



Newsletter April 2017

April 1st Friday

Our April 1st Friday Mass was held on April 7. Cocktails and dinner followed at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Al and Mary Ann Moschner, guests of the Cogburns, were first time attendees. Forty-two members and guests attended.

Three of our candidates for investiture this year, Noreen Centracchio, David Joyce and Michael Rothmeier, were in attendance.

We celebrated in song the April birthdays of our members Jean Brunel, Sue Dillon and Kathy Tendick.

Nancy Matthews, Area Hospitaller, emceed the evening and gave special thanks to Mike and Betsy Cogburn for hosting an informational coffee at their home the preceding week for those planning to make their first pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. Mike and Betsy also host an orientation meeting in the fall for people who are interested in learning more about the pilgrimage and the Order. Members who know someone whom they think might be interested are invited to provide names to Pete to put on next year's invitation list.

Nancy also thanked Tom and Chris Kroeger for their work in Lee County with Catholic Charities. On April 21, Tom and Chris will be coordinating packing re-entry backpacks for the Catholic Charities program to aid victims of human trafficking. Chris thanked members who have contributed backpack items and funds to support this project and distributed small gifts in appreciation. If you would like to contribute or help pack contact Chris at ckroeger@embarqmail.com or 239-395-0718.

Nancy, who planned and organized the Area's Defense of the Faith Symposium on Transgender Politics and Church Teaching in March with Professor Brian Scarnecchia of the Ave Maria Law School, noted that the Symposium had been very well attended. She thanked all those who helped set up and serve for the reception that accompanied the presentation. We owe Nancy thanks for her work on our Defense of the Faith Symposium, which included last year Archbishop Lori's trenchant discussion of religious liberty.

BJ Barone ended the evening with a discussion of our Respect Life Ministry, which has helped reduce the number of abortions at Planned Parenthood through prayer. We pray the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood on the corner of Creech Road and Goodlette-Frank every Monday morning at 8:40. He also noted the work of Community Pregnancy Clinics, Inc., the recipient of the Naples Area charitable grant each year. The Naples Area is one of 25 Century Club donors to CPCI, providing essential support to the organization's growth plans.

BJ also reminded us of the Order's pilgrimage to Europe in the fall, including a visit to Fatima. He mentioned that the trip leader is a renowned art historian. The Moschners, who have been on previous trips with her, vouched for her. Contact BJ at BJB@BJBarone.com or 239-825-9259 if you would like more information on the pilgrimage.



David Joyce reported on the American Association's retreat at the Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz, FL, last month. The Naples Area had 13 attendees, plus two from outside the Area who spend time here in the winter. The group picture with the retreat master Bishop Frank Caggiano includes everyone but Judi Behrens, who was inexplicably missing when the picture was taken, and Fran McIntyre, a visitor to Naples. David described the retreat as one of the best experiences he has had and was enthusiastic about Bishop Caggiano who will again be the retreat master. He encouraged all Naples Area members to consider attending next year.

Catholic Charities

Many of us attended the Catholic Charities of Collier County Emerald Ball in March. One of the highlights of the evening was a video of the various works of Catholic Charities. The Order's Backpack Weekend Food Ministry, led by Tom and Jo O'Reilly, was prominently featured. Here is a link to the video: <https://vimeo.com/207404068>, password: CC. Catholic Charities is holding a dinner/concert on May 13th at the Wyndemere Country Club to support the remodeling of the Judy Sullivan Family Resource Center on Tamiami Trail in East Naples where we fill our weekend food bags. For more information contact Mary Shaughnessy at maryshaughnessy@catholiccharities.org.

Coming Events

May 1st Friday—May 12, St. Joachim Chapel, 5:30PM

Note that May 1st Friday is on the second Friday because of the Lourdes Pilgrimage. We have 19 members, candidates and volunteers from the Naples Area attending. Please pray for them and our Malades in Spirit throughout the pilgrimage.

June 1st Friday—June 2, St. Joachim Chapel, 5:30PM.

Feast of St. John the Baptist—June 23, Mass at St. William, 12:10PM