Naples Area

Order of Malta

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November 1st Friday Mass and Dinner

Our November 1st Friday Mass and Dinner was held on November 2, All Souls Day. Fifty-six of us attended. Bishop Dewane celebrated mass in St. Joachim Chapel at St. Ann Church and spoke with us in the chapel after mass about the sexual abuse crisis in the church. He then answered a number of questions from our members.

Dinner at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club began with a welcome to "first timers" Sheila and Steven Niehaus. Steve is our candidate for admission to the Order in 2019.



We presented
Sharon Niehaus
with her 10year pin.
Sharon has
been a
member of
the Order since
2007.

Joining us for dinner as well were three leaders of the Order, Brian Fuhro, New Jersey Area Chair, with his wife Cynthia, Tom Gruber, Ohio Area Co-Chair, with his wife Nancy, and Jim and Sharon Cirincione, Co-Hospitallers (the Federal Association equivalent of Area Chair) from the Federal Association Syracuse, NY Area.

We welcomed Maria Joyce as a Dame. She was invested in the Order on the previous Friday in New York. We noted that we were happy to have with us two of our own malades, Kathy Tendick and Jeanne Murtaugh for whom we have been praying.

We sang "*Happy Birthday!"* to BJ and Lucia Barone, Tom Dalum, Jim Dillon and Harry Witt, our November birthday celebrants.

We were delighted to have Bishop Dewane with us for dinner, along with Father Kris Piotrowski from St. Agnes Church. We gave Bishop Dewane, as chaplain of the Order, an Order of Malta stole.



Lenore Ford received her long over-due Malta apron in recognition of her regular participation at the Wednesday morning Power Pack brigade.



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Charlotte Williams announced that the Auxiliary has initiated a project to support the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem by selling Christmas ornaments. Charlotte showed one of the ornaments and promised that information on how to order will be forthcoming.

Pete read a letter from Maureen Reed, DM, requesting assistance with the hospital ministry supported by St. John the Evangelist Church at Naples Community Hospital North. Pete noted that, while we have several different ministries, we have more room to serve the sick. Fourteen of those in attendance signed up to join the ministry. It requires a commitment of one or two mornings per month to attend 9:00AM mass at St. John and then bring the host to those in the hospital. Two of our members, Rob and Claudia Amen, already participate regularly. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Maureen at (maureen@siecc.com).

Ministries

Our ministries are in full swing. In particular, Respect Life and Power Pack are both going strong on a weekly basis.

Respect Life prays the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood on Creech Road in Naples every Monday morning at 8:45AM. Contact BJ Barone at **BJB@bjbarone.com** for more information.

Power Pack fills 215 bags with food for the weekend for needy schoolchildren in Naples. We meet every Wednesday morning at 9:00AM at the Catholic Charities Judy Sullivan Resource Center, 3174 Tamiami Trail, East in Naples. We are usually finished by 10:00AM.

Contact Tom O'Reilly at toriiinap@aol.com.

Victims of Human Trafficking Backpack provides a backpack filled with new-start essentials for those escaping human trafficking. Last Friday night several members offered to make donations toward the necessary supplies. If you are one of those who offered, please send your check made out to the Order to Pete Bewley, 2174 Miramonte Way, Naples, FL 34105.

Calendar of Events

December 1st Friday Mass and Dinner
January 1st Friday Mass and Dinner

American Association Lutz Retreat
February 1st Friday Mass and Dinner
Order of Malta Mini-Retreat

December 7

January 4

February 1—3

February 8

March 1

Mini-Retreat begins at 2:00PM at St. Ann Church. The retreat master for the mini-retreat will be Archbishop Jerome Listecki, from the Milwaukee Diocese. Don and Kathy Tendick arranged for Archbishop Listecki to be with us.

Investiture 2018

We thanked Don Tendick for arranging our Area dinner on Thursday night before the Investiture this year. Once again, Don did a great job, getting us into the New York Athletic Club. Ten of us were in attendance.

The next evening our three Naples candidates, Maria Joyce, Steve Orr and Ken Peach were invested in a beautiful ceremony presided over by Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral. That evening 15 of us enjoyed the gala dinner at the New York Hilton.



Attending dinner were, from left to right, Brian Peach, Pete Bewley, Ken Peach, Father Gregory Bartholomew, Debbie Brunel, Maria Joyce, Hope Carter, Dick Copeland, Daniel Peach, Joan Orr, Steve Orr, Francesca Copeland, Jean Brunel, Anne Peach and David Joyce