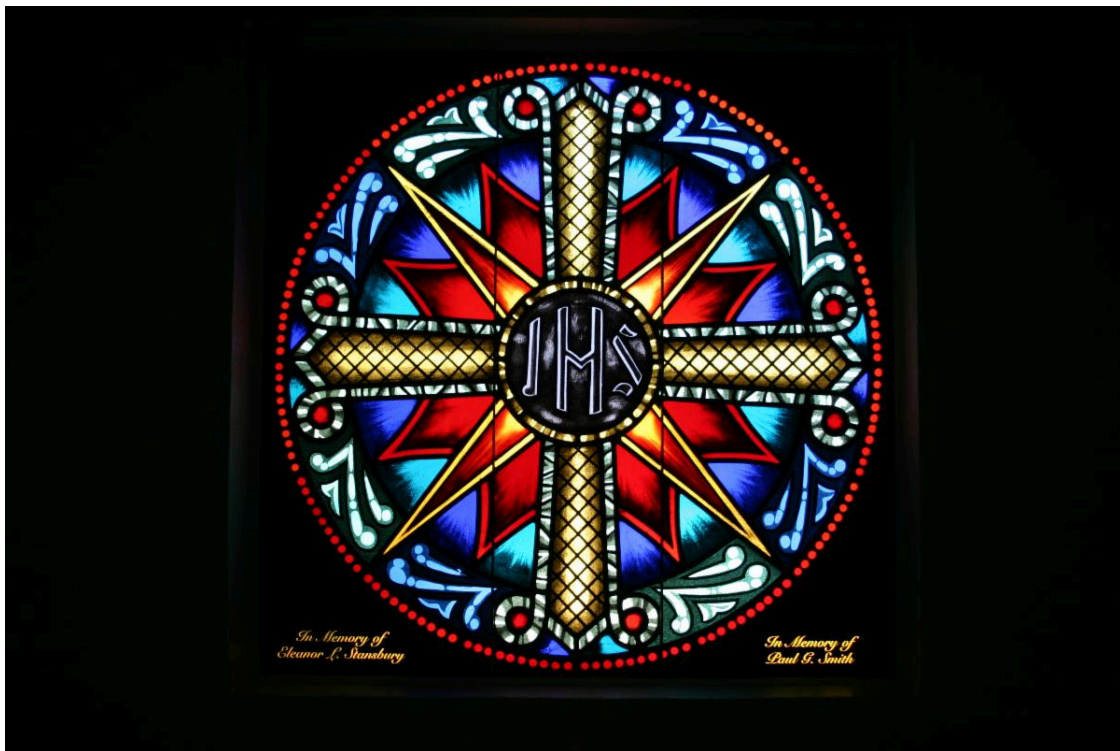
Join Us Every Sunday

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 am coming to the end of my first week at 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.

Theresa and I worshiped at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Sunday morning, and I returned for *Caribbean Evensong*.

The House is hosting people from around the country and around the world (Romania and Palestine are represented, among others.) People in residence and from the neighborhood come for Morning and Evening Prayer.

My sister Ann and a friend of hers have joined us and we have enjoyed the Raphael art exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum and walks in Central Park.

This week's readings, including the continuation of the Gospel according to St. Matthew are here. Holy Days this week include The Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Among other things, he is the patron saint of Quebec, where I am from.

God bless you in these summer months wherever you are.

(The Rev.) Michael Rowe
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Help Us Find Our Next Part-Time Priest



As many of you know, St. Raphael's will soon begin the search for a part-time priest to serve our parish community, which remains resilient, hopeful, and thriving after Hurricane Ian.

While the formal search process is still being finalized, we will be sharing information about this opportunity through diocesan channels, clergy networks, parish communications, and other outreach efforts in the coming weeks.

One of the greatest strengths of St. Raphael's has always been the dedication and involvement of our parish family. For that reason, we are asking for your help.

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.

Many clergy opportunities are filled through personal connections and recommendations. A conversation with a colleague, a former priest, or a friend in another parish may help us identify candidates we might not otherwise reach.

As the search moves forward, we will keep the congregation informed and ask for your continued prayers for the parish leadership and the clergy who may feel called to serve here.

If you would like to recommend someone or have questions about the search, please contact the senior warden at profbunting@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support, prayers, and commitment to the future of St. Raphael's Church.



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.



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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on Ft. Myers Beach

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