

**May 1st Friday**

Our May 1st Friday Mass and Dinner was held on May 10. We had 26 members in attendance. We welcomed Erica Ritter and Luca Hickman, first time attendees and candidates for investiture in 2020. Our third candidate, Tommy Schiro, was with us for mass and cocktails. We also acknowledged Bishop Dewane who celebrated mass with us along with Father Ratzmann. Bishop Dewane's homily on conversion sent a powerful message.

We continued our tradition of serenading with a chorus of **"Happy Birthday!"** those with birthdays in the month of May. Those receiving the recognition this month were Dick Copeland, Tom Redmond and Father Ratzmann.

We also recognized our June birthday girl Maria Joyce, since we will not have a 1st Friday in June.



We bestowed a 10 year anniversary pin on Bishop Dewane

**Ministries:** Our ministries continue to be well-supported.

**Power Pack:** We are reminded that our Power Pack Program., packing weekend food bags for poor elementary school children in East Naples, is up to 240 bags a week and growing. All are invited to help out on Wednesday mornings at 8:00AM. We are back at Catholic Charities, 3174 Tamiami Trail East (Hallelujah!) with plenty of room for packers. Contact Tom O'Reilly at 239-451-0015 or [toriiinap@aol.com](mailto:toriiinap@aol.com).

**Packers are needed for the June term.**

**Respect Life:** Our presence at Planned Parenthood is having a significant impact on abortions. We pray the Rosary at 8:45AM every Monday at the corner of Goodlette Frank and Creech Roads in Naples. Please contact BJ Barone at [BJB@barone.com](mailto:BJB@barone.com) or 239-825-9259. **Year round members are needed for the summer.**

**Mobile Food Pantry:** We staff a mobile food pantry on the 4th Monday of every month from 3:00 to 6:00PM at River Park, 301 11th Street North in downtown Naples. Contact Courtney Price at [ckmprice@comcast.net](mailto:ckmprice@comcast.net) or 202-744-0514. **The pantry will not open on Memorial Day, May 27, but will be open the 4th Monday of the month during the summer, so year-rounders are needed for June thru October.**

**Defense of the Faith Symposium**

Our annual Defense of the Faith Symposium, organized by our Hospitaller Nancy Matthews, was held on April 28 at the home of Pete and Lee Bewley. Father Daniel O'Hare, S.J., PhD, a renowned ethicist, spoke with us about end of life issues. He provided an ethical framework consistent with the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services of the USCCB to help guide decision making. One important message was that we should all have an advance health care directive.



Pete Bewley, Nancy Matthews, Fr. Daniel O'Hare, Lee Bewley, Nancy Stec, Leo Stec

**Upcoming Events**

**St. John the Baptist Feast Day Mass** will be celebrated at St. William Church at the regular 12:10 service on Monday, June 24. There will be pews set aside for members and a no host luncheon will follow the Mass.

**There will be no 1st Friday Mass and Dinner in June, July, August or September. Our next 1st Friday will be October 4.**

**Lourdes Pilgrimage**

The Naples Area contingent left for Lourdes on May 1 and returned May 7. We are grateful to all our pilgrims, Pete Bewley, Debbie and Jean Brunel, Becky and Gerry Cherney (care-giver and malade from Orlando, sponsored by the Peaches) Jim and Pat Costello, Dennis and Marcella Logue, Jean-Paul and Gerry Musicco, Steve and Sharon Niehaus, DeeDee Nye (formerly from Naples and lifetime honorary Naples Area member) Steve Orr, Anne and Ken Peach, Courtney and Joe Price, Michael Rothmeier, Teddy Sitter (Auxiliary), Bob Striano and Charlotte Williams. We served several different teams. Debbie once again made us proud as she led the American Association choir. The weather was variable, as we expect in Lourdes, with rain on the first day and very cold on the last two days. Our schedule was well organized, and allowed time for some evening visits to the grotto, some shopping and even a little socializing at the Jeanne d'Arc. While we did not witness any physical miracles, we came away with a feeling that much spiritual healing had occurred during the blessed 6 days. After dinner on 1st Friday, Courtney, Joe and Charlotte shared some of their experiences during the pilgrimage.



From Left to Right: Pat Costello, Michael Rothmeier, Gerrie Musicco, Pete Bewley, Ken Peach, Jean-Paul Musicco, Anne Peach, Charlotte Williams, Teddy Sitter, Joe Price, Jean Brunel, Sharon Niehaus, Steve Neihaus



Marcella Logue, Dennis Logue and Debbie Brunel

Bob Striano and Steve Orr

Gerry Cherney and Becky Cherney  
Malade and Care-Giver



Jim Costello and DeeDee Nye

