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St. Raphael's Council of Catholic Women

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CCW Newsletter



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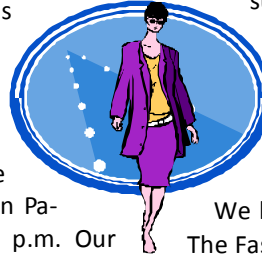
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February 18 Fashion Show

St. Raphael's CCW presents "Grace Filled Fashions on Parade" by Marion's Gifts and Clothing on 4th Street.

Our Annual Fashion Extravaganza will be held Saturday, February 18 in the Parish Center. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m, luncheon will be

served at noon and the Fashions on Parade will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. Our menu made with love will be Chicken Marbella, Honey Glazed Carrots, Sweet Onion Gruyere Casserole with Scalloped Potatoes along with our Delightful Homemade Desserts. There will be a Champagne and Cheese table available for noshing before the luncheon. We will have tables set up with shopping opportunities before and after the show. Donations for the Opportunities Raffle Table can be sent to Kathy Guckenberger or Rosemary Early, our Opportunities Chairmen at 350 Coffee Pot Riviera NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33704. The cost is \$20 per ticket. Reservations can be made for tables of eight or ten. Make your check payable to the CCW and either drop it in the weekend collection basket or send it to Mrs. Marlene D'Abramo, Reservations Chairman, 3800 Huntington St., NE, St. Petersburg, 33703. If you would like to donate your time or talent, please call Mrs. Claudia Soucy, Chairman at 520-8502. After a short intermission, we will have a surprise with a bit of "trashy fun", then the Opportunities Drawing will begin. See you there!



volunteer their time for our doughnut ministry after the 11:30 mass each Sunday was successful. Cheryl Murphy, Cheryl Anderson, Mary Montecki, Ruth Mattick, Mary Lou Price, Molly Sanger, Mary Carlomagno and Ethelyn Henderson answered the call. Thank you, ladies.

We have two events coming up quickly. The Fashion Show is February the 18th and our Lenten Retreat is March 3rd. Mark your calendars and plan to invite some guests.

God Bless Us All. Rosemary Early, CCW President

From Our Pastor, Fr. Tim

Dear CCW members: Growing up in Missouri we referred to this month as the "February Blues." It was that time of year when the skies were always overcast (the sun went to Florida in February!), we were all sick with the flu, and by now we were just sick-and-tired of the cold winter. Every year in February the seminary in St.



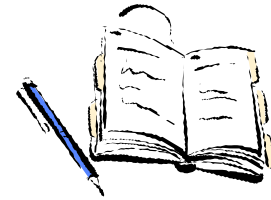
Louis had us open our bedroom windows and take our mattresses outside for a few hours to freeze to death any sick germs lingering around. I don't know if it worked, but it was pretty funny seeing all those mattresses outside the building. Interestingly, the word February comes from the Latin word "februarius," which means "month of purification." The ancient Romans used to celebrate a festival of purification in the middle of the month of February. I wonder if the Vincentian priests who trained me had that in mind when we "purified" our rooms and mattresses of germs and sickness. Lent begins later this month and we have another opportunity to "februa" or purify our souls, to air out the spiritual sickness and disease of sin from our lives. May the Son of God warm your hearts and shine His bright and beautiful grace upon you this month.

From Our CCW President

Someone once said, "One man's junk is another man's treasure." We had tons of treasure January 21 and we had great crowds who enjoyed buying our treasures at the rummage sale. It reminded me of the rush in the old K-Marts when they announced the blue light specials. To my astonishment one of my kids bought some of the treasures I donated. What's wrong with that picture! Thank you to Denise and Warren Debord, our rummage sale chairmen. Our search for members to

CCW Calendar 2012

February 17	Friday	Setup for Fashion Show
February 18	Saturday	Fashion Show
March 3	Saturday	Annual CCW Mini Lenten Retreat
March 10/11	Sat.-Sunday	Christ Renews His Parish Women's Weekend
April 11	Wednesday	LPD Spring Conference @ St. Raphael's
April 14	Saturday	General Meeting
May 5	Saturday	CCW General Meeting
May 6-8	Sun.-Tues.	DCCW Annual Convention- Sheraton Suites Tampa
CCW General Meeting Schedule:		Sept.-May 7:35am Rosary, 8am Mass, followed by 8:30am Continental Breakfast, & Meeting



March CCW Lenten Retreat

Our March CCW Lenten Retreat will feature our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Dominic Corona as our Retreat Master. The theme is "Women in Scripture." The Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 3. We will begin with Rosary at 7:30 AM, Mass at 8 AM, followed by a continental breakfast, our Lenten Retreat, and then our delicious luncheon. Cost for the retreat is \$10. Both men and women are welcome. Make your check payable to the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) and drop it in the weekend collection in an envelope marked "CCW Retreat" or send your check to Marlene D'Abramo, Registration Chairman, 3800 Huntington St., NE, St Petersburg, FL 33703. We are looking forward to seeing you and sharing this special event. Any questions, call Judy Geier 561-0803.

Tuesday Evening Rosary *by Marty Foreman*

Maybe as nice Lenten prayer or as a service for the Lord, please consider coming to the Tuesday Evening Rosary at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. It takes less than 30 minutes and there's great power in community prayer! This group has been meeting for several years and everyone is welcome.

Daily Rosary

Monday through Saturday after the 8AM Mass, you can pray the Rosary with the morning Rosary group. Usually they pray in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. After Rosary, the group recites the Divine Mercy Chaplet and says prayers for Priests and Seminarians. All are welcome.

Rosary for our Bishop

There is a website where you can sign up to pray a monthly rosary for any bishop. You can choose how often you would like to say your rosary and it will send you a reminder to pray before or on that day each month. You can look at the statistics and a map of where the bishops are who are being prayed for. Our diocese has 9 people praying for Bishop Lynch. Perhaps we could increase the numbers? You can also set up a day to pray the Rosary for our Pope, as he is the Bishop of Rome. Sign up at <http://rosaryforthebishop.org/>.

CCW Cookbook Ad Question

CCW member and cookbook coordinator Chris Winstead is trying to find the person who handed her the ad for the cookbook in memory of Michael Frederick Joseph Vaughn, 22 y/o. Chris needs to contact you with a follow up question and your name was not on the paper with the info for Michael. We still are looking for more advertisers for the cookbook. Contact Chris cwoodswinstead@gmail.com as there are a variety of prices and types of ads.



February 2012 Papal Intentions

General: That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.

Missionary: That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.

Seminarian Updates *by Nancy Angel*

Personally, thank you again for keeping all the seminarians in your prayers. The road they are travelling is not an easy one, but they are all excited and energized about our Catholic Church and what the future holds. Please continue your kind notes and cards, and especially your prayers ... they do love hearing from home! To send a card to Bob Angel: c/o St. Vincent DePaul Seminary 10701 S. Military Trail, Boynton Beach, FL 33436



to youth groups this month, one of which lands on Valentine's Day. I couldn't imagine a better way to spend a day devoted to Hallmark "love" than to share this teaching that explodes with God's radiant and abundant love for us women and men. While I'm a bit drained and it doesn't look like I'll be able to come home at any point this February, know that your prayers sustain this unworthy servant and I am eager to come back to you all soon. In His love

Blessed John XXIII, about Seminarians:

"In view of the mission with which you will be entrusted for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, this is the purpose of your education: forming the mind, sanctifying the will. The world awaits saints: this above all. Before cultured, eloquent, up-to-date priests, there is a need of holy priests who sanctify."



From Seminarian Bob Angel:

The month of February is ushered in for me with an academic workload increase and not enough hours in the day to complete it all. But God is good and certainly using this servant to His desired capacity. We recently hosted our 3rd annual Young Adult Retreat here at the seminary and provided talks, music, Mass, Adoration, and chances for fellowship for over 150 young men and women. It was a most blessed time. I've also been 'contracted' to give four separate talks on John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" teaching

Successful Pack Rat Rummage Sale January 21

Well, the total is still being calculated- but early figures show we made an all time record of about \$4,500 for all types of sales, thanks to each and every one of you who were able to help either by donations, physical labor, or putting up signs in your yards. We cannot possibly name everyone without leaving someone out, but special thanks to our Pack Rat Rummage sale chairman Denise Debord and her hubby Warren who worked countless hours. Thanks to Pat Merman who ran the jewelry table and Gail Brazzell on the collectibles- together they brought in almost \$1000. Amy Robison took care of our ad in the Tampa Bay Times. "The Shop" on 4th Street loaned us clothing racks. Tuesday Morning Fun Club collected articles from our CCW closet and the Knights of Columbus pitched in. Mary Brophy Lee helped with the clean up and took items to the Haines St. Thrift Store where she will donate sales of our items to the Juvenile Diabetes Assn. We gave items to Foundations for Life and Pinellas Hope. Thanks to CCW officers- President Rosemary Early, VP Kathy Guckenberger, treasurer Marty Foreman, Corresponding Secretary: Bernadine Quartetti, Recording Secretary: Miriam Ludes (who brought her hubby Biff) Chris Winstead (and hubby), Maggie Moren (and hubby), Judy Geier and Roseanna Costa (and hubby), past CCW presidents Marlene D'Abramo (and hubby), Claudia Soucy and (hubby), Winnie Young, Kay Yennie, Bernadette Bailey and Louise Barrett all were there for many, many hours. Ava and Ursula Abner,

Jeanette Abramo, Peggy Bach Eileen Brady, Linda Bragg, Mary Brophy and grandson Corey, Celeste Brown, Mary Carlomagno, Mary Jo Cillian, Leslie LaPolla, Kathy Condon, Virginia DiFilipo, Lauren Dandar and hubby Ken, Lynn Denson, Kim Early and hubby, Mark Early, Maria Flack, Stephanie and hubby Phil Graham, Glenda Haight, Terry Hamm, Michelle Henricksson, Mary Kay Heraty, Judy Hill, Therese Johnson, Sandy Imbriani, Carol Irwin, Jeanne Larrison, Carmen Marlowe, Grace Matos and her strong sons Lucas and Miguel, Jo McFarlane and her daughter Pam, MaryAnn Miller, Kathie Newton, Peggy Nolan, Susan O'Gara, Mary Poulin, Mary Lou Price and her strong grandsons Zacahry, Sam and Max, Lisa Richard and her strong sons Nick and Noah, Rosa Rodriguez, Molly Sanger, Van Rourk and her hubby Will who picked up NUMEROUS and heavy items, Angela Soucy, Gerry Sweet, Adela Vidal, Susan Ugan, and Mary Wilson. If we forgot to add your name- you can see we had a lot to remember, and it's not because we MEANT to leave you out. Thanks one and all!

Love Means:

Can you say "I love you" any better? What Love means to a 4-8 year old. These are sweet words from the mouth of babes.

- ♥ 'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.' Jessica - age 8

CCW Member News

- ♥ CCW member Mary and hubby David Poulin enjoyed a visit from their daughter and son in law from CT. This daughter came in 5th in the Cross Fit Olympics in her age group July 2011 in California.
- ♥ With the birth of Lilly Marie on January 14, in Buffalo, NY, CCW Member Angela Soucy is now the proud Grandma/Great-Grandma to 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren! And another one is on the way in NY! Lilly Marie will be baptized in February at St Gabriel's Church wearing my baptism gown that is now 99 years old, handmade by Angela's mother. Angela was only 4 years old when her beloved mother died, and never really got to know her, so this is a very special gown and a very special occasion.
- ♥ CCW member Yvonne Thompson is happy to report that her son, DJ, is back at Bayside Health and Rehabilitation Home (near St. Anthony's Hospital). He is doing well. His recovery is nothing short of miraculous. Good medical care is certainly part of his recovery however there is no doubt that the sacrament of healing and powerful intercessory prayer are the glue that binds him together and keeps him safe, carved in the palm of God's hand.
- ♥ CCW member Margaret Knepprath recently retired as Director of Religious Education at St. Bruno's in Dousman, WI. She's a snowbird, and we are so glad to have her at St. Raphael's for half the year. She still writes a weekly column for the bulletin of her parish in Wisconsin. "I was asked to continue some adult education articles after I resigned as DRE. It is titled "What is Your Catholic IQ?" I did several months on the changes in the new Missal and now am concentrating on the Bible. I try to relate them to one of the Sunday's readings." You will find her questions and answers in our newsletter this month.

Joining St. Raphael CCW

It's easy to join St Raphael's Council of Catholic Women. Simply drop an envelope marked CCW in the weekend collection. We need your name, address, phone, email address, birth day and birth month and a check for \$15 payable to St Raphael CCW. Dues are payable after Jan. 1 and late by June. Membership gets you to be part of a great group of women whose job it is to serve God in our family, Parish, community and world. We have a Mass intention said for our members monthly. You do what you can, when you can and this way, with over 230 members, we get a lot done for St Raphael's. Women of all ages, professions, interests and talents are welcome and urged to join.

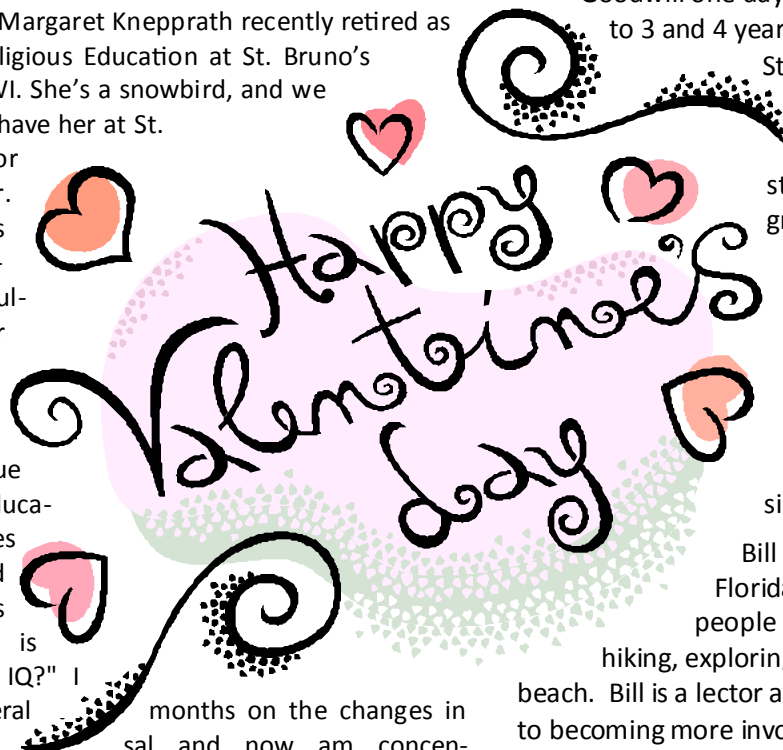


Welcome New CCW Member

From new CCW member Diann O'Connor, "My husband Bill and I moved to St. Petersburg from NJ in April when he accepted a job at Goodwill Industries in Donations Development. At that time I retired from my job in retail construction accounting. We did major renovations for Macy's Herald Square and Bloomingdale's, etc. in NYC and the surrounding areas. I'm now enjoying a more leisurely pace and I've been volunteering in the literacy program at Goodwill one day a week as well as reading weekly to 3 and 4 year old classes at one of the Head Start schools here in St. Pete.

We have two daughters. One is a special ed teacher who is now a stay-at-home mom to our 3-year old granddaughter. They live in NJ and leaving them behind was the hard part of moving to FL. Our other daughter lives in Los Angeles and is finishing her Masters in Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine. She is then beginning a two-year course to become a physician's assistant.

Bill and I are really enjoying "winter" in Florida and we've met many really great people here. We enjoy kayaking, biking, hiking, exploring the area and just relaxing on the beach. Bill is a lector at St. Raphael's and we look forward to becoming more involved in the parish.



Catholic IQ for February, 2012 by Margaret Kneprath

February 5: One of the books in the Old Testament is the Book of Job. Who wrote the Book of Job? a) Bildad; b) Job; c) unknown; d) Zophar.

February 12: Leviticus is really a law book in the Old Testament for God's people. The book is named for a group of priests from the tribe of Levi. It was written for a) the Egyptians; b) Pharisees; c) Christians; d) Israelites.

February 19: The Book of Isaiah in the Bible was written in three parts. The first part of Isaiah warned people about the dangers of worshiping foreign gods and treating the poor unfairly. Most people did not listen and as a result, the people became slaves in: a) Babylon; b) Egypt; c) the desert; d) Israel

February 26: The story of Noah is in the Book of Genesis. After the flood ended, God sent a sign of His covenant with the world. It was a) a flock of doves; b) manna from heaven; c) sunny day; d) rainbow. *Answers on Page 6*



From the Internet

Older Than Dirt Quiz : Count all the ones that you remember not the ones you were told about.

- (1) Blackjack chewing gum (2) Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water (3) Candy cigarettes (4) Soda pop machines

that dispensed glass bottles (5) Coffee shops or diners with tableside juke boxes (6) Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers (7) Party lines on the telephone (8) Newsreels before the movie (9) P.F. Flyers (10) Butch wax (11) TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning. (12) Peashooters (13) Howdy Doody (14) 45 RPM records (15) S& H green-stamps (16) Hi-fi's (17) Metal ice trays with lever (18) Mimeograph paper (19) Blue flashbulb (20) Packards (21) Roller skate keys (22) Cork popguns (23) Drive-ins (24) Studebakers (25) Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young

If you remembered 6-10 = You are getting older

If you remembered 11-15 = Don't tell your age,

If you remembered 16-25 = You're older than dirt!

I might be older than dirt but those memories are some of the best parts of my life!

St. Raphael's Knights of Columbus

CCW members! Please use your charm and influence to get your husbands or male relatives to join St Raphael's Knights of Columbus. We finally have a men's group at our Parish and it is really important for the men to become involved in our Parish and have the same great feeling of belonging that we women have by being members of CCW! What a great group- several of Knights of Columbus were at our Rummage sale. Grand Knight Tom Doyle and wife Kathleen pitched right in to help. Knights Dick Haight and Jorge Antunez were also there. Thanks Knights, for your donations to the sale, purchases, and help! In January, the Knights ran a "free throw" contest at St. Raphael School. Twenty five students participated and eight were selected to advance to the district, including CCW member Lisa Grobmyer's son, Jake Grobmyer who took first place in his age group and qualified for the regional championship round at St. Cecilia's in February.

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- ♥ 'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.' Lauren - age 4

Save The Date" for the Next Women's CRHP by Jocelyn Pedalino

SAVE THE DATE for St. Raphael's Women's Christ Renews His Parish weekend this March 10 and 11. The weekend is open to all women of the parish who have not yet attended the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) weekend. Whether you need an escape to a quiet place for spiritual rest and rejuvenation with the Lord, to meet other women in our parish, deepen your faith or develop a personal relationship with our Lord, the CRHP weekend will provide these and more and have you feeling loved and energized in a brand new way. For any questions, contact Jocelyn Pedalino, 727-744-1022. Email: Jocelynp619@gmail.com.

In Your Prayers . . .

Deceased *by Bernadette Bailey*

Please remember the following in your prayers:
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Helene McCullough and Richard B. Jones who died during December. Dorothy Zareas, Maria Pellegrino, Megan Peacock, Claude Thibodeau, and James Petitpren died in January. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Our deepest sympathies go out to all who have lost a beloved family member or friend.



Sick *by Lu Perrin*

Maggie Moren, Marie Bello, Betty and John Kost, Lucy Paz, Karen Cocker, Jane Ellis, , Robert Carter, Ruth Fay, Arelis Diaz, Van Rourke, Montile and Sue Sutterlin, Brian Stoft, and Sheila Barry.

Homebound, Assisted Living and Nursing Homes: Mrs. Barber, Bob and Irene Morley, Estrella Estevez, Nellie Bonitati, the Cleary's, Lee Conkling, Paul and Audrey Gise, Carmela Bloodgood, Louise Halsmer, Stan Abner, Joan Malone, Elsa Tugman, DJ Thompson, and Flo Santi.

CCW Member Relative Deaths

CCW member Kathie Newton lost her beloved mother, Helene McCullough, Dec 31. CCW member Amy Robison lost her best friend and children's godmother, Megan Peacock. CCW member Claudia Soucy lost her father, Claude Thibodeau, on January 21. Mary Wilson's father, James Petitpren, celebrated his 90th birthday this past September. "He had 25 grandchildren & great grandchildren and he was crazy about all of them. Hours before he died January 29th, he attended 4:30 Mass with us at St. Raphael and received Holy Communion....Thank you for all of your prayers & support. Mary Wilson"

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New CCW Banner and CCW Website

Go to our web page (<http://www.st-raphaels.com/ccw.html>) to see a picture of the beautiful new CCW Banner painted by CCW Member Maggie Moren and put together and monogrammed by CCW Member Linda Champion. They did a beautiful job and we are very grateful for their gift. There is a sketch of the Blessed Mother and photo of our group by CCW member Jane Winstead and pictures painted by Joan Grayson on page 2. While there, click on the link for the February 2012 Newsletter, put together from many contributors and formatted by CCW Member Theresa McCormick. On our St. Raphael website you will find the latest on what we are doing every month.



Answers.....Catholic IQ for February, 2012 *by Margaret Kneprath*

February 5th Answer: c) An unknown author or authors wrote this book to address questions about suffering, integrity, and the mysterious ways of God. (Bildad and Zophar were friends of Job.)

February 12th Answer: d) The laws were established in the desert wilderness, after the Israelites escaped from Egypt. However the writing and editing was probably done hundreds of years later.

February 19th Answer: Answer: a) Babylon. Isaiah's disciples in books of Second and Third Isaiah offered the people hope that someday they would return from slavery/exile and rebuild Israel.

February 26th Answer: d) In Genesis 9:13, God said "I am putting my bow in the clouds. It will be the sign of my covenant with the world." The rainbow was a sign to Noah, his family, and all living beings that God would never leave them and would never use a flood to destroy the world again.

