

NAPLES AREA NEWSLETTER November 2019

Investiture Events—RSVP Needed

- Area Dinner, November 14—We are planning a no host dinner on Thursday, November 14 for Naples Area members and guests who are attending the American Association Investiture in New York. Please let Don Tendick at dontendickjr@prodigy.net know by November 8 whether you would like to attend and, if so, how many will be in your group.
- Investiture Dinner, November 15—If you would like to sit at the Naples Area table at the Investiture dinner on Friday, November 15, let Pete know the names of those in your party. Please respond no later than November 8. Pete can be reached at pbewley@alumni.princeton.edu or 510-759-5912.

November 1st Friday Mass and Dinner

Our November 1st Friday Mass and Dinner was held on November 1. Fifty-one of us attended. We welcomed Donna and Ed McCoyd, guests of Jim and Pat Costello, from Garden City, Long Island.

Singing "Happy Birthday!", we celebrated 3 birthdays occurring in November—BJ and Lucia Barone and Tom Dalum.



Pete Bewley, Area Chair, presented Betsy Maher her 5 year anniversary pin.

Charlotte Williams announced that she has Christmas ornaments available for sale to support the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem.

Contact Charlotte at **charlottewms1@gmail.com** if you would like to order ornaments.

Debbie and Jean Brunel have asked for help handing out Holy Family Hospital brochures at St. William Church at all masses on the first Sunday (including Saturday masses) in Advent. Contact Debbie at **debbie@brunelassociates.com** to volunteer.



Pete awarded Tim Gunderman his Malta apron, recognizing his service during the summer in the Monday Mobile Food Pantry

Pete announced that we have upgraded our ability to respond when a disaster occurs by appointing Gerrie and Jean-Paul Musicco as disaster relief coordinators. Gerrie and Jean-Paul will be in touch with Catholic Charities when a hurricane or other event occurs to let us know when and where volunteers are needed to assist in recovery efforts. Please be alert to emails from the Musiccos when disaster strikes.



Our speakers for the evening were David and Maria Joyce. Pete introduced David and Maria, noting that they will be taking on the role of Co-Vice Chairs of the Naples Area in January. Pete will remain Area Chair until January 2021, when David and Maria will become Co-Area Chairs. The purpose of appointing Vice Chairs is to help the new Area Chairs learn the responsibilities of the position before having to assume the duties.

David and Mara spoke about the summer youth pilgrimage to Lourdes, which they attended as chaperones this past summer. The pilgrimage is for high school and college age youth who work together in the Domain for a week. They helped malades off the trains, work in the baths and do other necessary tasks. The Joyces encouraged members who have children or grandchildren who would benefit from exposure to the Lourdes experience to consider registering them for the summer youth pilgrimage.

Announcements

Malta Tables at Seasonal Benefits: There are three seasonal events that many of our members attend. If you plan to attend and would like to sit at a table with other Malta members, please let Pete know. The events are:

Hope for Haiti	Februrary 15
Celtic Ball for St. John Neumann HS	February 21
Emerald Ball for Catholic Charities	March 7

Ministries

Respect Life prays the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood at Creech Road in Naples every Monday morning at 8:45AM. Contact BJ Barone at **BJB@barone.com** for more information. We can always use another voice praying for an end to abortion.

Power Pack meets every Wednesday morning at 8:00AM at Catholic Charities. We are usually finished by 9:00AM. Contact Tom O'Reilly at **toriiinap@aol.com** to add your name to the schedule.

Mobile Food Pantry meets on the 4th Monday of every month from 2:00PM to 5:00PM at River Park, 301 11th St. North in downtown Naples. Contact Courtney Price to participate at **ckmprice@comcast.net** or 202-744-0514.

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Future 1st Friday Dates

December 1st Friday	December 6
January 1st Friday	January 3

February 1st Friday, which begins with our mini-retreat at 2:30PM, will be on February 7. Our retreat master will be Monsignor Robert Ritchie, Rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. Bishop Dewane has been invited to preside at mass.

American Association Spring Retreat

The American Association Spring Retreat at Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz, FL, will be held on Friday, January 31 through Sunday, February 2. Bishop Caggiano from the Bridgeport Diocese will be the retreat master. Many of us from the Naples Area have attended the Lutz retreat in the past when Bishop Caggiano has been the speaker. He is a wonderful spiritual leader, and will make this retreat well worth attending.

Recruiting — **HELP!:** New members are the lifeblood of our Area. We are currently recruiting for investiture in 2021. It is never too early to start. Please take a moment to reflect on whether you know one or more good people who would make a good candidate for the order. Such a person might be someone you have met at prayer group or scripture class.

If you are not comfortable approaching that person for the order, please forward the name to Pete Bewley at **pbewley@alumni.princeton.edu** or 510-759-5912.

Volunteer at Our Lady of Good Help

The three U.S. Associations of the Order of Malta have opened a first aid and hospitality center at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, the only approved Marian Apparition cite in the U.S., outside Green Bay, Wisconsin. Volunteers are needed to staff the center throughout the year. If you are interested, contact Pete for more information.