

Newsletter—March 2018

Defense of the Faith Symposium

Our Defense of the Faith Symposium will be held on Sunday, March 18 at 4:00PM at St. John Neumann Catholic High School, 3000 53rd St. SW in Naples. Our speaker will be His Excellency Frank Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice. Bishop Dewane will speak on the topic of "Winning Arguments or Winning Souls? How Catholics should respond to a hostile culture." All are invited to attend. You do not need to be a member of the Order to attend. A reception will follow the presentation and question and answer period.

March 1st Friday

Our March 1st Friday Mass and Dinner was held on March 9, the second Friday, because many of our members were away the preceding week at the American Association Spring Retreat at the Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz, FL. We had 37 members and guests in attendance, a good number for March. We welcomed Tom and Nancy Gruber from Cincinnati, who were with us for the first time. We also welcomed Steve and Barbara Ball, guests of Nancy and Jeff Matthews. We acknowledged Maria Joyce, one of our candidates for investiture in October.



Don and Kathy Tendick receiving their 5 year pin.

We continued our tradition of serenading with a chorus of "**Happy Birthday!**" those with birthdays in the current month. Those receiving the recognition this month were Tom O'Connor, Jo O'Reilly, Gary Ingold and Brendan Murtaugh.

We thanked JoAnne Kuehner for her work in establishing our Ministry to the Homebound. Most recently, JoAnne has been coordinating visits to Noreen Centracchio, DM, who is in the rehabilitation facility at Moorings Park recovering from a broken hip.

Ministries

We have highlighted the work of several of our ministries.

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 230 bags a week and growing. All are invited to help out on Wednesday mornings at 9:00AM. The location is in flux, (we may soon be moving back to Catholic Charities from Parkside Elementary) so please contact Tom O'Reilly at toriinap@aol.com. or 239-451-0015 to participate.

Respect Life: Our presence at Planned Parenthood is having a significant impact on abortions. We pray the Rosary at 8:45AM (**new time**) every Monday at the corner of Goodlette Frank and Creech Roads in Naples. Contact BJ Barone at 239-825-9259 or BJB@bjbarone.com.

We concluded the evening with Jeanne Murtaugh's recap of the Lutz retreat. Twenty-four of those who are members of the Naples Area or who spend time with us during the season were at the retreat. Jeanne's recap was particularly moving as a reminder to us who had been there of what a wonderful experience it had been with Bishop Caggiano. If you would like a copy of Jeanne's remarks, email Pete at pbewley@alumni.princeton.edu.



From left to right, Mark Follett, Sally Follett, Ken Peach, Ann Peach, Charlotte Williams, JoAnne Kuehner, Carl Kuehner, Michael Rothmeier, BJ Barone, Maria Joyce, David Joyce, Edie Muraski, Ken Muraski, Lenore Ford, Lucia Barone, Gary Ingold, Ginny Ingold, Jeanne Murtaugh, Pete Bewley, Lee Bewley, Marcella Logue, Ave Bransford, Barbara Miller and Dennis Logan



Ministries—Continued

Aid to the Homebound and those Suffering from Memory Care: JoAnne Kuehner heads our ministry to assist Naples Area Malta members who are ill or incapacitated (i.e. broken ankle, etc.), or who are tending to an ill or incapacitated spouse. Volunteers may help with meals, provide assistance with transportation to a doctor, do food shopping, provide companionship or stay with an incapacitated spouse to allow the Malta member to leave home for food shopping, etc. Assistance may include the Eucharist if the volunteer is a Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound. Please contact JoAnne Kuehner at 239-777-7183 or joanne@hopeforhaiti.com if you would like to help. As part of this ministry, we visit those suffering from memory loss, while they can still benefit from our visits. Training is required to participate in this aspect of our ministry. If you would like to be a part of this special service, please contact Michael Rothmeier at mrothmeier@visi.com.

Community Pregnancy Clinics, Inc. Annual Event

CPCI, which received the Area's annual charitable donation, is holding its Annual Life Saver Event at the Naples Hilton on March 15th. The featured speaker will be Mike Huckabee. Contact Gary Ingold at gingold@community4life.com for further information.

Upcoming Events

Defense of the Faith Symposium will be held on March 18.

April 1st Friday Mass and Dinner will be held on April 6.

Note that the location will change—mass will be at St. William Ministry Center, diagonally across from St. William Church on Seagate Dr.

Dinner will be at the Country Club of Naples.

May 1st Friday Mass and Dinner will be held on the second Friday, May 11 because the first Friday is during the Lourdes pilgrimage.

St John the Baptist Feast Day will be celebrated at St. William Church at the regular 12:10 service on Friday, June 23.

First Friday Mass and Dinner will resume on October 5.



February Mini-Retreat 2018
Naples Area Attendees