



First Friday Mass & Dinner May 7, 2021

We had a great turn out for First Friday and dinner at the Naples Yacht Club. Things are finally starting to get back to normal! Mass was held at St. Ann's Catholic Church at 5:30. Both Fr. George and Fr. Stan celebrated mass. We had 53 people attend Mass and dinner. At dinner we were finally able to have our cocktail hour. It was great to see everyone socializing and catching up again!

Thank-you Jo for a wonderful event!

David and Maria welcomed back Donna & Pat Musamano, Sharon & Jim Cirincione, John & Pat Dale and Fr. Stan Dombrowski a retired Pastor and friend of Fr. George. Fr. Stan is from St. Cecilia and acts as Chaplain for Ft Myers members.



We had several birthdays to celebrate in May: Dick Copeland, Jean-Paul Musicco, Fr George, and Tom Redmond.

Happy Birthday!

Maria and David introduced the start-up of a new ministry at ST. Matthew's House. The Naples Area Order of Malta will be gathering and putting together bags of toiletries and laundry items to give to the residents and the homeless that use the facilities at St. Matthew's house.

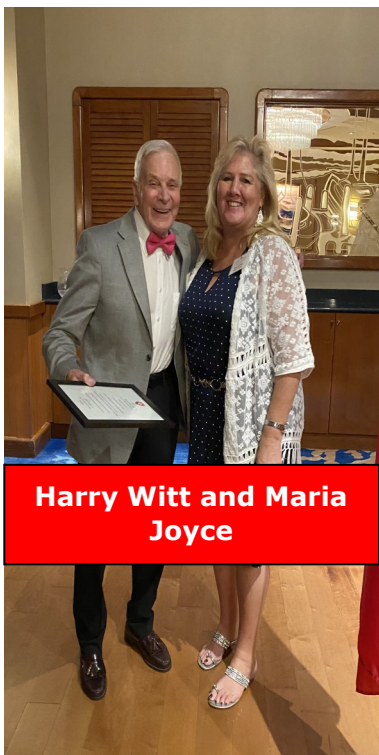


First Fridays will continue through the summer. Courtney Price has volunteered to setup mass and dinner for starting July 2, 2021 and continuing through September. If you are interested in attending, please contact Courtney price at ckmprice@comcast.net or 202-744-0514.

Congratulations to Harry Witt who was presented with his 10 year anniversary pin. Harry was invested in New York in 2010.

Tom and Jo O'Reilly presented Malta aprons to Tom and Missy Reedy and Jean-Paul Musicco for their hard work at Power Pack on Wednesday mornings.

Finally, Jo O'Reilly and Jeanne Murtaugh presented Fr. George with a birthday present from the Order of Malta. It was an Apple watch. Fr George was very appreciative!



Harry Witt and Maria Joyce



Jo O'Reilly, Jean-Paul Musicco and Tom O'Reilly



Tom and Jo O'Reilly, Missy and Tom Reedy

St. Matthew's House Resident Essentials Ministry

We have partnered with St Matthew's House to create a new ministry! Dames and Knights of Malta will be working with St Matthew's House in Naples, FL to create toiletry bags and laundry packages for their residents. This will include gathering any necessary items and compiling the items for distribution on a quarterly basis.

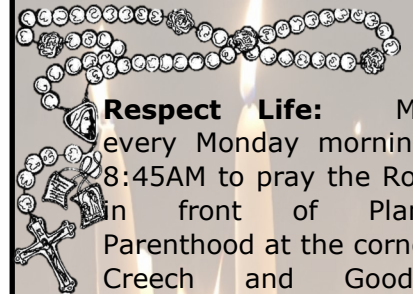
For those of you who aren't familiar with this organization, St Matthew's House is an organization started in 1987 by a group of Catholic lay people who felt called to bring food to a homeless population living in a nearby wooded area. Originally named the "Task Force for the Homeless", the group worked to gather contributions of food and clothing, eventually creating their first food pantry.

As the organization grew, St Matthew's House became a charity focused on changing lives in a spiritual environment that is both compassionate and disciplined. As a result, the charity has expanded over the last 30 years of service to provide housing for the homeless, food for the needy, and comfort for the addicted in suffering.

We are excited to begin this new ministry with our chapter. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Maria Joyce at joycema@collierschools.com or 239-340-0610.

Ministries

Power Pack: Is packing 200 weekend bags for elementary school children in Naples. We meet at 8:00AM every Wednesday morning at Catholic Charities, 3174 Tamiami Trail, East Naples. Contact Tom O'Reilly at (toriinap@aol.com) to volunteer.



Respect Life: Meets every Monday morning at 8:45AM to pray the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood at the corner of Creech and Goodlette Frank Roads. Contact BJ Barone at (BJB@BJBarone.com) for more information.

Recruiting: If you know of someone who is interested in learning about membership in the Order of Malta. Please contact Gerrie Musicco at gerriemusicco@gmail.com if you have someone you would like to recommend.

Human Trafficking Backpack Program: We work with the Catholic Charities staff by providing some basic provisions for individual victims. Semi-annually, we provide 25 backpacks (20 for girls/women, 5 for boys/men) filled with many essential everyday products, which include clothing, hygiene products, toiletries, towels, blankets, and other miscellaneous items. Attached to each backpack is a custom made key chain tag that states, "You are loved." If you would like to help out, please contact Steve or Sharon Niehaus at sgniehaus61@gmail.com



New Ministry

St. Matthews House Resident Essentials Ministry: We work with the St. Matthew's House staff by providing some basic provisions for homeless and the residents at St. Matthews House. Quarterly, we provide toiletries and laundry items. If you would like to help out, please contact Maria Joyce at joycema@collierschools.com or 239-340-0610



Announcements

June First Friday Mass and Dinner: June 5, 2021

Break for Summer: July-September 2021

Please remember, Mass begins at 5:30





Transforming Hearts toward Life, Malta Spirituality in Action

The spirituality of the Order of Malta is rooted in service and sacrifice for others. When Knights and Dames make the yearly pilgrimage to Lourdes, they serve by assisting the malades, the vulnerable, who are seeking healing both physically and spiritually. This spirituality through service is also found in the work of life affirming Pregnancy Medical Clinics.

Lucia Barone became a Dame of Malta in 2020, however her volunteer work with the Community Pregnancy Clinic (CPCI) began over 20 years ago.



"I have found that the women who walk through our clinic doors are similar to pilgrims. They are seeking healing and support. Every day in one of the 5 CPCI clinics throughout the state of Florida, miracles of healing occur. A vulnerable woman who walks in hardened by the culture of death that permeates our society, is suddenly transformed by love, God's love".

A "problem" that needed to go away, becomes a baby that touches its mother's

heart in such a way, that she will immediately begin to think of protecting her baby and caring for it no matter how difficult her situation. Similar to a pilgrim to Lourdes, each woman receives a gift of grace through the care and compassion displayed by the service of others.

Lucia and her husband, BJ, were drawn to the Order by the emphasis on serving the vulnerable.

Lucia's volunteer work at CPCI was a perfect reflection of that service in action. This important CPCI ministry has attracted other Knight's and Dames in our area Chapter who serve in various roles as Board members, advisors and clinic volunteers. The support of the Order both financial and volunteer is lifesaving to the over 4000 women served, and 1300 babies saved from abortion each year.

Praying for the vulnerable mother and babies is the other side of the spirituality in action. The weekly rosary in front of the Naples Planned Parenthood offers prayerful intercession to change hearts toward life and the work of prolife clinics like CPCI.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me"

Matthew 25:40.

Meet Samah



Baby Karim: Baby Karim was born 10 weeks early in the middle of the pandemic on the side of the road in the back of a borrowed car behind a quarantine roadblock 10 minutes away from Holy Family Hospital. At barely 2 lbs, Elizabeth cradled her new-born son tightly in her arms as they arrived at Holy Family Hospital to a team of doctors well prepared and waiting their arrival. The neonatologists immediately placed Karim in an incubator and began to resuscitate him, while the obstetricians tended to his mother. Within an hour, Elizabeth was stabilized and in a freshly made bed anxious to go see her son upstairs in the NICU. Karim's father was in the NICU admiring his tiny miracle breathing with a ventilator and hooked up to several support monitors. He rested his head against the closed incubator and thanked God that his family was safe and healthy thanks to the diligent efforts of the Holy Family Hospital staff.

For more information or to help, please contact Debbie & Jean Brunel at 239-495-1939.

Tim Gunderman Nominated for Volunteer of the Year by Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. volunteer Tim Gunderman of Naples has been nominated for Volunteer of the Year by Catholic Charities USA and is seen here with migrant children while volunteering at a food distribution site.



Peace begins with a smile.

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

There are no great things, only small things with great love. Happy are those.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that our strength lies.

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.

Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.

- Quotes by Mother Teresa

Pray for Our Sick

Mary, spiritual Mother to those in need, we fervently request your heavenly intercession for,

- Sue Dillon
- Joe Gill
- Tom Redmond
- Jeannie Murtaugh
- Al Cinotti
- Steve Orr
- Maripat Dalum
- Charlie Morgan

and all those who are ill and seek God's miraculous assistance.



Do you know someone who is in the Order of Malta that is unable to leave home and would benefit from a visit from Malta. Let us know. Joanne Kuehner is heading up our newest program and Nancy Stec is assisting Joanne, visiting our own sick. Please contact them if you would like to be involved. Joanne can be contacted at joanne@hopeforhaiti.com and Nancy can be contacted at n.stec2516@gmail.com.