

Defense of the Faith Symposium

Our Defense of the Faith Symposium will be held on Sunday, April 28 at 4:00PM at Pete and Lee Bewley's home at 2174 Miramonte Way in Naples. Our speaker will be Father Daniel G. O'Hare, PhD, SJ. Father O'Hare lectures in Medical Ethics at New York Medical College in New York. In addition, he is an adjunct professor of ethics in the Physician Assistant Program at Sacred Heart University, and in the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice and the Master of Health Care Management in the Graduate School of Business Administration of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Father O'Hare will speak on the topic of End of Life issues. A reception will follow the presentation and question and answer period. Please RSVP to Pete at (pbewley2000@yahoo.com, 510-759-5912), so he knows how many chairs he needs.

March 1st Friday Mass and Dinner

Our annual Mini-Retreat and March 1st Friday Mass and Dinner was held on March 1. Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Dewane and Archbishop Listecki from Milwaukee, our retreat master, assisted by Deacon Gary Ingold. Archbishop Listecki gave an inspiring retreat, talking about, among other points, the importance of taking time to listen to God and learning to recognize those moments when God speaks to us—usually through other people! At the end of his talk the Archbishop graciously opened the discussion to any questions including about current events in the Church. He candidly answered many questions regarding abuse of minors and the former Cardinal McCarrick.

We had 52 members and guests in attendance. We welcomed Eileen Sanchez, guest of Ave Bransford, and Elizabeth Wray, guest of Les Wagner, who were with us for the first time. We also welcomed Carolyn and Mike Moore, guests of Paul and Jane Broughton and our special guest Archbishop Jerome Listecki from Milwaukee, our retreat master. We acknowledged Anne Swinford, in her year of preparation from the Western Association, and Les Wagner, in his year of preparation from the Federal Association.

Nancy Matthews, Area Hospitaller, presented 10 year service pins to Jim and Pat Costello and Tom and Lynne Redmond. She also awarded Rob Amen with his 15 year pin.



Jim and Pat Costello and Nancy Matthews



Tom and Lynne Redmond and Nancy Matthews



Rob Amen and Nancy Matthews

We continued our tradition of serenading with a chorus of *"Happy Birthday!"* those with birthdays in the month of March. Those receiving recognition this month were Tom Kroeger, Tom O'Connor, Jo O'Reilly and Brendan Murtaugh.

We thanked Debbie Brunel, Leo Stec and Jo O'Reilly for making the mini-retreat a real success, and especially thanked Don and Cathy Tendick for bringing Archbishop Listecki to us as a Retreat Master.



Archbishop Listecki, Bishop Dewane Deacon Gary Ingold and Bishop Dewane's Assistant



Don and Cathy Tendick presenting gifts to Bishop Dewane



Naples Area Mini-Retreat 2019

Ministries

We have highlighted the work of several of our ongoing ministries.

PowerPack: We are reminded that our Power Pack Program, packing weekend food bags for poor elementary school children in East Naples, is us to 230 bags a week and growing. All are invited to help out on Wednesday mornings at 8:30AM, at the Catholic Charities Judy Sullivan Resource Center, 3174 Tamiami Trail East in Naples. Contact Tom O'Reilly at 239-451-0015 or toriiinap@aol.com to participate.

Respect Life: Our presence at Planned Parenthood is having a significant impact on abortion. We pray the Rosary at 8:45AM every Monday at the corner of Goodlette Frank and Creech Roads in Naples.

Contact BJ Barone at BJB@barone.com or 239-825-9259 to participate.

Mobile Food Pantry: We staff a mobile food pantry on the 4th Monday of every month from 3:00-6:00PM at River Park, 201 11th St. North in downtown Naples. Contact Courtney Price to participate at 202-744-0514 or ckmprice@comcast.net.

Community Pregnancy Clinics, Inc: CPCI, which receives the Area's annual charitable donations, is holding its Annual Life Saver Event at the Naples Hilton on March 30th. The featured speaker will be Tucker Carlson. Contact Gary Ingold at gingold@community4life.com for further information.

Upcoming Events

April 1st Friday Mass and Dinner will be on April 5.

Defense of the Faith Symposium will be held on April 28th.

May 1st Friday Mass and Dinner will be held on the 2nd Friday, May 10, because the 1st Friday is during the Lourdes Pilgrimage.

St. John the Baptist Feast Day Mass will be celebrated at St. William Church at the regular 12:10 service on Monday, June 24th.

October 1st Friday Mass and Dinner resumes on October 4th.