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# St. Raphael's Council of Catholic Women

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CCW Newsletter



*St. Raphael Catholic Church*



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## St. Raphael's Church Life Committee Memorial Day Potluck and Karaoke Night!

On May 24 at 6:30 PM, come meet new friends and neighbors in our St Raphael Parish Center. Bring a dish according to your last name: A-E Salads, F-J Desserts, K-T Meats/Main Dish, U-Z Veggies. Lemonade and tea are provided. There will be Karaoke entertainment! Beer, wine, and soda available for purchase. Food questions 894-7766. (BYOB ok too). This event is sponsored by the newly formed Church Life Committee. The Church Life Committee will be hosting new events throughout the year as we build our faith community. All are welcome!



## CCW Potluck/Mothers Day Lunch

*by Marlene D'Abramo*

Our May end of the year CCW potluck is Saturday, May 16th from 11 AM - 2PM in Room B. Bring your daughter, mother or friend and your FAVORITE dish to share. We will do a live Rosary in Mary's Garden outside room B after lunch and also we can share our favorite Mother's Day Stories. ALL women are welcome, don't forget bring someone and a dish.

## Vocation News

*by Seminarian Chris McBride*

Please continue to pray for our seminarian Christopher. He will be having an exciting summer. After his freshman year in the minor seminary, he has no summer assignment. Chris hopes to help out wherever needed around our Parish, St. Raphael School, St. Pete Catholic, the Boy Scouts and Youth Group. Besides those activities, he will be relaxing at the beginning of the summer. He will go to Steubenville with the youth group, visit a friend in Philly, attend the Bishop's yearly cookout and Convocation. He also plans to assist with the summer Boy Scout camping trip. It was great seeing Chris help at the Altar during Holy Week services.

## CCW President Message

Dear CCW Members, It has been a pleasure an honor and a wonderful experience being your President for St. Raphael's Council of Catholic Women over the past two years. I have come to know many of you. Now due to some unforeseen circumstances, I will be Co-President with Claudia Soucy for a few months. I want to THANK ALL of you for your wonderful support in helping in any way at meetings and fundraisers, etc. Without ALL of you, my two years would not have been a success. I hope all of you will give Claudia your continuing support and loyalty. ~ Marlene D'Abramo

## CCW Calendar 2008-09

Saturday	May 2	Installation of New Officers
Mon-Wed	May 4-6	Annual DCCW Convention Tampa Crowne Plaza East Hotel
Saturday	May 16	Pot Luck Supper, 11 AM - 2 PM in Room B
General Meeting Schedule:		September-May; 7:35AM Rosary, 8AM Mass, 8:30 Continental Breakfast, & Meeting



### Handmaiden of the Lord Awards

We are privileged to have two St. Raphael's Handmaiden of the Lord Awards presented by the Lower Pinellas Deanery at our Spring Conference on April 16. First, let us introduce one of our 2009 Handmaidens of the Lord from St. Raphael's Council of Catholic Women.

This Candidate was born in CT and came to FL several years ago. She is the Mother of two daughters and one son. She also is a grandmother. Our Handmaiden is President-elect for St. Raphael's CCW for this coming year and also upcoming 2nd Vice President for LPD. Our Handmaiden is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, works with CHRP (Christ Renews His Parish), and does our CCW news board in the Narthex. She is always there to volunteer to do any projects on the computer. We are proud and honored to recognize Mary Simoneau for her many efforts in helping St. Raphael's many ministries as our Co-recipient of St. Raphael's Handmaiden of the Lord award.

Second, let us introduce to you our co-Handmaiden of the Lord from St. Raphael's Council of Catholic Women. This candidate was born in Detroit MI and came to FL when she was 14 years old with her parents. She and her future husband went to school together and they have three daughters and one grandson. Our Handmaiden was co-spiritual director

of CHRP (Christ Renews His Parish) and cooks for all CHRP weekends. She also cooks for St. Raphael's Teen Group every Sunday night. Our Handmaiden is the recipient of the St. Jude the Apostle Medal and is also an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. She is seen in and around the Church at many functions. We are proud and honored to recognize Celeste Brown, for her many efforts in building the Kingdom of God, as our 2009 co-recipient of Raphael's Handmaiden of the Lord Award. Congratulations to Mary Simoneau and Celeste Brown. Marlene A. D'Abramo – St. Raphael's CCW President 2009

The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure she carries, or the way she combs her hair. The beauty of a woman must be seen from in her eyes, Because that is the doorway to her heart, The place where love resides. True beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she shows, and the beauty of a woman with passing years only grows!



### May Papal Intentions

*General:* That the laity and the Christian communities may be responsible promoters of priestly and religious vocations.

*Mission:* That the recently founded Catholic Churches, grateful to the Lord for the gift of faith, may be ready to share in the universal mission of the Church, offering their availability to preach the Gospel throughout the world.

## Wowing us with Dues

Congratulations to Fanny Abad, Beverly Abentroth, Ava Abner, Ursula Abner, Jeannette Abramo, Mary Wyatt Allen, Cheryl Anderson, Denise Androulakis, Natalie Arena, Sara Armstrong, Peggy Bach, Bernadette Bailey, Sheila Barry, Mary Beacher, Marie Bello, Joanne Bird, Kathleen Blackett, Nellie Bonitati, Eileen Brady, Linda Bragg, Gail Brazzell, Celeste Brown, Joann Burkart, Charlotte Bytner, Mary Carlo-magno, Linda Champion, Frances Clendenin, Donna Condon, Mary Condon, Kathleen Condon, Rosanna Costa, Debbie Craig, Traci Craig, Barbara Creamer, Beatriz Crespo, Anita Currier, Barbara Dippelhofer, Mary Driscoll, Marlene D'Abramo, Theresa Duval, Rosemary Early, Irene Ellie, Jane Ellis, Martha Farrell, Peggy Flatley, Yolanda Gallagher, Pamela Gehrich, Judy Geier, Rose Grado, Kathleen Grote, Kathy Gucken-berg, Gay Hagaman, Louise Halsmer, Roseanne Halsmer, Theresa Hamm, Mary Hanlon, Teresa Hart-ley, Etheylyn Henderson, Mary Kay Heraty, Annie Hirt, Mary Holland, Jane Janicki, Susan Janicki Therese Johnson, Karen Johnson, Sharon Kimball, Joyce Kubala, Susan Langston, Jeanne Larrison, Fran-ces Lema, Gertrude Leuchs, Cathy Littlejohn, Gina Longino, Miriam Ludes, Cherie Mainenti, Joan Malone, Mary Malusa, Carmen Marlowe, Toni Mat-thews, Daneil Mcauliffe, Becky McBride, Lillian McClelland, Theresa McCormick, Ruth McDonald, Pat McGuire, Julie Musselman, Theresa Meyer, Bar-bara Miller, Maggie Moren, Karen Muhlstadt, Cheryl Murphy, Vicki Nelson, Kathy Newton, Peggy Nolan, Susan O'Gara, Barbara O'Neil, Margaret Peck, Chris-tine Pelletier, Lucille Perrin, Anita Petenzi, Jennifer Petrillo, Kim Phillips, Rosina Phillips, Mary Poulin, Mary Lou Price, Joan Priest, Bernadine Quartetti, Barbara Ruperto, Nancy Rutland, Deborah Scanlan, Molly Sanger, Flo Santi, Addys Sasserath, Mary Beth Sebesta, Maryann Smelter, Barbara Smith, Dolores Smith, Evelyn Smith, Angela Soucy, Claudia Soucy, Eileen Soucy, Helen Sourini, Gloria Stone, Therese Taylor, Virigina Thomas, Jovita Tuazon, Susan Ugan, Fran Vaccaro, Celia Vena, Adela Vidal, Valerie Walker, Mary Wilson, Chris Winstead, Jane Win-stead, Kay Yennie, Rose York. That is 138 plus 14 life, only 70 or so to go! We have 7 new members.

## New CCW Member

I recently moved to St. Pete from Weston, FL due to my husband's new job with Raymond James Capital, Inc. I'm originally from OH. I received a doctor of Audiology degree 4 years ago after being a practicing accountant for 15 years. I'm currently searching for an audiology position in the Tampa Bay area. My husband and I are the proud "parents" of 2 Ragdoll cats named Winston and Lili. I wasn't an active church member when I lived in south FL as I never felt comfortable joining any of the churches that I visited, but immediately felt comfortable and wel-come at St. Raphael's. Hopefully I will be able to contribute in some small way to the church and com-munity through my membership in CCW. Thanks and I hope to see you soon, Lisa Hansel.

Welcome, Lisa! Other new members include Patricia Viola, Evanne Rourk, Doris Lovering, Judy Roberge, Susan Hicks, and Beth Scognamiglio.



## Dues are Due

Our annual \$15 CCW dues are due in April and delinquent by June 1st. These dues cover many items in our yearly budget. It is a huge task to remind everyone to pay their dues as we have over 200 members. The CCW dues envelope will be in the April envelopes from church. You can also pay the dues early in any envelope marked "CCW Dues". We have had a great response so far! Thank you, one and all. We are nothing without our members. One of the main advantages of being a life member is that Louise Barrett, Antoinette Falk, Vivian Frank, Madelon Healy, Ann Kovach, Colleen Lally, Irene Lewis, Ruth Mattick, Bernice McCune, new life member Linda Mims, Charlotte Overbey, Anastasia Rossi, Gerry Sweet, and Winnie Young do not have to re-member to pay dues ever again! Those in nursing homes are exempt from dues and are honorary members. If you cannot afford the \$15 dues please contact President Marlene D'Abramo. We love our members and hope you can get a friend to join this April. Thank you in advance for paying your dues as soon as possible.

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

Each year, the Pope sets out his special prayer intentions for the life of the Church and the World. The monthly intentions are divided into a general category and a mission category. The scope of these prayers reflects the Church's mission to be universal, caring for the spiritual and temporal needs of all those in our world. Please pray an Our Father and a Hail Mary daily for the Pope's intentions. Here are the summer intentions. June- General: That international attention towards the poorer countries may give rise to more concrete help, in particular to relieve them of the crushing burden of foreign debt. Mission: That the particular Churches operating in regions marked by violence may be sustained by the love and concrete closeness of all the Catholics in the world. July-General: That the Christians of the Middle East may live their faith in full freedom and be an instrument of peace and reconciliation. Mission: That the Church may be the seed and nucleus of a humanity reconciled and reunited in God's one and only family, thanks to the testimony of all the faithful in every country in the world. August-General: That public opinion may be more aware of the problem of millions of displaced persons and refugees and that concrete solutions may be found for their often tragic situation. Mission: That those Christians who are discriminated against and persecuted in many Countries because of the name of Christ may have their human rights, equality and religious freedom recognized, in order to be able to live and profess their own faith freely.

## Member News

✠Bernadette Bailey attended granddaughter Dana's Confirmation in Kansas City. Bernadette was Dana's sponsor and Dana chose the name Bernadette. On her June 2008 pilgrimage to Lourdes, long before she knew about the Confirmation honor, Bernadette bought Dana a beautiful red crystal and silver filigree rosary. Archbishop James P. Keleher's homily to the candidates mentioned the value and importance of chastity and role models.

✠From Gail Brazzell: "Finally, Brian Brazzell is engaged to his amazing fiancé Kerry Henderson. Wedding plans are in progress and Kerry would like to do RCIA."

✠Susan O'Gara writes, "I couldn't resist trying out for this play and was cast as Aunt Marguerite in Dearly Departed which is a hilarious comedy set in the deep South in a funeral home. It only runs May 8-17. If you want to laugh, this is the play to go to.

✠Ted and Jane Scarpino have traveled back to their summer house in Nebraska and are enjoying the change in atmosphere, mostly the heat. Their granddaughter, Jackie Smith, will be returning from the Dayton Univ. where she is majoring in Religious Studies/Psychology. Over spring break she went to New York with a group of students for the United Nations College Conference. She and her UN partner received the award for "Distinguished Delegates" from hundreds of other college students in attendance. Grandson Brad Scarpino recently attended the Florida Band Masters State symphonic competition with the Northeast High School Band where they all received "Excellent" awards for their music. Jamie Scarpino is nearing her 7th month of pregnancy and greatly appreciates all the prayer and support the parish has given as she brings another member of Christ's family into the world. His name will be Thomas James after St Thomas Aquinas and Fr. Thomas Spillet, and James after grandfather James Smith. Please pray for Ted Scarpino Jr. as he discerns a future job.

✠Andrea Bulger has become Andrea Lauren McCallum after her marriage to William McCallum, II. Congratulations Andrea, and many years of happiness.

✠Julie Musselman: My son John was confirmed on April 23rd in a beautiful Mass. Following is a partial list of relatives of CCW members who were confirmed: Max Crespo, Kendal Kubala, John McFarlane, Jimmy McSorley, Ryan Mosley, Taylor Phillips, Nick Quintana, Andrew Sebesta, Curtis Talley, and Alex York. Bishop Lynch spoke very personally with each teen prior to confirming them and praised this wonderful group for being well prepared. In his homily, Bishop Lynch mentioned how in his younger days he had "doubted" his faith when his father was diagnosed with cancer right after his retirement, but now knows that God was at work even then.

## LPD Conference a Success

Our Lower Pinellas Deanery Conference was held April 16 and got the following accolades from Bernadette Bailey, "A great conference, one of the best ever. Every one of the Affiliations did a terrific job with their assignment. Lunch from Mazzaro's was excellent and received many compliments. Fr. Yost's talk on the Eucharist held us spellbound. The precious gift of the Eucharist is beyond the imagination of the human mind. I was happy to be in the company of good women." The Spring Conference was held with about 90 women from 6 parishes. St Raphael's was the host Church and Marlene and CREW did an amazing job. The Parish center had decorations leftover from the School auction which really added so much to the day. We had pastel tablecloths, flowers and Easter cross centerpieces (made by Ann Kovach years ago.)

The food was Mary Simoneau's idea- we had lasagna and bread from Mazzaro's, and a delicious salad made by Celeste Brown who volunteered her services to run the kitchen and serve our luncheon. The dessert bar treats were made by our CCW members. Eileen Brady, organist, and Mary Domal, cantor, volunteered their talents for Mass in our gorgeous Church. We had 3 priests and Deacon Grote on the altar. Special thanks to our St Raphael's Hostesses: Jeannette Abramo, Bernadette Bailey, Joann Burkart, Mary Carlomagno, Marlene D'Abramo, Barbara Dipplehofer Yolanda Gallagher, Kathy Guckenberger, Maggie Moren, Lu Perrin, Mary Poulin, Bernadine Quartetti, Mary Ann Smelter, Claudia Soucy, Eileen Sousa, Winnie Young, and Celeste Brown. Cheryl Murphy came in for cleanup. Mary Simoneau made the programs before she got sick. We could not have done our job without these magnificent ladies!

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## The Lower Pinellas Deanery

The Lower Pinellas Deanery 2009- 2011 officers are President- Louise Barrett, 1st Vice President- Sr Kathleen Stagnaro, Treasurer -Marion Nadon, Recording Secretary-Janice Bonat,, Corresponding Secretary-Bernadette Bailey, Church- Jeannine Storer, Family-Shirley Pesuth, Community-Pat Bisotti International- Mary Wissman Organization-unfilled Legislation -Maggie Moren

## CCW Summer Member Birthdays: May, June & July

### May

2 Sherry Abentroth  
2 Leanore Cornyn  
2 Mary Lou Price  
3 Martha Farrell  
6 Beatriz Crespo  
9 Mona Lund  
9 Judith Geier  
9 Grace Matos  
10 Lisa Kettlestrings  
11 Jane Scarpino  
12 Dottie Smay  
15 Nancy Rutland  
16 Jeanette Abramo  
18 Barbara Creamer  
19 Mary Poulin  
22 Catherine Vallette  
23 Cherie Mainenti  
27 Carole Shallenburg  
27 Marty Beth Saylor  
31 Margaret Peck  
31 Terry Taylor

### June

1 Amy Robison  
3 Joan Malone  
4 Josephine Boyles  
4 Mary Stoft  
5 Peggy Flatley  
6 Julie Musselman  
6 Lisa Grobmeyer  
7 Theresa Duval  
7 Ginger Williams  
7 Jennifer Nichter  
8 Virginia DiFilippo  
9 Ava Abner  
11 Ann Martin  
12 Cathy Littlejohn  
14 Mary Condon  
15 Kay Hunt  
17 Dolores Smith  
18 Tina Quintana  
19 Sheryl Gibson  
20 Amy Alagood

21 Michelle Henricksson  
21 Lillian McClelland  
22 Mary Richman  
23 Barbara Dipelhofffer  
24 Peggy Hawkins  
27 Vicki Nelson  
30 Carol Ann Bates  
30 Gina Przyborowski

10 Kim Phillips  
11 Mabel Sullivan  
12 Fanny Abad  
14 Eileen Sousa  
16 Linda Mims  
22 Patricia Condon  
24 Bernice McCune  
25 Mary Holland  
25 Lorraine Schneider  
26 Anita Petenzi  
26 Lily Riconda  
26 Kathy Roache  
30 Susan Neitz  
30 Julie Schiavi

### July

1 Peggy Bach  
1 Lucillie Perrin  
3 Eileen Edwards  
3 Stephanie Graham  
3 Joan Priest  
4 Lynne Douglas  
5 Mary Hanlon  
6 Ann Kovach  
7 Mary Kay Heraty  
7 Kelly Rooth  
8 Betty Hyslip



## In Your Prayers . . .

### Sick *by Lu Perrin*

Please keep the following in your prayers: Ryleigh Russo, Eleanor Newman, Loretta Winkle, Thelma Placetta, Beth Mastrianna, Pat Stromski, Margaret Swing, John DeCosmo, Mary Ann Smelter, Kay Tolhoek, Karen Cocker, Francis and Louise Halsmer, Warren Debord, Joe Kolbe, Jennie Zsampar, Winnie Granberg, Mary Simoneau, Paul Smith, and Nancye Barrett.



*Homebound and nursing home:* Nellie and Charles Bonitati, Truus Stuimer, Eileen Edwards, Esther Lavangie, Ginny Hanson, Susan Neitz, Tom Kunkler, DJ Thompson, Catherine Vallette, Julie Schiavi, Lily Riconda, Fran Davis, Martha Farrell, Dottie Soots, Montile Sutterlin, and Ann Walsh

### Deceased *by Bernadette Bailey*

The following persons died during the month of April. May the souls of Bonita Capra and Adele Buchta, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### CCW Member Death

CCW member Adele Buchta, 95 died April 10. Adele was born in Baltimore. She is survived by her niece and her husband, Angela E. and Captain Donald L. Brown, Maryland, and her great niece and husband, Deborah and Nick Ridivo of Maryland. Adele traveled around the country and on overseas assignments with her husband for many years before retiring to St. Petersburg. She enjoyed traveling and learning the cultures of other countries and making many new friends. She especially appreciated their last overseas assignment in Japan. Although she had no children, Mrs. Buchta enjoyed her small family, her home and her friends in St. Petersburg and elsewhere. She was a faithful member of St. Raphael Catholic Church, a CCW member since 1987 and was

a member of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club for many years. (Anderson McQueen Obit)

### CCW President Elect Taken Ill

St Raphael president elect, Mary Simoneau, received a diagnosis of aggressive and inoperable thyroid cancer on the Monday of Holy Week. She spent Good Friday in surgery getting a trach and feeding tube. After ICU, a brief stay with a friend and a few days at Woodside Hospice House, Mary is back in her apartment with the help of her family. Mary has 3 children, a brother and sister, nieces and nephews and grandchildren. Mary keeps letting her visitors know that she is "at peace". What an example of facing life courageously and with faith. Our prayers and love go to our sister in Christ, Mary Simoneau. We are most grateful that Claudia Soucy, the 1st VP elect, has agreed to move up and has been appointed to fill the office of St. Raphael's CCW President. Our current President, Marlene, will remain as co-president until October 2009.

### St. Raphael School News *by Gay Hagaman*

The school has just successfully completed the accreditation with the FCC (Florida Catholic Conference). This was an eighteen month process that included the school, the church and the community. We learned a lot about what our school will do to move forward in our faith and our curriculum. We would like to thank everyone for their unending support and prayers.

### Mothers

Real Mothers don't eat quiche; They don't have time to make it. Real Mothers know that their kitchen utensils are probably in the sandbox. Real Mothers often have sticky floors, filthy ovens and happy kids. Real Mothers know that dried play dough doesn't come out of carpets. Real Mothers don't want to know what the vacuum just sucked up. Real Mothers sometimes ask 'Why me?' And get their answer when a little voice says, 'Because I love you best..'

