

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, 2174 Miramonte Way in Naples. Our speaker will be Father Daniel G. O'Hare, PhD, SJ. Father O'Hare in Medical Ethics at New York Medical College in New York. In addition, he is an adjunct professor in the Physician Assistant Program of 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 (pbewley2000@yahoo.com, 510-759-5912), so he knows how many chairs he needs and so that he can provide your name to the gatehouse guard.

April 1st Friday

Our April 1st Friday Mass and Dinner was held on April 5. We had 45 members and guests in attendance, an excellent showing for April. Nancy Matthews, our Hospitaller, emceed the evening. We welcomed Leigh and Kevin Barnard who were with us for the first time, having moved to the Naples Area from Darien, Connecticut. We also welcomed Tom and Mollie Raih, guests of the Brunels, and Tommye Schiro, guest of Ave Bransford.

We continued our tradition of serenading with a chorus of "Happy Birthday" to those with birthdays in the month of April. Those receiving the recognition this month were Jean Brunel, Sue Dillon, Nancy Matthews and Kathy Tendick.

Nancy announced that 14 of us plan to attend the Chrism Mass at Epiphany Cathedral on Tuesday, April 16, at 10:30AM. This will be a great turnout, the best in recent memory. If you would like to join us, please let Pete Bewley know (so we have enough room reserved in the pews). Pete is available by phone at 510-759-5912 and by email at pbewley@alumni.princeton.edu.

Nancy also reminded everyone about our Defense of the Faith Symposium on April 28 (see the notice above).



Father George Ratzmann, our chaplain, received his 10-year pin.

Nancy then introduced our speaker, Marissa Blackett. Marissa is the Development Director at the **Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation**, one of the Order's principle works of charity. Marissa described the Hospital and spoke particularly about the Babies in Bethlehem Advent program, a program of study and almsgiving for use during Advent in Catholic schools and churches. She invited those of us with connections to parishes, particularly with parish schools, to introduce the program in our parishes. Marissa may be contacted through the Order of Malta website.

Service Award:

On March 25 during the Victims of Human Trafficking backpacking event, Pete awarded Marilyn Miller her 25-year service pin.



Ministries

Our ministries continue to provide us with opportunities to provide hands on service to the sick and the poor and to defend our faith.

Power Pack: Our Power Pack program, packing weekend food bags for poor elementary school children in East Naples, is up to 230 bags a week and growing. All are invited to help out Wednesday mornings at 8:30AM at the Catholic Charities Judy Sullivan Resource Center, 3174 Tamiami Trail East. Contact Tom O'Reilly at 239-451-9915 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 (**new time**) every Monday at the corner of Goodlette Frank and Creech Roads in Naples. Please contact BJ Barone at BJB@bjbarone.com or at 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, 301 11th St. North in downtown Naples. Contact Courtney Price to participate at ckmprice@comcast.net or 202-744-0514.

Lee County Ministries: Our Lee County members are active in several ministries. Three times a year they fill backpacks with clothing and personal care items for clients of Catholic Charities who are victims of human trafficking. Twelve of us packed 22 backpacks. To participate contact Tom Kroeger at thomaskroeger@outlook.com or at 239-218-7369.

Aid to the Homebound and those Suffering from Memory Loss: JoAnne Kuehner heads our ministry to assist Naples Area members who are ill or incapacitated (i.e. broken ankle, etc.), or who are tending to an ill or incapacitated spouse. Volunteers may help with meals, provide assistance with transportation to a doctor, do food shopping, provide companionship or stay with an incapacitated spouse to allow a Malta member to leave home for food shopping, etc. Assistance may include the Eucharist if the volunteer is a Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound. Please contact JoAnne Kuehner at 239-777-7183 or at joanne@hopeforhaiti.com if you would like to help or need assistance.

Upcoming Events

Defense of the Faith Symposium will be on April 28 at 4:00PM at the home of Pete and Lee Bewley. See page 1 for information.

May 1st Friday Mass and Dinner will be held on the **2nd Friday, May 10**, because the 1st Friday is during the Lourdes Pilgrimage. Twenty-two of us from the Naples Area will be attending (the Brunels, the Costellos, the Logues, the Musiccos, the Niehauses, Steve Orr, the Peaches, the Prices, Michael Rothmeier, Teddy Sitter (AUX), Robert Striano, Charlotte Williams, Pete Bewley and a malade and caregiver from Orlando). Please keep our pilgrims in your prayers.

May 10th Friday will be our last meeting of the season.

1st Friday Mass and Dinner will be resume October 4.

St John the Baptist Feast Day Mass: will be celebrated at St. William Church at the regular 12:10 Mass on Monday, June 24, followed by a no-host luncheon at the attendees choice.



Sharon Niehaus, Steven Niehaus, Marcella Logue, Marilyn Miller, Tom Kroeger, Faith Schwalback
Erica Pineros, Chris Kroeger, Pete Bewley, Dennis Logue, Jo 'Reilly, Anne Godsey

Our Lee County members also periodically prepare meals for families at Ronald McDonald House in Fort Myers and they collect personal care items for seniors in need who are clients of Catholic Charities.

Reflection:

After he spoke with us, Archbishop ListECKI of Milwaukee, our retreat master at this year's mini-retreat, received several questions about the abuse crisis in the church. He recently wrote an open letter addressing this issue. As a follow-up to his talk with us, Archbishop ListECKI's letter will be send by separate email.

You will receive 2 emails from the Naples Area.