



I hope this
Christmas season
is full of peace,
joy and
happiness.



December & November First Fridays

Our First Friday in December activities were a great success. Fifty-two people attended Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Ratzman and forty-nine were at the dinner at the Yacht Club. David and Maria Joyce led us in prayer for those among our members who are facing health challenges. We welcomed Pam and Taylor Davis, guests of the Cogburns, who may be interested in becoming members of the Order. These First Fridays are both spiritual and social highlights of the month and THANK YOU Jo O'Reilly for your continuing successful efforts in organizing this very special event!

Holy Family Hospital

Debbie and Jean Brunel organized the fund raising efforts for the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem at each of the St. Williams Masses over the weekend of November 27 and 28. Debbie spoke before each Mass and Malta members assisted in handing out brochures and collecting donations. Please contact the Brunels if you are interested in assisting in this ministry.

Meals of Hope

Naples area Malta members have resumed their work with Meals of Hope food distribution which will take place on the Fourth Monday afternoon of the Month. It should be noted that David and Maria are getting an Naples Area Auxillary "up and running" and they participated in the Meals for Hope activity on November 22, 2021.

The format for this activity has changed in that it now is a

"drive by/ pick up" type of operation. Our volunteers put food in boxes and place them in the back of each recipient's automobile. There is no direct "hand out" of food to individuals and therefore less personal contact. This change was, of course, inspired by Covid considerations. Going forward Malta volunteers will have to be at the distribution spot by 1 pm. The next event is December 27, 2021. Contact Courtney Price if you are willing to help at ckmprice@comcast.net.

November First Friday

In the month of November we had over 45 attend First Friday mass and dinner at the Naples Yacht Club. Mass was held at St. Ann's Catholic Church at in the St. Joachim Chapel at 5:30. And mass was celebrated by Fr. George. Although Jo O'Reilly was unable to attend but she still planned the entire event and it went perfectly!

Our newest dame join us for dinner this month, Tomasina Schiro. She was invested in person at the Investiture in New York. David welcomed John and Kathy Firpo who were guests of Mary Anne Kelley MacDonald and Pam and Taylor Davis guests of the Cogburns. Maria thanked Don Tendick for all of his hard work planning the Naples area dinner in New York City the night before the investiture. For the month of November we had only one birthday, Tom Dalum. Maria also spoke about getting together on October 30th for packed Laundry Bags for St. Matthews House. Lastly David spoke about the St. Bernadette Palliative Care Ministry.



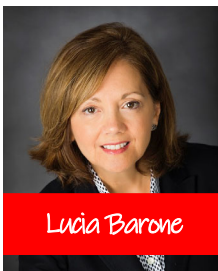
November 4-5, 2021 93rd Annual Investiture



Quite a few of our Naples Area members traveled to New York to participate in the Annual Investiture Events. We had a dinner for the Naples Area and Don Tendick planned the entire experience. He did not disappoint! The atmosphere, food and company was marvelous! We dined at La Grenouille in New York. The most popular meal of the night was La Grenouille's Classic Sole and it was amazing! There were 10 of us dining: David and Maria Joyce, Tom and Missy Reedy, Dick and Cesca Copeland, Pete Bewley, Michael Rothmeier, Anne Peach and her longtime friend Patti Hickey. Thank you again! Everything was perfect, the table, the service and especially the food! Hopefully next time you can join us!



As I stated before Naples had a good showing at the Investiture and the event Friday night. This year we had 4 people invested during the investiture, Lucia Barone, Tomasina Schiro and Tom and Lynne Van Himbergen. As a result of Covid, only Tomasina Schiro was able to attend the ceremony and dinner. Cardinal Dolan was the celebrant and the speaker at the dinner, he was inspiring as usual.



Lucia Barone



Tomasina Schiro



Tom & Lynne Van Himbergen



The Naples Crew in New York 2021

Anne Peach, Dick Copeland, Pete Bewley, Chadd Garcia, Tomasina Schiro, Maria Joyce, David Joyce and Cesca Copeland



Naples Area Auxiliary

The Naples Area Auxiliary has had its first service event. During the busy week of the Thanksgiving, our Auxiliary members were at River Park in Naples with Meals of Hope. They assisted in passing out fresh and prepackaged food to 100 families. "Because of all of you, 100 families won't go hungry and will have a great Thanksgiving!", said Solomon Jones, Meals of Hope.

The Auxiliary are encouraged to work alongside members of the Order as they fulfill their mission to care for the sick and the poor and defend the faith. Auxiliary are encouraged to create their own works, in consultation with their Area Chairs that are relevant to their generation.

This will be the first of many projects our Auxiliary will take on. Our Auxiliary consists of the following members: Sarah Joyce, Sarah Musicco, Nick Musicco, Travis and Katie Martinez. On December 15th they are going out to

Immokalee to the Guadalupe Center to help distribute Christmas gifts to their clients and they hope to do something on a monthly basis.

If you know anybody that might be interested please have them contact David Joyce at joycenaple@yahoo.com.



Saint Bernadette Ministry: Palliative Care

At the 2021 Investiture Weekend, we announced the addition of a new palliative care ministry that has been developed to combat physician assisted suicide and euthanasia. A committee has been working on this initiative, the St. Bernadette Ministry, for over a year and they are excited to finally introduce it to the members of the American Association.

The St. Bernadette Ministry's focus is to serve those who are near or at the end of life, the frail elderly living in nursing homes or at home, individuals who are experiencing loss of dignity, or those whose life is nearing sunset. It is a Christian response to the culture of death, physician assisted suicide and euthanasia, loss



St. Bernadette

of dignity, and denial of personhood. As a ministry specifically for the sick, we serve those who are terminally ill, in particular our malades, malades-in-spirit, and our members. To learn more about this new ministry, please click here. You will find more information regarding the St. Bernadette Ministry, including its background, the committee, helpful resources, contact information, and more.

This ministry will be an important effort in the battle to prevent physician assisted suicide and euthanasia which is spreading around the country. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Maria Joyce at 239-340-0610 or joycema@collierschools.com



Calendar of Events

Friday, January 7, 2022

First Friday, Mass and Dinner

Friday, January 14-16, 2022

American Association Retreat
Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz, Florida

Thursday, January 20-21, 2022

Pilgrimage for Life in Washington, DC

Friday, February 4, 2022

Mini retreat in Naples with Bishop Bambera

Saturday, February 12, 2022

Hope for Haiti Gala Fundraiser

*Please contact Maria Joyce
if you would like to sit at a Malta Table*

Friday, March 4, 2022

First Friday, Mass and Dinner

Thursday, March 10, 2022

The Emerald Ball

*Please contact Maria Joyce
if you would like to sit at a Malta Table*

Sunday, March 20, 2022

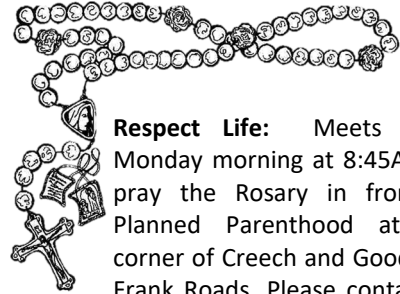
Defense of the Faith with

Dr. Joseph Meaney

from the National Catholics Bioethics Center

Malta Ministries

Power Pack: Is packing 200 weekend bags for elementary school children in Naples. We meet at 8:00 am every Wednesday morning at Catholic Charities, 3174 Tamiami Trail, East Naples. Contact Tom O'Reilly at (toriiinap@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. Please 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 David Joyce at (joycenaple@yahoo.com) if you have someone you would like to recommend.

Human Trafficking Back Pack 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).



St. Matthews House Essentials Ministry:

We work with the staff by providing some basic provisions for homeless and the residents at St. Matthews. Quarterly, we provide toiletries and laundry items. If you would like to help out, please contact Maria Joyce at (joycema970@gmail.com)