

Mini-Retreat March 1

Mark your calendar for March 1, the date of our annual mini-retreat. Mass begins at 2:30PM 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 have been sent via email, please respond at your earliest convenience. 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, Archbishop ListECKI and Father Ratzmann
- 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 Naples Sailing and Yacht Club for dinner

February 1st Friday Mass and Dinner

Our second 1st Friday of the year was held on February 8. Sixty members and guests attended. We were joined by Barbara and Stephen Ball, guests of the Matthews, and Leigh Lord, daughter of Lenore Ford. Ann Swinford, a candidate in her year of preparation from the Western Association, was also with us for the first time.

Ave Bransford, Paul Boughton, Chris Kroeger, Marcella Logue, Ken Muraski and Tom O'Reilly celebrated birthdays this month, so, led by Debbie Brunel, we serenaded them with a rousing, **"Happy Birthday"**.

Two of us received aprons for service in our ministries. Joan Orr participated in our first mobile food pantry at River Park Community Center in January.



Lynn Redmond has been a regular at our Wednesday morning Power Pack Program.



Defense of the Faith Symposium

Pete announced that our Defense of the Faith Symposium this year will be Sunday, April 28 at 4:00PM, location TBA. The speaker will be Fr. Daniel G. O'Hare, SJ, PhD, noted ethicist, speaking on questions of medical ethics. Fr. Dan is a professor at New York Medical College and is an expert on end-of-life issues.



We had four after-dinner speakers. Ken Muraski reported on the trip he and Edie took to Haiti to visit the works of Hope for Haiti, the organization started by Jo-Anne and Carl Kuehner. Ken described the significant positive impact that Hope for Haiti is having on the health and education of rural Haitians, especially children.

Marcella Logue and Tom Kroeger talked about last weekend's Association Retreat in Lutz, FL. Several of the attendees from Naples started the weekend with a tour and lunch at the Community Pregnancy Clinic in Sarasota. Marcella said that the accommodations were serene, the food good, and the retreat master, Monsignor Swetland, outstanding. The focus of the retreat was the Gospel of Luke, which Tom encouraged us all to spend time reading. Tom said that one of the primary points he took away from the weekend is that "If you don't know the Gospels, you don't know Jesus".

Courtney Price reported on our experience with our first mobile food pantry on January 25. 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 11th St. North in Naples on the fourth Monday of the month between 3:00—6:00PM. We provide 10 volunteers to help distribute food from the truck to those in need in the community. We served over one hundred families in need, and as Courtney says, "came face to face with Christ". More volunteers are needed, especially during the off season. If you would like to participate, contact Courtney Price at 202-744-0514 or ckmprice@comcast.net.



Left to right: Courtney Price, Steve Orr, Ken Muraski, Debbie Brunel, Jean Brunel, Edie Muraski, Michael Rothmeier and Kathy Tendick



Left to right: Joan Orr, Sue Newman and Jim Newman

Chris Kroeger announced that those who wish to contribute in-kind donations to the Human Trafficking Backpack Program could pick up lists of needed items from her after dinner and could bring those items to the mini-retreat on March 1.

Future Dates

- April 5 1st Friday Mass and Dinner at St. Joachim Chapel at St. Ann at 5:30PM and dinner at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club.
- April 28 Defense of the Faith Symposium at 4:00PM, location TBA.
- May 10 1st Friday Mass and Dinner will be on the second Friday because many members will be in Lourdes on the first Friday. Location is the St. Joachim at 5:30PM and Naples Sailing and Yacht Club.
- June 7 1st Friday Mass and Dinner 7 at St. Joachim Chapel at 5:30PM and Naples Sailing and Yacht Club.
- June 24 St. John the Baptist Feast Day Mass begins at 12:10PM Mass at St. William.

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