

January 1st Friday Mass and Dinner

Our 1st Friday Mass and Dinner was held on January 8, 2021. We had a great turnout. Forty-seven of us were present at Mass and forty-one of gathered for dinner at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. Mass was in the church at St. Ann rather than the chapel to facilitate social distancing. Also for safety, dinner was not preceded by stand-up cocktails, but drinks were served at the tables. Tables were limited to 6 people. Attendees were happy to be getting together again, and share a meal.

Thank you Jo O'Reilly for all you do!

We welcomed first time attendees at dinner. Chris Barton, a guest of Leah Favia, Tom and Missy Reedy, Marilyn Miller, and Bill Swinford.

We also celebrated 2 birthdays occurring in January, David Joyce and Edie Muraski.



Jim Darling was awarded a Malta work apron for his work with Power Pack on Wednesday mornings.



Dick Copeland presented Pete Bewley with a beautiful plaque thanking him for his service to the Order of Malta over the last six years



Various Naples Area Malta Members at Power Pack



Announcements

Mini Retreat: This year's mini retreat is going to be held on February 5, 2021 at St. Ann Church in Naples. Our retreat will start at 3:00PM with mass. Please be at St. Ann's by 2:30PM to dress and process. Our retreat master is Fr. George Ratzmann. All are welcome. This is a great opportunity to introduce perspective members to the order. An official invitation will be sent this week. The order of events are as follows:

2:30PM	Ushers greet attendees
2:40PM	Vesting—Please be robed/caped (with large decorations) by 2:45PM
3:00PM	Procession and Mass
4:00PM	Break
4:30PM	Retreat led by Retreat Master Fr. George Ratzmann, with two 45 minute sessions separated by a short break
6:15PM	Travel to the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club for dinner

Annual Contributions

Our annual contributions to the Order are due by **January 31**. Please make your contribution before then. Our annual charitable contribution allocation from the Order of Malta Foundation, which supports **Community Pregnancy Clinics** and the **Power Pack** ministry, is based on the number of dues paying members. **In addition, payments made by the January 31 deadline garner a bonus payment to our area from the Association.**

Investiture—Recruiting: Covid has forced a postponement of the Investiture to next November, 2021. It has also delayed the membership recruitment and preparation process. If you know of someone who is interested in exploring membership in the Order, please contact Gerrie Musicco at gerriemusicco@gmail.com with your recommendation.

February 1st Friday Mass, Mini Retreat, and Dinner: February 5, 2021. Remember that mass will begin at 3:00PM. We will employ the same safety protocol that we used in January.

Ministries

Power Pack is packing 200 weekend bags for elementary school children in Naples. We meet at 8:00AM every Wednesday morning at Catholic Charities, 3174 Tamiami Trail, East Naples. Contact Tom O'Reilly at (toriiinap@aol.com) to volunteer.

Respect Life meets every Monday morning at 8:45AM to pray the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood at the corner of Creech and Goodlette Frank Roads. Contact BJ Barone at (BJB@BJBarone.com) for more information.

Eucharistic Procession Opportunity Courtney Price has alerted us to a potential Defense of the Faith project. It involves organizing a public eucharistic procession. See uniteournation.net for more information or contact Pete if you are interested.

Pray for Our Sick

Sue Dillon, Tom Redmond, Jeannie Murtaugh, Brendan Murtaugh, Al Cinotti, and Harry Witt.

*May each of you be wrapped up in God's love.
Carried and kept, safe and cherished.
May the healing power of Christ
Breathe across your being now. Amen*