



Newsletter— January 2019

Mini-Retreat March 1

Mark your calendar for March 1, the date of our annual mini-retreat and Mass begins at 2:30 at St. Ann's in Naples. Our regular 1st Friday will finish the day at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. The cost is \$105 per person (\$20 for the retreat and \$85 for dinner). Formal invitations will be coming shortly. The order of events is as follows:

2:00PM	Ushers greet attendees
2:10PM	Vesting—Please be robed/caped (with large decoration) by 2:15PM
2:20PM	Robed/caped members line up for the procession
2:30PM	Procession—Mass celebrated with Bishop Dewane and Archbishop ListECKI
3:15PM	Group photo with Bishop Dewane and Archbishop ListECKI
3:30PM	Break
4:00PM	Retreat— Led by retreat master Archbishop ListECKI With two 45 minute sessions separated by a short break
5:45PM	Travel to the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club for dinner

January 1st Friday Mass and Dinner

Our first 1st Friday of the year was held on January 4, 2019. Forty-two members and guests attended. We were joined by Tom Mansbach, guest of the Prices, and Steve Popper, President and CEO of Meals of Hope, our speaker for the evening. Edie Muraski and Joe Price celebrated birthdays this month, so we serenaded them with a rousing, "*Happy Birthday!*".

A Special Thanks

Pete Bewley, Naples Area Chair, expressed a special thanks to Leo Stec who heads up our prison ministry and David Joyce who works with Leo in the Naples jail. They visit inmates every Wednesday, bringing prayer materials and the eucharist. It is heartwarming to see the eagerness with which prisoners welcome them and participate in short prayer services.

Pete also thanked Jim Dillon for his service as choir-master at our December 1st Friday, when Jim led us all in carols from a songbook compiled by Dick Copeland.

New Ministry—Mobile Food Pantry

The evening ended with Steve Popper introducing our new year-round food pantry ministry. Meals of Hope provides a food truck fully stocked with meat, produce and staples at the River Park Community Center at 3rd Ave. North and 10th St. North in Naples on the fourth Monday of the month between 3:30 and 6:00PM. We will be providing 10 volunteers to help distribute food from the truck to those in need in the community. Courtney Price chairs this new ministry and will be coordinating our volunteers. Twenty-five of us signed up on Friday night to participate. We still need more helpers, especially those who will be available during the summer months. If you would like to participate and, as Courtney says, "come face to face with Christ in those we are helping", contact Courtney at ckmprice@comcast.net or 202-744-0514.

American Association Spring Retreat

The American Association Spring Retreat is being held at the Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz, FL on the weekend of February 1-3. The retreat master is Monsignor Stuart Swetland. Several of our members and our candidate for investiture will be attending. For more information, see the American Association website at orderofmaltaamerican.org.

On the way to Lutz, Community Pregnancy Clinics, Inc. invites you to stop by their Sarasota clinic, 1419 7th St., at 11:30 for a tour and lunch concluding at 1:00PM. RSVP to Gary Ingold at gingold@community4life.com.

February 1st Friday Mass and Dinner

The Naples Area 1st Friday mass and dinner will be held on February 8th, the second Friday in February.

Ongoing Ministries

Respect Life: We pray the Rosary at 8:45AM every Monday morning in front of Planned Parenthood at the corner of Goodlette and Creech Roads. Contact BJ Barone at BJB@bjbarone.com or call 239-825-9250.

Power Pack: We pack weekend food bags at 8:30AM every Wednesday while school is in session for 245 Naples elementary school children at Catholic Charities Judy Sullivan Center, 3174 Tamiami Trail E., Naples. Contact Tom O'Reilly at toriinap@aol.com or 239-451-0015.

Ronald McDonald House: Once a month, our Lee County contingent cooks dinner for families staying at Ronald McDonald House in Fort Myers. Contact Tom Kroeger at tkroeger@embarqmail.com, or 239-218-7369.

Mobile Food Pantry: On the 4th Monday of every month we staff a mobile food pantry at River Park Community Center, 3rd Ave. N. and 10th St N. in Naples from 3:30-6:00PM. Contact Courtney Price at ckmprice@comcast.net or 202-744-0514 to volunteer.