



SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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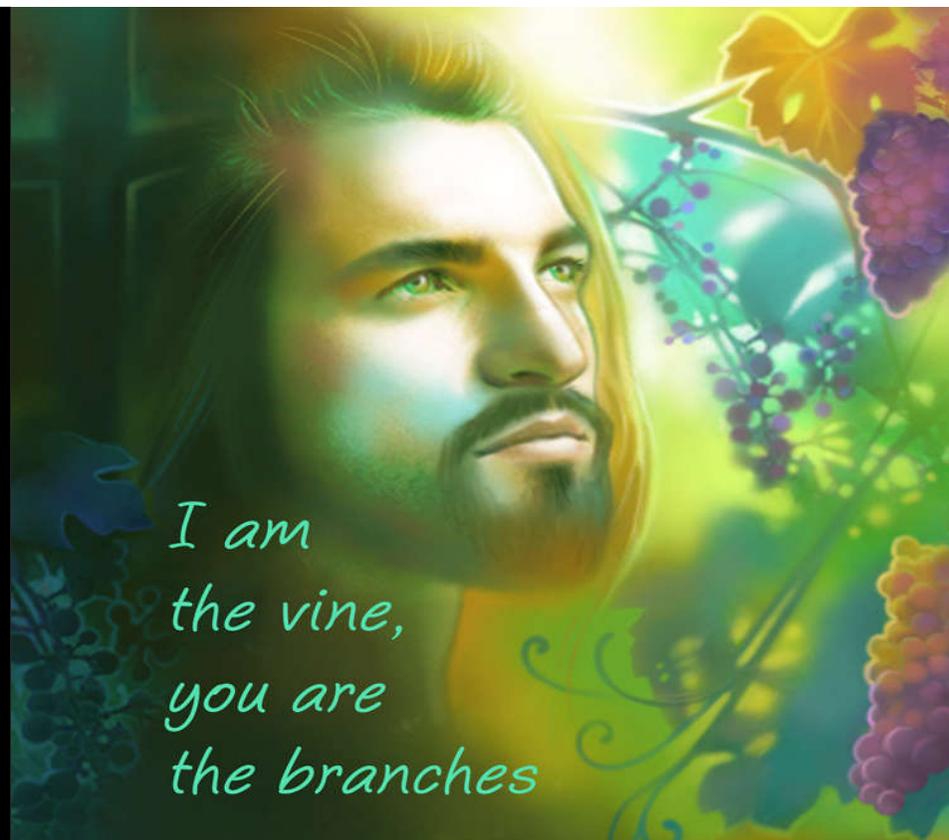
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Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00PM
Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00AM
Weekday Mass 8:30AM

The Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday morning at 7:50AM, prior to the morning Mass. All are invited to participate.

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass 4:00PM
Holy Day 8:30AM & 7:00PM
unless noted otherwise in bulletin

Parish Office

8:30AM—12:30PM Monday thru Friday
1:30PM—4:30PM Monday thru Thursday

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday: 9:00—9:30AM and 2:30—3:00PM

Sacrament of the Sick

Anointing is available upon request before surgery, serious illness and emergency at any time. Please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Registration for Baptism will be held on the First Sunday of each month at the Parish Office shortly after the 11:00 AM Mass. Please call the office for an appointment.

Preparation for Baptism is required for both parents and sponsors and will be available at the Parish Office on the second Saturday of each month beginning at 10:00 AM. Arrangements for and the scheduling of baptism will not take place until after the required preparations have been completed.

Rite of Baptism will be celebrated after the last Mass on the last Sunday of each month.

Marriage

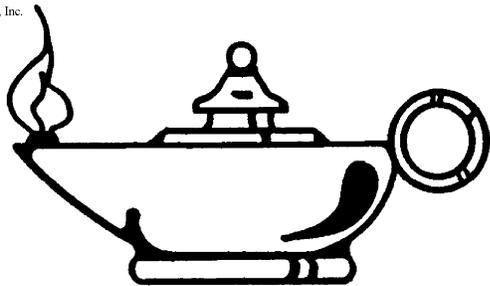
Couples who are registered parishioners must see a priest or deacon AT LEAST six months before anticipated wedding date. Do not rent a hall for a reception before your wedding is placed in the Parish Calendar.

Religious Education (September-May)

Please call (941)473-2359 for information

Parish Bulletin

All articles in the parish Bulletin must be approved by the priest. The deadline is 10:00AM on Friday of the week before the date you wish to have the item run.



COMMITTED TO TRUTH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

ST. RAPHAEL TREASURE CHEST

Offertory 04/22/2018

Loose: \$ 4903.10 Env.: \$ 6548.00 Total: \$ 11451.10

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal 04/15/2018

GOAL: \$ 159,000 % OF GOAL: 54.21 %

PLEGGED: \$ 86,197.84 RECEIVED: \$ 61,788.34

% of HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING: 24.82 %

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Monday: St. Pius V
 Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker
 Wednesday: St. Athanasius
 Thursday: Ss. Philip and James;
 National Day of Prayer
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo

SMALL TASKS

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe. —St. Thérèse of Lisieux

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



BE WHAT YOU SEEK

Even as you seek a virtuous, fair, and good spouse . . . it is fitting that you should be the same. —St. Bernardine of Siena

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call Dorothy Seymour at 474-8904 if prayers are needed. Prayer intentions are passed on only to those who are part of the prayer chain. All information is confidential.



DIocese OF Venice IN Florida
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports isolated, challenged Parishes and Missions in Dioceses across the United States and in several U.S. Territories. There is a great need for evangelization and sharing the message of Christ and the beauty of the Church. The Church at home needs to be strengthened.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA), supports the neediest Dioceses in the United States. This appeal makes the most basic faith programs possible and shares the Gospel message with our brothers and sisters in Dioceses where Church communities are scattered and struggling. Grants from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal cover the costs of basic and essential pastoral programs such as: evangelization, catechesis, seminary formation, and lay leadership training. As the economy continues to shift, and the gap between the classes grows wider, the reality is such that the poor areas require more of our support.

The 2018 Catholic Home Missions Appeal is scheduled in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of April 28 and 29, 2018. Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the faith lives of people right here in the United States. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to assure you and your families of my continued consideration as well as my prayers in this Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Make the most of your time and relationship. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend (WWME) and find out how! May 4-6 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice. For info/registration go to WWME.org or call 813-270-7832.

"BE HEALED" RETREAT

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Venice, is holding a retreat from 4pm Wednesday, May 9 through lunch on Friday, May 11. This retreat is an invitation from Jesus to reflect on what's holding us back from experiencing ever more the power and promise of the Resurrection. Drawing upon Dr. Bob Schuchts book, "Be Healed" and directed by Father Shawn Monahan, OMV, give yourself time to encounter the Divine Physician in personal prayer allowing the Lord to heal the wounds that may be holding you back from living a more abundant life. Cost is \$284.50 and includes accommodations and meals. To register, <https://olp-retreat.org/ignatian-healing-retreat> or call 941-486-0233.

SHARE THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...

The Diocese of Venice continues to promote Share the Journey, a worldwide two-year initiative of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. The Diocese will continue to run this series designed to answer questions focusing more specifically on Refugee Resettlement. This will serve as an aide to build bridges of reconciliation, understanding and hospitality, in keeping with the spirit of Share the Journey.

How Do Refugees Contribute?

1. Refugees must pay back the cost of their travel to America through a loan arrangement with the International Organization for Migration, a U.S. Department of State contractor. Flight costs range from \$1,500-\$9,000. The U.S. is the only resettlement country that requires refugees to pay for their transportation. Source: MRS
2. The MRS resettlement agency network of over 80 affiliates hire employment specialists to prepare refugees for the job market. Eighty five percent of refugees get a job and are self-sufficient within six months of arrival. Source: MRS Refugee Research Blog
3. Refugees find work far earlier in the U.S. than in other countries and start businesses at a quicker pace than the U.S.-born population. Sources: Chmura Economics & Analytics; MPI

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Would you like to make a significant difference in the lives of others for years to come? Are you interested in making sure your parish, school or favorite ministry continue well beyond your lifetime? Consider creating an endowment fund with the Catholic Community Foundation. Endowment funds help provide long-term stability and sustainability by investing your original donation and using the earnings to support the Catholic organization of your choice. For info. call Catholic Community Foundation at 941-441-1124.

YOUTH SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Epiphany Cathedral June 4- July 27. Activities include sports computers, Bible study, arts and crafts, cooking, team activities, music, dance and theater. Weekly field trips. Cost for a full day is \$150 per week or \$100 per week for half days. Call Nicole Loseto, 941-488-2215 for further information.
St. Charles Borromeo Port Charlotte is offering Summer Camp from 8am-4pm weekdays, June 4-Aug. 3. STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math) classes change each week. Before care and after care available. For info contact Marie Tambasco at 941-625-553.
Vacation Bible School - Epiphany Cathedral, 9am-12pm June 18 to June 22. This year's theme is "Totally Catholic Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." The camp is available to children kindergarten through fifth grade. Aftercare is available. To register or volunteer, visit epiphanycathedral.org.



WITNESSING FAITH

Join Bishop Frank J. Dewane for his monthly radio program "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" on the last Friday of each month at 10:30am online at RelevantRadio.com.

Church Hours (Parish Center Building)

Monday thru Saturday Morning
Saturday Afternoon
Sunday

doors open at 7:45AM
doors open at 2:30PM
doors open at 6:30AM

doors close at 9:30AM
doors close at 5:00PM
doors close at 12:00PM

Please note: For security purposes, access to the church area will be restricted to the times listed above. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

BOOKKEEPER NEEDED

St. Raphael Church in Englewood is actively seeking an office bookkeeper to work 16 hours per week. Must have experience in bookkeeping, accounting, and possess good organizational skills. Requires a working knowledge of Excel and Quick books. Candidate will be required to take a bookkeeper exam from the Diocese of Venice prior to consideration of position. If interested please send resume with cover letter to office @strapheng.org

K of C SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

High school seniors who are graduating this year and will be attending an accredited college in the fall are invited to apply. You may pick up an application in the parish office. **Deadline to return the completed application is May 5th. No applications will be accepted after this date.**

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The CCW will hold its last meeting for this season on Wed., May 9 in the parish center at 9:30am. All are invited to attend the 8:30am Mass then join us for the meeting. Agenda includes nomination of officers and final Council business for this year. Brunch will follow at Stefanos. For info call Judie 941-374-5690, or Lorraine 609-457-0702.

EPIPHANY SCHOOL DRAWING

The April winner was Donald W. Lynch of Venice with ticket # 576.

FLU PRECAUTIONS

All parishes/missions/chapels in the Diocese of Venice in Florida are being asked to take the following precautions to help mitigate the spread and effects of the flu.

- The faithful should be encouraged to share the Sign of Peace without touching hands. This can be done with meaningful eye contact, smiles and a bow if the head in reverence to one another.
- Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should be especially reminded of the need to practice good hygiene.
- Ushers should not shake hands to greet people. They can extend a verbal greeting and welcome.
- The faithful should be encouraged not to hold hands during the recitation of the Our Father.
- Parishioners should not come to church if they are not feeling well. If you are sick Center for Disease Control recommends that you stay home to limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.



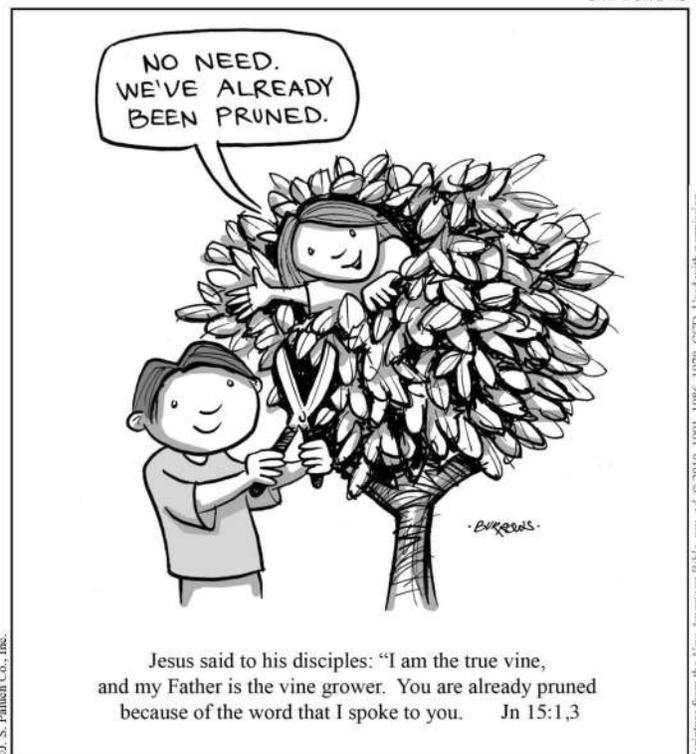
ROSARY AND MAY CROWNING

**Friday, May 11th
9:30AM**

May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially been dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,” and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts as especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God’s mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance.” (Paul VI; Encyclical on the *Month of May*, no.1). This year 2018 marks the 101st anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, where the Blessed Mother appeared once each month from May 13 until Oct. 13, 1917. We invite the faithful to gather in the church on **Friday May 11 at 9:30AM** to recite the Rosary and sing hymns in honor of Our Lady. We will also have a crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue. All are welcome!

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows





"IF WE ARE FILLED with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom."USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Serene Attentiveness to God's Creation" www.bit.ly/serene-attentiveness

CCW CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Anyone who is experiencing physical or emotional distress & needs to feel the touch of God & His love may receive a blessed shawl. Call Jackie 474-7828 or Anne 460-2733.

CRAFT CLUB is looking for members. Fridays 9:30am-11am in the parish center. Info call Marianne 474-1329.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Couples who wish to celebrate their wedding anniversary are invited to participate in the renewal of wedding vows at the 11AM Mass on the last Sunday of their anniversary month. Please call the parish office to register.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Any group or club that has members who have not complied with the requirements of safe environment will no longer be able to hold meetings, advertise and hold fund raisers, etc. on parish property until such time when all club/group members have complied and completed the Safe Environment requirements of the Diocese of Venice. **Please note: This includes all ministries that are affiliated with St. Raphael Church, including those who meet offsite.** If there are individuals who require Safe Environment training, contact the office for a schedule of training sessions.

OUR PARISH IS A SAFE ENVIRONMENT committed to protecting children, youth and vulnerable adults. Report all abuse to the Florida Department of Children and Families at (800)-962-2873. To report abuse by Diocesan personnel or volunteers, call the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at (941)416-6114. For further information visit <http://www.dioceseofvenice.org>.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For employment opportunities in the Diocese of Venice, go to www.dioceseofvenice.org/employment

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

"Nowhere does Jesus hear our prayers more readily than in the Blessed Sacrament." — Bl. Henry Susa

Epiphany Cathedral Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Parishioners from all parishes are invited to participate. To schedule a Holy Hour call Jenny 441-7495.

PROJECT RACHEL

If you are suffering after an abortion go to rachel@dioceseofvenice.org or call Fonda at 239-719-7210.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The Diocese of Venice is hosting a practitioner training for the Creighton Model Fertility Care June 1-8. Contact Kim at elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org for information.

ST. RAPHAEL ACTIVITY CORNER

Monday April 30 through Sunday May 6

Mon.	1:00PM	Prayer Shawl Group
Tues.		
Wed.		
Thur.	7:00PM	K of C Business Mtg
	7:00PM	Ladies Aux. Business Mtg
Fri.	9:30AM	CCW Craft Group
Sat./Sun.		

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The Institute for Catholic Studies in the Diocese of Venice is offering on line classes. Cost \$200 class (8 sessions/class)
 May/June: Introduction to Revelation
 July/Aug.: The Bible and Salvation History
 Sept./Oct.: Pillars of Faith The Creed
 Nov./Dec.: Pillars of Faith The Sacraments
 Jan./Feb.: Moral Decision making
 Mar./Apr.: The Mass
 To learn more or to register contact the Institute for Catholic Studies at institute-dov.org or call 941-766-7334.

GIVING PARTNER CHALLENGE

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County with giving strengthened by The Patterson Foundation will provide a one-to-one match for donations up to \$100 per donor in its 2018 Giving Challenge. Minimum donation \$25. Proceeds will benefit the following Diocese of Venice entities and programs: Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice Inc.; Epiphany Cathedral Catholic School; Incarnation Catholic School; St. Joseph Catholic School; St. Martha Catholic School; St. Mary Academy; Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School. To donate May 1 12pm to May 2 12pm visit www.givingpartnerchallenge.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday April 30 through Sunday May 6

Mon	8:30AM	Joan Heissenbittel Req. by Gene & Ruby Heissenbittel
Tues	8:30AM	Giovanna Roy Req. by her son Nicholas
Wed	8:30AM	Sue Fell Kathleen Riggs
Thur	8:30AM	Agnes Schinn Req. by her niece
Fri	8:30AM	David Kitson Req. by Gerri & Roland Poitras
Sat	8:30PM	Purgatorial Society
	4:00PM	Janet Doyle Req. by John & Ruth Mackey
Sun	7:30AM	Rose Saccomando Req. by her husband
	9:00 AM	Carmen Ramirez Req. by Carlos & Lucille Alicea
	11:00 AM	People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the parish and all who have gone before us in the faith.