



ORDER OF MALTA AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Naples Area

December 2020 Newsletter

Mini-Retreat

We hope to be able to have our Mini-Retreat this year on Friday, February 5 beginning with mass at 2:30PM at St. Ann Church in Naples. Our retreat master will be Bishop Joseph Bamberg, Bishop of Scranton. Please plan to arrive no later than 3:00PM to robe and prepare to process. The retreat is followed by dinner at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. Formal invitations will follow in January.

December 1st Friday Mass

Our December 1st Friday Mass was held on December 4. Over thirty of us attended. Father Ratzmann celebrated mass at St. William Church. Because of Covid we were unable to follow mass with our usual dinner.



After mass Pete Bewley, Area Chair, spoke briefly. He awarded a Malta work apron to Alex Wilson, grandson of Mike and Betsy Cogburn. Alex has been a regular at Power Pack all fall while he attends Drexel virtually.

Pete also presented David Joyce, Chair of Community Pregnancy Clinics, Inc., with a check for \$1,000, profits from the sale of two Malta pendants. Pendants are available to order through David and Maria Joyce, incoming Area Co-Chairs for \$2,250. The pendants look like this →



Pete concluded with the following remarks, "This is my last 1st Friday as Area Chair. I want you to know how much I have enjoyed and cherished working with all of you. You make this a vibrant, lively and spiritually fulfilling Area, one of the best in the Order. You have my heartfelt thanks for being who you are and doing what you do. God bless you all."



Future Dates

January 1st Friday is **the second Friday**, January 8, rather than New Year's Day.

Our Min-Retreat is Friday, February 5. Invitations to follow.

The Catholic Charities Emerald Ball is tentatively scheduled for March. **If you plan to attend, please contact David and Maria Joyce at (joycenaples@yahoo.com) if you would like to sit at a table with other members of the Order.**

Ministries

Remember our regular ministries—all are invited to participate.

Respect Life: We pray the Rosary every Monday morning in front of Planned Parenthood, Goodlette-Frank and Creech Roads at 8:45AM. Contact BJ Barone at bjb@bjbarone.com.

Power Pack: We pack weekend food bags for elementary school children at 8:00AM Wednesday mornings during the school year at Catholic Charities, 3174 Tamiami Trail East. Contact Tom O'Reilly at toriiinap@aol.com.

Mobile Food Pantry: (Currently Suspended) - We distribute fresh food to over 100 families at River Park Community Center, 10th St N and 3rd Ave N in Naples. We distribute on the fourth Monday of every month. Contact Courtney Price at ckmprice@comcast.net.

Charlotte Williams reminds us that Order of Malta Christmas ornaments are once again available.

HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL 2020 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT



Members of the American Association and Auxiliary will once again be selling a Christmas ornament for the benefit of The Holy Family Hospital. This year's ornament originates from the Rosary Basilica in Lourdes and is taken from the Third Joyful Mystery, The Incarnation. It is a solitary image of the Infant Jesus. The cost of the ornament is \$25. The Hospital while continuing to operate is under tremendous strain financially because of the pandemic. To order ornaments go to <https://maltany.square.site/>.