



ORDER OF MALTA

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

NAPLES AREA NEWSLETTER

April 2020

We tentatively plan to hold a small-group evening reception in May to aid our recruiting efforts. If you have been thinking of talking with someone about joining the Order, this gathering is an excellent way to start the conversation. **Please invite your prospective candidate to join you at this casual event.** We will have wine and cheese, a couple of short presentations on different aspects of the Order, a video and time for questions and discussion. The evening will be on May 13 at 7:00PM at a location to be determined. Please let Gerrie Musicco know if you will be bringing a potential candidate to this gathering. Contact Gerrie at gerriemusicco@gmail.com or 203-273-0980. If you would like to host the May 13 reception please let Gerrie know. Hosts need provide only glasses, plates and napkins. The Order will provide the refreshments. If we are unable to get together in person, we will try to set up a video conference.

April 1st Friday Mass and Dinner

April 1st Friday mass and dinner was cancelled because of the corona virus. Nevertheless, we want to acknowledge our April birthday celebrants. Jean Brunel, Sue Dillon, Nancy Matthews, Pat Musumano and Kathy Tendick. *"Happy Birthday!"*

New Ministry

We have begun a new ministry in response to the corona virus. Under the leadership of JoAnne and Carl Kuehner we have assembled a group of volunteers who are keeping in touch with our elderly and at risk members. At least once a week we are calling 20 homes to check on their health, offer the comfort of a conversation and determine whether any assistance is necessary.

Power Pack is currently suspended.

Respect Life

We continue to pray the Rosary at 8:45AM every Monday at the corner of Goodlette Frank and Creech Roads in Naples, being careful to maintain social distancing. Please contact BJ Barone at BJB@bjbarone.com or 239-825-9259 to participate.

Mobile Food Pantry

The Mobile Food Pantry ministry is currently suspended, but Meals of Hope, which provides the food pantry truck and food, continues to operate on a drive-thru basis. They need help packing the bags of food that are being distributed. Use the following link to sign up to help pack bags of groceries at the Pantry Warehouse at 2161 J&C Blvd, Naples. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4BAFAD23A7FA7-meals>.

Human Trafficking Back Pack Program

Packing of Victims of Human Trafficking back pack is currently suspended.

St Matthew House Dinner

Our monthly dinner service at St. Matthew House is currently suspended.

Prison Ministry

Weekly visits to the jail are currently suspended.

How Can We Help?

If you are aware of a need in the community that you think our members could help with, please contact Michael Rothmeier, Hospitaller, to discuss. Contact Michael at rothmeiermj@gmail.com or 239-631-5215.

Upcoming Events

May 1st Friday Mass and Dinner is scheduled for the second Friday, May 8, because the first Friday was originally going to be during the Lourdes pilgrimage. We will determine later in April whether we will be able to get together in May.

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

Informal 1st Friday masses and dinners will continue over the summer. Watch for announcements from Courtney Price.

Formal 1st Friday Mass and Dinner will resume on October 2.