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# St. Raphael's Council of Catholic Women

October 2009 - Respect Life Month

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CCW Newsletter



*St. Raphael Catholic Church*



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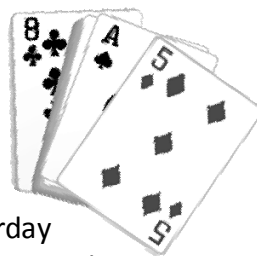
**Theresa McCormick**

## Calling All Catholic Women

Celebrate the Eve of All Saints with other Catholic women as the Lower Pinellas Deanery of the Council of Catholic Women gather for their **Fall Conference**. Come and join the other women for fellowship, encouragement and fun and be nourished by a delicious lunch and an inspiring talk on the Eucharist given by Jackie Mallory. The Rosary and Holy Mass will also be a part of the celebration. St. Paul Catholic Church Cafeteria, 20th Ave N & 12th Street N, St. Petersburg, Saturday, October 31, 2009, 8:45 AM to 2 PM. Lunch \$12 per person. Checks payable to CCW. Send to Bernadette Bailey, 4701 Lansing Street NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33703. See you there!

## Card Party - October 24

Bring your friends and a game or cards for a great time on Saturday October 24. Doors open in the Parish Center at 11:30 AM. Lunch is at noon and then, "Let the games begin!" Everyone is welcome. Many play bridge, board games and scrabble. Lunch will be tropical chicken salad on lettuce with tomatoes, rolls and dessert. All this for \$10 to raise money for our CCW. Send check payable to St. Raphael CCW to Dolores Smith 3434 Bayshore Blvd. NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33704.



## Register by October 24.

## Fun Fest Rummage Sale

In conjunction with the Fun Fest at St. Raphael's October 29-31, the St. Raphael School 5th grade class booth is having a Rummage Sale, which will be Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 8 AM to 2 PM. Please start collecting items for sale from friends, neighbors, work. Things that sell are books, kitchen items, furniture, bikes, handbags, bedding, antiques, small appliances, etc. (no computers). As of October 1, they can be stored in the Parish Center.



## From the Pastor's Desk

*by Monsignor Caverly*

The priests of the Diocese will be going to the annual convocation October 5-8th at Sabal Park in Tampa. The theme of this year's convocation is "Sent by Christ, Service and Justice". The presenters will be Rev. Timothy Radcliffe and the Rector and President of St John Vianney Seminary, Fr. Michael Carruthers. It is always good to get together with the other priests. The Parish Fun Fest will be held Thursday, October 29 - Sunday, November 1. I hope the ladies of the CCW will be involved with helping. Our school has 218 students which is an increase of 8 from last year. Everything is going very well at the school. Thank you

## CCW Calendar 2009-2010

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| Sept. 22 - | November 1   | "40 Days for Life"                     |
| Saturday,  | October 24   | Game Day/Card Party                    |
| Thurs-Sun, | Oct 29-Nov 1 | Parish Fall Festival                   |
| Saturday,  | October 31   | Lower Pinellas Deanery Fall Conference |
| Saturday,  | November 7   | General Meeting                        |
| Saturday,  | December 5   | Christmas Breakfast                    |
| Thursday,  | December 10  | Cook Dinner for Pinellas Hope          |
| Saturday,  | January 2    | General Meeting                        |
| Saturday,  | January 16   | Rummage Sale                           |
| Saturday,  | February     | General Meeting                        |
| Saturday,  | February 13  | Fashion Show                           |
| Saturday,  | March 6      | Mini Lenten Retreat                    |
| Saturday,  | April 10     | General Meeting                        |
| Thursday,  | April 15     | Lower Pinellas Deanery Spring          |
| Saturday,  | May 1, 2010  | General Meeting                        |
| Mon-Wed,   | May 3-5      | DCCW Convention Tampa                  |
| Saturday,  | May 15, 2010 | Pot Luck Luncheon                      |



General Meeting Schedule:

September-May; 7:35AM Rosary, 8AM Mass, 8:30 Continental Breakfast, & Meeting

### President's Message: Did You Know? *By Claudia Soucy*

Did you know: that the St. Raphael's Council of Catholic Women supports abolishing international trafficking of women and children? Did you know: that the St. Raphael's CCW sends funds to Water for Life, a Catholic Relief service for third world countries to dig water wells where there are none? Did you know: that the St. Raphael's CCW is sponsoring an evening meal at Pinellas Hope, a shelter run by St. Petersburg Catholic Charities on December 10, 2009? Did you know: that the St. Raphael's CCW is an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women who has an observer at the United Nations and is a member of the World Union of Catholic Women? Did you know: that the Council of Catholic Women began in 1920 – a history rich with spirituality, leadership development, legislative and administrative reform, but above all, passion for following in the steps of Christ as we serve one another? Did you know: that the Council of Catholic Women is a million strong? Did you know: that October is Council of Catholic Women's Month? Join us and be counted. All women of the parish are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held Sat. Nov 7th, at 7:30 AM Rosary, 8 AM Mass and our General Meeting immediately following in the Parish Center. A free continental breakfast will be served. Thank you Sabrina Burton Schultz from St. Petersburg Catholic Charities "Ministry for Life" who was our guest speaker in October. Come be a woman of faith, a woman of action!



### October Papal Intentions

*General: That Sunday may be lived as the day on which Christians gather to celebrate the risen Lord, participating in the Eucharist.*

*Mission: That the entire People of God, to whom Christ entrusted the mandate to go and preach the Gospel to every creature, may eagerly assume their own missionary responsibility and consider it the highest service they can offer humanity.*

## 40 Days for Life Kick Off

CCW Members Mary Wilson, Bernadette Bailey, Terry Hamm, Maggie Moren, Becky McBride, Jane Winstead, Louise Barrett, Dani McCauliffe (and hubby Jon and son) and Michelle Henriksson (and family), and parishioner Thomas Feldhaus were able to attend the 40 Days for Life Prayer Kick off Sept .22. There were about 100 people present representing many parishes and a few Protestant Churches. Sabrina Burton Schultz, Director if Life Ministries at the Diocese suggested these following ideas for fasting during the 40 days from now until Nov 1. Of course there could be days of bread and water (but few of us will be able to do that). Instead we might give up meat certain days, desserts, TV, internet or Facebook, for example.



## Spiritual Motherhood

There is a Vatican approved lay apostolate called "Eucharistic Adoration for the Sanctification of Priests and Spiritual Motherhood". The title of this apostolate speaks for itself: women make a personal commitment to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration praying for priests and future priests...thus becoming a "spiritual" mother for priests. Anyone who feels called to pray for priests in this special way or wants to pray for priestly vocations in their own family to can prayerfully consider the apostolate. There is a booklet online from the Congregation of Clergy in Rome, "Adoration, Reparation, Spiritual Motherhood for Priests." It is a beautiful read including stories about spiritual mothers - religious and lay alike - who have been instrumental in the life of a priest. [http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/specialitems/adoration\\_for\\_priests.pdf](http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/specialitems/adoration_for_priests.pdf).

Contact Louise Barrett for more information. Tel. 821-2561; Email: [amblab@aol.com](mailto:amblab@aol.com).

## 40 Days for Life

Please join us for the Diocese of St Pete second 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign to be held from September 23 through November 1. 40 Days for Life involves prayer for an end to abortion, fasting and a 40 Day Vigil in front of a local abortion center. Our vigil will be held in front of All Women's Health Center 4131 Central Ave. You can sign up to pray by calling Maggie Moren 525-6873.

## Mass for Life

A Mass for Respect Life month will be held in the Chapel of the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Thursday, October 15, 2009; 7:00 P.M. This Mass will also mark the mid-way point for our 40 Days for Life prayer campaign. Please contact Sabrina with questions: 344-1611 \*325

## Dictionary

**Jesuits:** An order of priests known for their ability to find colleges with good basketball teams.

**Jonah:** The original 'Jaws' story.

**Justice:** When kids have kids of their own.

**Kyrie Eleison:** The only Greek words that most Catholics can recognize besides gyros and baklava.

**Magi:** The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.

**Manger:** Where Mary gave birth to Jesus because Joseph wasn't covered by an HMO.

**Pew:** A medieval torture device still found in Catholic churches.

## Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

## New CCW Members

We are thrilled to have four new CCW members Margaret Bonanno, Nancy Angel, Joan Grayson, and Maria Cianca.

- ⌘ New CCW Member Margaret Bonanno, born in Boston, received a Catholic education ending with doctoral studies in Biology. She went to the Panama Canal Zone to teach for 2 years, but stayed for 30! While there, Margaret met and married Captain Justin Bonanno, a ship pilot, who later ended his 30 year career in Panama as the Deputy Marine Director of the Panama Canal. In 1987, Margaret and her husband moved to Sarasota where they became members of St Mary's Star of the Sea. Margaret and her husband became members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. After his death, Margaret resettled in St Pete. Margaret had been active in the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Venice for many years as a lector and President of the Guild, and head of the Christmas Bazaar. A new parishioner, she is delighted to be a member of St Raphael's Church and is especially impressed with the weekly school Mass.
- ⌘ New CCW Member Nancy Angel was born in New York City. She met her husband Dave in high school in NYC and have been together ever since. They've been married for 32 years and have two wonderful boys. Nancy works full time

in a physician's office and spends the rest of her time caring for her family, her home and gardening. Her oldest son, Bobby, is a graduate of UF, nationally certified EMT and Firefighter, who just resigned from Tampa Fire Rescue to enter the Seminary. Her younger son, Danny, attends UCF in Orlando full time, majoring in Biology, and is employed by Sea World, working at Shamu Stadium as an Associate Trainer.

- ⌘ Born in Hartford, CT, new CCW member Joan Grayson moved to North Palm Beach FL, at the age of 12 with her parents and brother. She attended Riviera Beach High School and graduated from Barry College in Miami with a degree in English. After graduation she went to New York City where she worked as a caseworker in Brooklyn. This occurred during the turbulent late 60's and living in the Big Apple was an exciting experience for a girl from what was then a small town in FL. Eventually she moved back to CT, changed careers and became a Registered Nurse. This led to a career at the UCONN Health Center where she worked in the field of Geriatric Psychiatry. This past June, she retired and moved to St. Pete to be near her family. Her interests are travel, photography and art. She is an artist and some of her work is displayed on her website. WWW.JoanGrayson.Com. She is very happy to be at St. Raphael's.

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## Member News:

- ⌘ From CCW member Susan O'Gara "I have just finished shooting my scene as the mayor in Daniel's Lot, a Christian film, being produced in central Florida with many shoots in Mount Dora. It hopefully will be released in the 2010 to churches. It is very Christian so would not be grabbed up by movie theaters and it is the first film produced by this church. It has been a great experience. The film's website is <http://www.danielslotmovie.com/>
- ⌘ Also from Susan O'Gara regarding her son: After 4 yrs of college, 4 yrs medical school, 5 yrs orthopedic residency in Brooklyn, 1 year of spinal surgery fellowship in Boston and 2 yrs of practice in NH and ME, Tadhg has just passed the boards which he took in the middle of selling and moving his home, wife & 4 boys from Portsmouth to Dover, NH
- ⌘ CCW member Jean Fineberg moved to an Assisted Living Facility near Houston, Texas on July 23 to be near her son. Her new address is 6611 Cypresswood, Spring, TX 77379. Phone (832)698-1275
- ⌘ CCW member Debbi Reidy and hubby Bill are the proud first time grandparent's of Avery Grace. Born 9/7/09 - 8lbs 7 oz to their son Isaac and wife Sasha. Isaac is a student at UF, and Sasha is here in St. Petersburg. Congratulations!

## Vocation News

*by Seminarian Bob Angel*

Greetings in Christ! While I long struggled with letting go of my life to give it to God, coming here to the seminary is arguably the best decision I have made so far in life. We have an incredible quantity of quality men here, all seeking deeper the call that Christ has placed on our hearts. Christ is truly alive here, and it is an honor to be representing the Diocese and the Parish in this Year of the Priest. Please pray for me in my journey, and you all shall remain in my constant prayers.

## Vocation News

*by Seminarian Chris McBride*

I am doing well so far this semester. It is a joy to be back and continue growing with the Lord. My classes are going well, but it is a lot. The hard part is managing time around my 2 night classes this year. One of the biggest joys for me this year is teaching an RCIA class at Our Lady of Lourdes. I am teaching 7th and 8th graders along with another Catechist. This has been a wonderful experience so far and I will be doing it for the whole year. As some of you know, I too went through RCIA back when I was in 6th grade, so this is a personal experience for me. These kids and class means a lot to me.

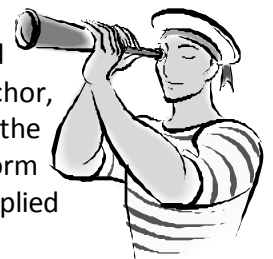
## **"Pray the Lord of the Harvest to Send Out Laborers!"** *by Pope Benedict*

Speech given at a Meeting with the priests and deacons in Freising, Germany, Sept. 14, 2006

"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers". This means that the harvest is ready, but God wishes to enlist helpers to bring it into the storehouse. God needs them. He needs people to say: Yes, I am ready to become your harvest laborer; I am ready to offer help so that this harvest which is ripening in people's hearts may truly be brought into the storehouses of eternity and become an enduring, divine communion of joy and love. "Pray the Lord of the harvest" also means that we cannot simply "produce" vocations; they must come from God. This is not like other professions, we cannot simply recruit people by using the right kind of publicity or the correct type of strategy. The call which comes from the heart of God must always find its way into the heart of man. And yet, precisely so that it may reach into hearts, our cooperation is needed. To pray the Lord of the harvest means above all to ask him for this, to stir his heart and say: "Please do this! Rouse laborers! Enkindle in them enthusiasm and joy for the Gospel! Make them understand that this is a treasure greater than any other, and that whoever has discovered it, must hand it on!" We stir the heart of God. But our prayer to God does not consist of words alone; the words must lead to action so that from our praying heart a spark of our joy in God and in the Gospel may arise, enkindling in the hearts of others a readiness to say "yes". As people of prayer, filled with his light, we reach out to others and bring them into our prayer and into the presence of God, who will not fail to do his part. In this sense we must continue to pray the Lord of the harvest, to stir his heart, and together with God touch the hearts of others through our prayer. And he, according to his purpose, will bring to maturity their "yes", their readiness to respond; the constancy, in other words, through all this world's perplexity, through the heat of the day and the darkness of the night, to persevere faithfully in his service. Hence they will know that their efforts, however arduous, are noble and worthwhile because they lead to what is essential, they ensure that people receive what they hope for: God's light and God's love.

## Stormy Weather...

A young naval student was being put through the paces by an old sea captain. "What would you do if a sudden storm sprang up on the starboard?" asked the captain. "Throw out an anchor, sir." replied the naval student. "What would you do if another storm sprang up aft?" asked the captain. "Throw out another anchor, sir." answered the student. "And if another terrific storm sprang up forward, what would you do?" asked the captain. "Throw out another anchor." replied the student. "Hold on," said the Captain. "Where are you getting all your anchors from?" The naval student replied, "From the same place you're getting all of your storms, sir."



## In Your Prayers . . .

### Sick *by Lu Perrin*

Please keep the following in your prayers: Ryleigh Russo, Margaret Swing, Kay Tolhoek, Catherine Vallette, Bishop Lynch, Lorraine Christiansen, Michael Downs, Lucille Nofrady, Valerie Freeman, John Abramo, Paul Smith, Joe Kolb, Ginny Hansen, Fran Davis, and Lu Perrin.

Homebound and nursing home: Nellie and Charles Bonitati, Truus Stuimer, Eileen Edwards, Susan Neitz, Tom Kunkler, D J Thompson, Jean Dowling, Julie Schiavi, Lily Riconda, Martha Farrell, Dottie Soots, Montile Sutterlin, and Ann Walsh.



### Deceased *by Bernadette Bailey*

May the souls of Esther LaVangie, Floyd Respole, Patricia Barber, Jerry Snider, Kason Kraus and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

### CCW Member Relative Deaths

Our sympathies to CCW member Joyce Kubala who lost her grandpa, Floyd Respole. He was just shy of his 102nd birthday. He was a faithful Catholic and servant of Christ. Our sympathies to CCW member Beth Scognamiglio who lost her father, Jerry Snider.

### Dictionary, continued . . .

**Procession:** The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

**Recessional:** The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.

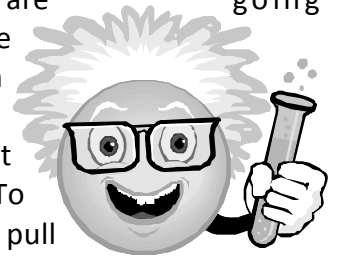
**Relics:** People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

**Ten commandments:** The most important Top Ten list not given by David Letterman.

## From the Kid's Science Class

H<sub>2</sub>O is hot water, and CO<sub>2</sub> is cold water. To collect fumes of sulphur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube. When you smell an odorless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide. Water is composed of two gases, Oxygen and Hydrogen. Oxygen is pure gas. Hydrogen is water and gas. A super saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold. Liter: A nest of young puppies. Magnet: Something you find crawling all over a dead cat. Momentum: What you give a person when they are going

away. The pistol of the flower is its only protection against insects. A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is. To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose. For a nosebleed: Put the nose much lower than the heart until the heart stops. For head colds: use an agonizer to spray the nose until it drops in your throat. Germinate: To become a naturalized German. The tides are a fight between the Earth and moon. All water tends towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight. Blood flows down one leg and up the other.



## Pictorial Directory

Many thanks to CCW members Chris Pelletier and Janie Winstead for their work on the Parish Directory. Chris headed the effort and spent long hours planning, scheduling, being there with the photographer and putting the directory together. Janie Winstead took many of the group shots that graced the directory. It is a beautiful product.



## Without GOD, our every week would be:

Sunday, Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday, Thirstday, Fightday & Shatterday.