

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for Us

St. Raphael's Council of Catholic Women

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CCW Newsletter



St. Raphael Catholic Church

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January Papal Intentions

General: That the goods of the earth, given by God for all men, may be used wisely and according to criteria of justice and solidarity.

Missionary: That the fight against diseases and great epidemics in the Third World may find, in the spirit of solidarity, ever more generous collaboration on the part of the governments of all nations.

Fashion Show

"Cupid, Couture and Cuisine" is the theme for our Valentine's Day extravaganza. Mark your calendars for Sat. Feb 17 and get your reservations in ASAP as seating is limited. The doors open at 11 AM, luncheon is at noon and Fashion Show begins at 1PM. We are having a salad bar, chicken divan, roll and strawberry shortcake. Our models are Kay Yennie, her daughter Mary Jo Cillian, and granddaughter Kate Cillian modeling 3 generations. Ethelynn Henderson is from the Fun Club, Marty Foreman from the Praise Band, and Donna and daughter Courtney Condon from Women of Grace/6th Grade SRS (St. Raphael's School). We also have Gay Hagaman, the SRS 5th Grade teacher, and her 3 year old grandson. Bernadette Bailey, past CCW President and DCCW Board member and Gina and her daughter Sarah Longino from Bible Study and Middle School have also agreed to model. And best of all- our wonderful Fr. Anthony comes back onstage for the second year.

Marlene D'Abramo has agreed to chair this event. Mary Kay Heraty is in charge of decorating. Maggie Moren is the model co-ordinator. Dolores Smith has collected 20 nice prizes for our "Opportunities". Send your \$15 check payable to St Raphael CCW to Marlene D'Abramo 3800 Huntington St NE St Pete FL 33703 or drop an envelope marked CCW Fashion in the collection basket.

Mother's Tribute Brunch

Mary Holland is organizing a Mother's Tribute Brunch on March 10th from 9:30- Noon. She feels the women of the Parish work so hard and would enjoy a special morning out together to be pampered. Annetta Wallace will be the guest speaker on mothers and the Blessed Mother. Bernadette Bowles will be sing. Cost is 20\$. More details will be in the bulletin.

Field trip to Ruskin Migrants

Community Concerns Chairman Rosa Rodriguez has organized a field trip to visit a group who helps migrants in Manatee County- RCMA. We will meet in the St. Raphael parking lot at 9 AM on Friday Feb 23 to car pool. We will visit a pre-school for Migrant's children and eat lunch at the Agency. Come learn more about the conditions and problems of our local migrant workers. Call Rosa to register or for more details at 528-7428.

Fish Fries During Lent

The school sponsored fish fry dinners will be every Friday starting on February 23rd through April 6th. Details will be in the bulletin.

Breakfast Angels

Thank you to Ruth Mattick, Dolores Smith, and Ethelyn Henderson for our continental breakfast. Thank you, Sharon Iler, our speaker on the topic "Theology of the Body".

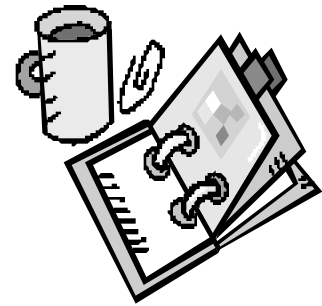
These are real answers given by children

Q: Name the four seasons. A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes. A: Premature death.

CCW Calendar 2006-07

Sunday	February 11	World Day of the Sick 11:30 AM Mass
Saturday	February 18	Fashion Show at Noon
Wednesday	February 21	Ash Wednesday
Friday	February 23	Field trip to Ruskin Migrants
Saturday	March 3	Lenten Retreat
Saturday	March 10	Mother's Tribute Brunch
Saturday	April 14	General Meeting - Elections
Saturday	May 5	General Meeting/ Installation Breakfast
Sun-Wed.	May 6-9	DCCW Convention - Quorum Hotel Tampa
Saturday	May 12	Rummage Sale
Thursday	May 24	Potluck @ Parish Center
General Meeting Schedule:		7:35 AM Rosary, 8 AM Mass, 8:30 Continental Breakfast, Meeting & Program



CCW Elections

The nominating committee (Lu Perrin, Dottie Santacaterina, and Claudia Soucy) presented the following slate for the term of office beginning in May 2007 to May 2009. For President- Marlene D'Abramo, for 1st Vice President-Mary Simoneau, for 2nd Vice President- Gina Longino, for treasurer-Barbara Dippelhofer, for Recording Secretary- Kathy Guckenberger, for Corresponding Secretary-Roseanna Costa. Nominations from the floor are permitted, but the nominee must have prior approval from the Pastor according to our by-laws. Elections will be at our April General Meeting. Thank you to the ladies who have agreed to serve our CCW as officers.

Become a Member of CCW

If you would like to become a member of St. Raphael's Council of Catholic Women (formerly called Guild). Please send your \$15 yearly membership in an envelope marked CCW to the church office. We need YOU!!! We are 244 paid members of whom 13 are life members, 5 honorary and 9 nursing home members. We range in age from our 20's to our 90's. We are retirees, homemakers, doctors, lawyers, two are expectant mothers, some newlyweds, and some recently widowed. Some are home bound and ill; some never leave the car pool line. All together we are Catholic Women working together to grow in faith, help our Parish and serve God's Church in the world.

New Members

We welcome Mary Simoneau, Ava Abner and sister in law Ursula Abner, Fran Clendenin, Arelis Diaz, Judy Birins and Jeannette D'Abramo who have become members of our CCW in the past month. They are wonderful women and are already pitching in to help with hospitality and the fashion show. If you would like to become a member of St. Raphael's Council of Catholic Women (formerly called Guild). Please send your \$15 yearly membership in an envelope marked CCW to the church office. You may drop the envelope in the Sunday collection. This is a fabulous group of women, young and old, supporting each other and our Parish.

Member News

Frances Lema will be in Ecuador for one month visiting family.

These are real answers given by children

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink. A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed? A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

An Evening through Europe

There are still a few tickets left for "An Evening through Europe". The night promises to be full of fun with an Irish Folk Singer, Jack McGuire; Flamenco Guitarist and Mandolin player. Also Casino games will be available. Foods from Italy, Ireland, France and Spain including drinks and desserts will be catered by Delectables and there are many silent auction prizes waiting for the highest bidder, including a week in Colorado, a weekend with a new Jaguar, artwork, golf etc. Don't be too late! Only 100 people can be accommodated and we are more than half full! Tickets are \$125 per person. Contact Gina Longino at 526-2191.

Lenten Mini Retreat

Fr Bob Evancho from St Therese Byzantine Church will lead our Lenten retreat on Sat March 3. It is a beautiful time to prepare for Easter and is open to men and women. We will begin with Rosary at 7:30 AM, Mass at 8 AM, continental breakfast, morning talks to prepare us to make a good Lent, and lunch at noon. Send your \$10 check payable to St Raphael CCW to Louise Barrett 820 24 Av N St Pete FL 33704 or drop an envelope marked CCW Retreat in the collection basket.

Respect Life *by Maggie Moren and Winnie Young*

Seventy-five people joined together on Jan. 22 to commemorate the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion 34 years ago. Although we were unable to be in Wash, DC physically, we were at the March for Life in spirit. Fr. Anthony led this special prayer service. Participants lit 34 candles before the Blessed Sacrament and put a red rose in a vase for each year since Roe vs. Wade. We remembered all the 48,589,993 children who have died by abortion since 1973 and their loved ones. Our prayers joined together to beg God to have mercy on us and help us Choose Life as a gift from God.

Focus 11

Each February for the past 6 years, the Diocese of St. Petersburg has sponsored the FOCUS 11 Vocation Project. This high energy initiative focuses on High School Juniors (11th grade) the first day and then 6th graders (11 year olds) the next two days. It has proven itself to be a great success. We expect over 1100 sixth graders to participate in this year's 6th grade days and over 500 junior to be present on the 11th grade day. We need help baking cookies for those 1600+ kids. Call Louise Barrett-821-2561 for details.

Community Concerns *by Rosa Rodriguez*

Aging is a continuous and necessary process. It is important to learn how to live in appropriate ways in order to maximize health and happiness. Try to age gracefully. Try to accept that you are getting older. The goal is to adapt to the changes that time brings and to arrive at old age with minimal deficits and discomforts. Aging brings wisdom and depth of character.

Rosary Makers *by Janet O'Grady*

I have been asked by father Leo Flynn (missionary in Nigeria) to send pictures of the children making rosaries so he can acknowledge them in his World missionaries magazine. Father Flynn is in charge of the Rosary crusade in Nigeria and he has ten centers which are homes where young children gather each morning at 7 am and are taught how to say the Rosary along with other basic prayers and catechism. As they grow older they join Baptism and First Communion classes. Father Flynn also has a morning Mass for all unborn and aborted children.

Thank you Janet and your CCD Class for making rosaries for the Missions. Ruth Mattick reports that this year, 2,560 Rosaries have been by members at our Church. What a wonderful way to reach out to others and share such a powerful sacramental.

Thank you's

Pregnancy Plus thanks us for our \$100 donation. The Jr Legionary children in Uganda sent us a letter to thank us for the money we sent last June. They used the money to help pay for school. ASAP- the Homeless Services thanks us for the \$100 we donated. St Vincent de Paul thanks us for the \$100 we sent. The NCCW thanks us for the \$100 we sent. Morning Star thanks us for the \$50 donation. Museum of Fine Arts thanks us for the \$50 donation. We can do all of this because of YOU!!!

These are real answers given by children

Q: What does the word "benign" mean? A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight..

Q: What is the fibula? A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean? A: Nearby.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour? A: Keep it in the cow.

In Your Prayers. . .

Sick by Lu Perrin

Thomas Tatasciore, Ginny Hansen, Ester LaVangie, Bill and Deborah Scanlon, Mac Bailey, Rose Grado, Casey Burzynski, Joe Kolb, Bill Covert, Rod Moren, Dennis Zawodski, Ellie Jennings, Margaret Racila, John Birins, Eleanor Alderson, Gerry and Ann Walsh, Bud and Ardith Rutland, Margo Marcillo, and Dennis Zawodski.

Nursing Homes: *Shore Acres*: Dottie Soots, Susan Neitz, Lynn Shepard, Fran Davis, Thomas Kunkler, Norman Vanest. *Maria Manor*: DJ Thompson, Juliette Schiavi, Mary Palmer, Rita Hall, Ernest Anderson. *Other*: Marion Lagan, Nancy Barrett, Helen Bishop, and Bette Hyslip.

Deceased by Bernadette Bailey

Please pray for the who have died this past month- Robert Rodriguez, Charlotte Edwards, Mildred Caldwell, Fran Beller, and Mary May. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Our sincerest sympathy to member Cherie Maineti at the death of her father Frank Mainenti after a long illness.

CCW Members Die

CCW member Jennie Milo died December 20. Jennie was born in Brooklyn and she moved to St. Pete in 1987 from Lake Wales. She is survived by 2 daughters locally, Annette Brito and Rosalie Ferrer, a CCW member as well.



Her son Michael Milo lives in Dallas. Jennie has 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

CCW Member Charlotte Edwards died Jan. 4. Charlotte was a resident at the Masonic Home with her husband Jim. Her funeral services were at Nativity Church in Brandon.

We will miss our sweet CCW sisters who have gone on. Our prayers are with their souls and their families in their grief.

CCW Member's Father Dies

Our sincerest sympathy to member Cherie Maineti at the death of her father Frank Mainenti after a long illness. Frank died Dec. 22. He was born in East Paterson, N J and moved to St. Pete in 1975. He was a Navy veteran who served during the Korean War. He was owner & operator of a service station for over 30 years. He was a member of St. Raphael's, the D.A.V. and the American Legion. He was a "one man band" entertainer who sang and played the trumpet, guitar and keyboard at many local spots. Our sympathy to his wife of 50 years: Priscilla "Pat", and his children: Frank, Priscilla Pavluk, and Cherie, his three grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and a step-great grandchild.

World Day of the Sick

We will have a special Mass for all those who are sick and the health care workers who care for them on Sun. Feb 11th at the 11:30 AM Mass. Health Care workers and caretakers of the sick will be blessed at all the Masses. Anointing of the Sick will be available only after the 11:30 Mass. A lunch reception will follow for the sick and their families. To pre register for the Sacrament of the Sick and the luncheon call Louise Barrett at 821-2561.

From the Pastor's Desk

The school is celebrating Catholic Schools Week. There will be an open house for all those with children. We hope our enrollment will continue to increase. Our new principal is doing a very nice job and the children and families are happy. Pre-K has done very well and there are many advance inquiries about enrollment for next year. We are organizing a Capital Campaign to convert the Old Church into a chapel, classrooms and a room for the youth. We feel this will really help the Parish in many ways. The Youth have needed a place call their own. Pontifax went off well with Lutheran Bishop Benoway as the speaker. Six ladies and I attended from St Raphael's. It is a very good thing for the women of different Churches to pray for Christian unity. We have about 76 children preparing for First Communion and about 60 teens who will maketheir Confirmation on April 12th. On Sunday Jan 28th, we had five baptisms- this is a wonderful sign of our growth as a Parish. Thank you for all you do for our Parish.



Marian Room/ St. Joseph Room



Monsignor Caverly announced at our November CCW Meeting that Meeting Room A will be called the Marian Room and Meeting Room B will be called the St. Joseph Room. Iconographer Bernadine Quartetti has painted a large icon of St Joseph which will be hung on the wall in the St. Joseph room. Bernadine also painted a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the Marian Room. Stop in the rooms to see the new artwork. Blinds are now up in the Marian Room and Linda Champion is making decorative curtains. Fr. Anthony, Gina Longino, Mary Simoneau, and Richard and Linda Champion painted the room blue. Cabinets will cost \$1700 and Alan Horner will again donate the countertop.

Christ Renews His Parish

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) women's weekend is scheduled for March 17-18th. THIS IS A FABULOUS PROGRAM AND YOU WILL BE VERY BLESSED IF YOU ATTEND. Women arrive at Church Saturday morning of the CRHP Weekend and spend the night Saturday, leaving Sunday afternoon before dinner. It is a wonderful way to feel a part of the Parish, meet women who will become your friends, and get closer to Jesus. It is a time to be pampered, pray, listen and have fun. Food is delicious and the weekend without charge. Call Terri Meyer (327-7977) if you are interested in attending, or know someone who would like an invitation sent to them. I made my Christ Renews His Parish weekend back in 1985 and it was an awesome experience where I met women who are still my friends today. CRHP is one of the reasons we have such a vibrant Parish. If your husband would like to attend a Men's CRHP Weekend April 28-29th, call Brian Talley (520-7390).

Youth Group News *by Kim Phillips*

March for Life was once again an amazing opportunity to truly live our faith by standing up for our beliefs. Those who were able to attend returned with the knowledge that we are united in our convictions by people across the country. The trip was headed by our awesome Youth Minister - Jessie Freeman and a core team members Matt Cillian, Stan Bielicki, Joannie Calandra, and Nick Craig. The thirteen youth in attendance, John Wood, Chris McBride, John Riesselman, Lucas Matos, Chase Phillips, Tom Condon, Neal Mosley, Lauren Reidy, Kelley McFarlane, Courtney Kubala, Jackie Smith, and Jeanine Steinhauser. (several are children/grandchildren of our CCW members) were all high school students with one college freshman. This year's trip included the March, mass with thousands of other youth at the Basilica, opportunities to learn a bit more about our nation's capital, and a chance to see snow and Youth Group Members.

Upcoming Youth Group Activities

Weekly meetings are well attended however there is always a room for new faces! Encourage your children and grandchildren to give the meetings a try. They will find opportunities for fun, in a safe environment with other youth, that centers around our Lord. Three summer trips have been planned and the participants will begin holding various fundraisers in order to help with the costs. Activities currently being planned include a Spaghetti Dinner, a Pancake Breakfast, and a car wash.

School News

Catholic School week was a huge success. Student alumni from St. Raphael School spoke at the weekend Masses about how their experiences have guided their future. There were guided student tours on Sunday and the school made a giant "St Raphael's Times" newspaper displayed at the church entrance. Monday was Community Appreciation Day. Students had a Vocabulary Parade (where words are transformed into costumes), a St. Pete Police Canine Unit presentation and a St. Pete Fire and Rescue presentation. Tuesday was Priest Appreciation Day. There was an All-School Rosary presented by our Student Council in the new Church following 8:00am Mass and Spiritual Bouquets were presented to each Priest from every class. On Wednesday, the school celebrated Parent Appreciation Day. There was a treat for all parents who come through the morning car line. The students made a "newspaper hat" to wear today to "spread the good news". Thursday was Student Appreciation Day. Students wore this year's new St. Raphael Catholic School t-shirt, designed by our own Chloe Sills and Sara Bermudez from Third Grade! There was a pancake breakfast for all students, cooked by the teachers! Discovery Cove visited with animals from its Outreach Program. Friday was Teacher Appreciation Day. We are thankful for the gift of Catholic education. Spread the "Good News"!

February Birthdays

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| 2 Mary Montecki | 8 Deborah Scanlan | 21 Dorothy Panko |
| 2 Kay Yennie | 10 Florence Santi | 24 Debbie Craig |
| 4 Gail Brazzell | 15 Sara Galiger | 24 Virginia Kish |
| 4 Marlene D' Abramo | 15 Jovita Tuazon | 24 Fran Clendenin |
| 5 Ruth McDonald | 16 Jean Feldhaus | 25 Marie Margle |
| 6 Frances Lema | 16 Julie Grammatica | 26 Denise DeBord |
| 6 Winnie Young | 17 Elsa Tugman | 26 Rose Grado |
| 8 Joyce Kubala | 19 Cheyl Anderson | 28 Mary Wyatt Allen |
| | 20 Marja Beaufait | |



Fr. Mike Smith Installed as Pastor in Citrus County *by Jane Winstead*

Fr. Mike Smith was installed as pastor January 27 at St. Scholastica Catholic Church in Lecanto by Bishop Lynch. This was truly a beautiful occasion to witness. There was excitement in the air by everyone who attended. There were several priests, deacons, Knights of Columbus honor guard and parishioners packed the large church. Fr. Mike's mother and niece also attended. The beautiful music and songs from the choir filled the church. The ceremony touched all of our hearts. Wendell and Jane Winstead and Dan and Carol Ann Bates were honored to be there to see Fr. Mike and to let him know that all his friends from St. Raphael's are praying for him.

After the ceremony all were welcomed to attend the reception in the Pope John Paul II School cafeteria. The reception hall was filled with good food, music and decorations. The young children made a special area for their special cards and homemade signs to congratulate Fr. Mike. One large sign read, "We're So Glad You're Here!"

Fr. Mike greeted Wendell and Jane and Dan and Carol Ann. Jane presented Fr. Mike with a 92-page scrapbook photo album capturing the memories of his years at St. Raphael's, 2000-2004. He was delighted to have received such a special gift.

St. Scholastica Catholic Church parishioners will be blessed to have Fr. Mike Smith as their Pastor.

If anyone would like to send Fr. Mike a card to congratulate him, the address is:

4301 W. Homosassa Trail, Lecanto, FL 34461. Or you may call him at: 352-746-9422

More...real answers given by children.

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?
A. Ruthless.

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany? A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible? A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible? A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible? A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden? A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant law-breaker in the Bible? A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at one.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy? A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing

Q. Who is the greatest baby sitter mentioned in the Bible? A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents? A. Joshua, son of Nun.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark? A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.

Pope Benedict XVI, On Confession

"I wish, therefore, to commend your promotion of the Sacrament of Penance. While this Sacrament is often considered with indifference, what it effects is precisely the fullness of healing for which we long. A new-found appreciation of this Sacrament will confirm that time spent in the confessional draws good from evil, restores life from death and reveals anew the merciful Face of the Father." Address to the Bishops of Western Canada, October 9, 2006.



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--Thanks again to Theresa McCormick, our webmaster.