

ANNOUNCEMENTS
from St. Raphael's
June 5, 2026

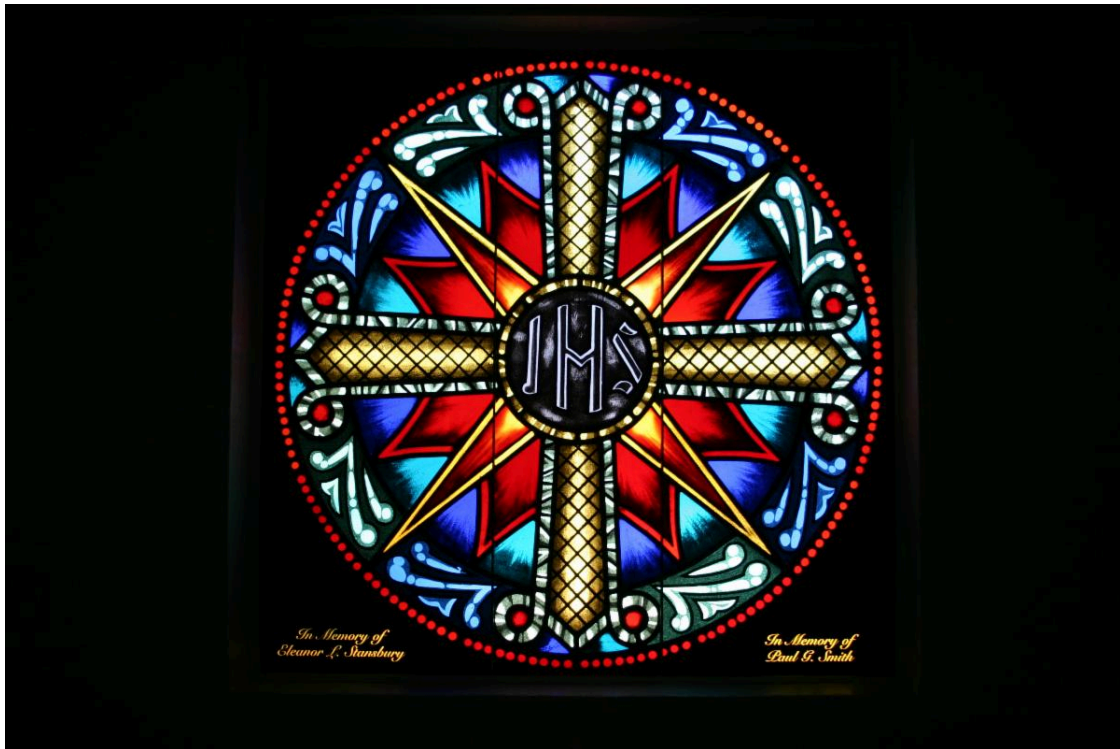
Join Us Every Sunday

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,

We now enter the Sundays after Pentecost, *Ordinary Time* as our Roman Catholic friends call it. Rather than focusing on the great mysteries of our faith – Christ's birth, death and resurrection – we instead follow him with his first disciples as Jesus teaches, heals and forms the leaders of his church.

We pick up at Matthew 9:9 with the call of St. Matthew, who starts as a hated tax collector and becomes a key apostle and evangelist. It might be a good time to reread Matthew so that what has gone before is fresh in our minds. All the readings for this Sunday are [here](#).

Holy Days this week include [St. Barnabas](#) on June 11 who helped the new convert Saul of Tarsus into the Church. June 9 commemorates Columba of Iona, a missionary from Ireland to Scotland. Iona remains a place of retreat and pilgrimage to this day.

As I wrote last week, I will be away from June 13 to July 3 at [The House of the Redeemer](#) in New York City where I provide daily prayer as well as counsel and spiritual direction.

Please pray for me and for the House while I am away, as I will for you.

Our guest priest is our friend and former pastor, Mother Jean Hite.

God bless you as you grow in Christ.

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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.

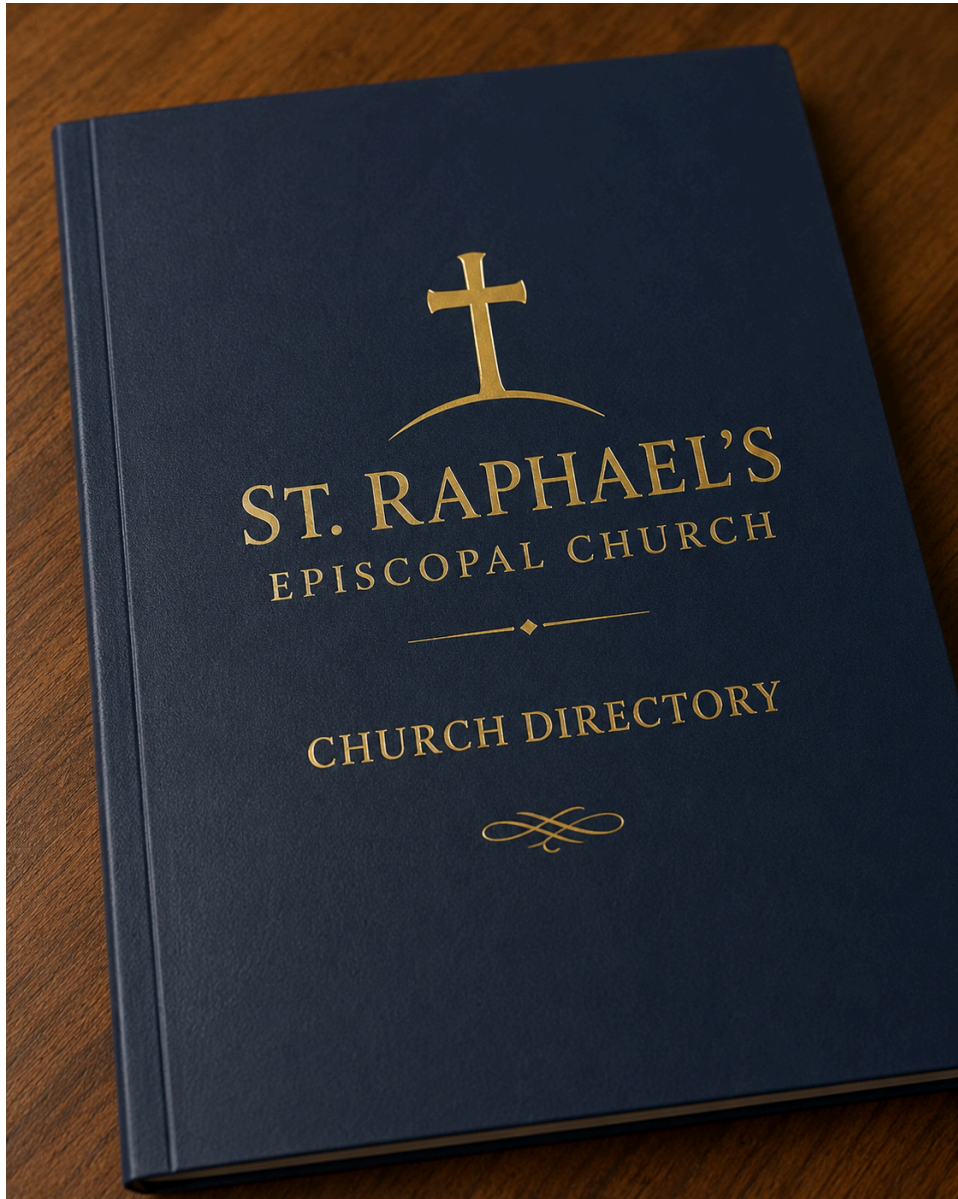
Whether you are worshiping in a small country chapel, a historic cathedral, a beachside church, or a mountain parish, we would love to hear about it.

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

Directory Help Needed



We are working on creating an updated membership directory as part of the Diocese's recommended hurricane preparedness plan. Here is the link to our contact form. Please fill this out and we will update our records so we can keep in contact in case of an emergency. You can also find the form on our homepage.

The information you provide will be entered into our secure database and may eventually be used to create a printed church directory featuring member photos and additional information about our parish family.



Do You Have a Generator You Don't Need?

The BC decided that we should purchase a generator in anticipation of the upcoming hurricane season. Before we do this we thought we would ask if anyone had a generator that was not needed that could be donated to the church. If so, please contact JoAnne at office@straphaelschurch.org.

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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