



## Newsletter—May 2018

### May 1st Friday

Our May 1st Friday Mass and Dinner was held on May 11. We had 30 members in attendance. We welcomed back Mary Ann Kelly MacDonald who was invested from the Naples Area two years ago and immediately moved away. She and her husband are moving back to Naples. Also, attending was Father Steve Clemente, who presided in place of Father Ratzmann, who was on vacation.

We acknowledged Maria Joyce, one of our candidates for investiture in October.

We continued our tradition of serenading with a chorus of **"Happy Birthday!"** those with birthdays during the month. Those receiving the recognition this month were Dick Copeland and Tom Redmond. We also recognized our June birthday girl Maria Joyce, since we will not have a 1st Friday in June. We included Father Ratzmann, a May birthday boy, in absentia.



We bestowed 10 year anniversary pins on Donna and Pat Musumano

### Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Naples Area contingent left for Lourdes on May 2 and returned on May 8. We are grateful to all our pilgrims, BJ Barone, Pete Bewley, Debbie and Jean Brunel, Jim and Pat Costello, David and Maria Joyce, Ken and Edie Muraski, Steve Orr, Maureen Reed and Charlotte Williams. We served on several different teams, with Charlotte taking the lead as co-captain of the orange team. Debbie once again made us proud as she lead the American Association choir. We had wonderful malades, including David and Maria's 9 year old Jamesy. The weather was excellent, starting with a little rain on the day we arrived, but clear skies and cool to warm temperatures for the rest of the pilgrimage. Our schedule in Lourdes was well organized, and allowed time for some evening visits to the grotto, some shopping and even a little socializing at the Jeanne d'Arc. While we did not witness any physical miracles, we came away with a feeling that much spiritual healing had occurred during the very blessed 6 days. After dinner on 1st Friday, BJ, Pete, David, Maria and Charlotte shared some of their experiences during the pilgrimage.



Jean and Debbie Brunel, waiting for our charter to Lourdes



David and Maria Joyce, also waiting for our Lourdes charter



## 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. We are back at Catholic Charities, 3174 Tamiami Trail East (Hallelujah!) with plenty of room for packers. Contact Tom O'Reilly at 239-451-0015 or [toriinap@aol.com](mailto:toriinap@aol.com) to participate.



Pete Bewley, Jeanne Murtaugh, Joe Price and Charlotte Williams packing away at Power Pack

Dick and Francesca Copeland power packing, sans aprons



**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. Please contact BJ Barone at [BJB@bjbarone.com](mailto:BJB@bjbarone.com) or at 239-825-9259 to participate.

## Aid to the Homebound and those Suffering from Memory Loss:

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 a Malta member to leave home for food shopping, etc. Assistance may include the Eucharist if the volunteer is a Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound.

We are currently visiting Noreen Centracchio, DM. Please contact JoAnne Kuehner at 239-777-7183 or email at [joanne@hopeforhaiti.com](mailto:joanne@hopeforhaiti.com) for information on Noreen or if you would like to help or need help.

As part of this ministry, we visit those suffering from memory loss, while they can 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, contact Michael Rothmeier at [mrothmeier@visi.com](mailto:mrothmeier@visi.com).

## Upcoming Events

**St John the Baptist Feast Day Mass** will be celebrated at St. William Church at the regular 12:10 service on Friday, June 22. There will be pews set aside for members and a no host luncheon will follow the Mass.

**There will be no 1st Friday Mass and Dinner in June, July, August or September. Our next 1st Friday will be October 5.**

