SEPTEMBER 14, 2014
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

BEING LIFTED UP
In today’s Gospel, Jesus reminds Nicodemus how Moses had “lifted up the serpent in the desert.” Then Jesus says, “So must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him.” The evangelist clearly saw this “lifting up” of Jesus to mean His crucifixion.

That “lifting up” of the serpent by Moses is described in today’s first reading. The people were attacked by “saraph serpents,” and many died. God had Moses make an image of the serpent and put it on a pole and lift it up. The people who had been bitten looked at it and recovered.

Jesus “emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave.” Lifted up on the cross, He was despised and seemed the most abject of people. But it was in embracing this disgrace and painful death that He became the bearer of eternal life for all of us. His “lifting up” in shame was also His “lifting up” in glory and triumph.

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Christ Jesus emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness.

~ Philippians 2:7

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, they lived (Numbers 21:4b-9).

Psalm — Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — God so loved the world that He gave his only Son so that those who believe might have eternal life (John 3:13-17).

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLE

An offering can now be made in memory of a deceased loved one.

Call or stop in the parish office for more details 239-481-7171.

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

**In loving memory of Brian Podell**

by Wife Maria & Sons

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

**Mentally disabled.** That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.

**Service to the poor.** That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering.

Altar Flowers This Week:

**In loving memory of Don Weber**

**In loving memory of Michael Tirpak**
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. will be taken up in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of September 13/14, 2014.

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. These are the young lay and ordained leaders of the future within the United States. More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including students from our Diocese.

Those enrolled at The Catholic University of America receive personalized attention in a wide range of programs. With the University grounded in Catholic tradition and faithful to Church teachings, the students are well prepared for success in life and ready to make a difference in today’s world. The University’s curriculum integrates the Catholic principals of human dignity, solidarity, and the common good for all.

Your contribution directly benefits students at The Catholic University from all over the United States. I appeal to you to give generously to the Collection for the Catholic University of America. May God Bless you for your kind support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Bishop Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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**MINISTRY OF THE SICK**

The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:

- *Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, 561-2245*
- *Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161*
- *Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973*

A priest is on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for the above hospitals at the above telephone numbers.

**TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:**

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission. If you wish a visit from one of the Resurrection priests please notify the hospital as well as the parish office, 481-7171 as quickly as possible.

Resurrection priests visit the above hospitals daily upon request.

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**RESURRECTION CALENDAR**

*ALL events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.*

- **Adoration,** First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
- **Bereavement & Beyond Ministry,** 1st Mon. of June, July & Aug. 8:30am. Regular schedule resumes in Fall, Alouise 481-8168
- **Coffee & Donuts,** Sundays after 10:30 Mass -restarting Sept. 7
- **Craft Club,** Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- **Men's Club,** 2nd Monday of month, 7:30p.m., Sept. - May
- **Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena,** Saturdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, church
- **Prayer for Priests,** Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel
- **RCIA,** Wednesdays, 7:00p.m., call 482-6883 for information
- **Rel. Ed.,** September - May
- **Resurrection for Life,** 2nd Wednesday of Oct, Jan., Apr. 9 am
- **Rosary,** before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m., chapel
- **St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting,** 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, T, W,TH 10-12 a.m.
- **Teams of Our Lady,** call Joann for more information, 482-7982
- **Women’s Guild,** 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May

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**WEEKLY OFFERING**

**September 7, 2014**

- Reg. Offertory: $15,069.00
- Education: $4,750.00
- Latin Mass: $590.00
- SVDP: $480.00

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**On-Line Giving for August 2014**

- Reg.: $5561.00
- Holy Day: $30.00
- Education: $250.00

**SVDP Distributions for August 2014**

- Rents: $2,310.00
- Electric Utilities: $2,597.37
- Water Utility: $91.26
- Domestic Twinning:
  - Saint Francis Xavier, SVDP Food Pantry: $2,000.00
  - National SVDP Fund: For Iraq families and children in crisis: $500.00
  - National SVDP Disaster Fund: $1,000.00
  - International Twinning:
  - National SVDP Fund: For Iraq families and children in crisis: $500.00
Resurrection Craft Club

The Craft Club which meets on Tuesday mornings 8:30 - 10:30 at the Parish Center is at work creating items for the Women’s Guild Fall Fair coming up October 24th. We extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining us.

We are asking for donations of home crafted items, books, used jewelry, Vintage Fall and Christmas items and home baked goodies for the Fair. If you are willing to help in any way with this event please call Joan at 432-0656 or Rosemary at 482-1526.

WOMEN’S GUILD NEWS

To the Ladies of the Guild -

Come and welcome in the new season with us on Wed. Sept. 17th following the 8 a.m. Mass. We will meet at the Parish Center for refreshments and share our summer stories, travels and visits with families and friends and plans for the coming Guild year.

Brochures and envelopes for joining the Guild are at all Church entrances. We look forward to seeing our regular members and welcoming new ones.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR RYM YET?
Registration fee is $65

WE WILL KICK OFF OUR YOUTH MINISTRY ON...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

WITH OUR ANNUAL PARENT/YOUTH MEETING AND RECEPTION

5PM YOUTH MASS & WEEKLY GATHERINGS BEGIN OCTOBER 26

Junior Youth: 6th—8th grade
Senior Youth: 9th-12th grade
Confirmation: 2 yr. program starting in 9th grade

Any questions – Email or contact Vikki Molchiorre (vikki@resurrectionch.org or 481-5144).

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH CENTER FOR DONUTS AND COFFEE AFTER THE SUNDAY 10:30 MASS
ALL ARE WELCOME!
PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE POOR BOXES; THEY ARE THE BREAD BOXES OF THE POOR!

ARE YOU NEW TO RESURRECTION PARISH?

We would like to welcome you to our parish family. In order to better serve you, please fill out a registration card which is located at the entrances of the church and leave it with an usher or put it in the collection plate. You may also register by stopping by the church office. A reminder that one needs to be a registered member of a parish in order to be a Baptismal or Confirmation sponsor.

We are still in need of ushers. If you are able to volunteer please call John at 481-3456.

GIFT SHOP HOURS

May 1st - Nov. 1st
Sat. 2:30 - 3:30
Sun. 8:00 - 12:45

RESURRECTION FOR LIFE

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ABORTION CLINIC AT 3900 BROADWAY, FT. MYERS EVERY 2ND SATURDAY (after the 8:00 Mass) FOR THE ROSARY AND EVERY 2ND THURSDAY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD, CORNER OF WINKLER & COLLEGE ANYTIME BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON.

GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CALL 481-7171.

Schedule for Novena Masses at Local Parishes for the September Novena Mass:

St. Ann, Naples 8:00 am, Thurs. Sept 25
St. Cecilia, Ft. Myers 12:10 pm, Thurs. Sept 25
St. Finbarr, Naples 9:00 am, Wed. Sept. 24**
St. John the Evangelist, Naples 8:30 Thu. Sept 25
St. Leo, Bonita Springs 8:00 am, Thurs. Sept 25

** Note different day

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FORT MYERS VIGIL:
The fall 40 Days for Life campaign of prayer and fasting to end abortion opens in Fort Myers Wednesday, September 24 with the 8:00 Mass for Life at the Church of the Resurrection, followed by prayer and song at Planned Parenthood on College Pkwy. and Winkler Rd.. Please come and join our neighbors from all over Lee County who will be there!
Our parish will then be out on the Planned Parenthood sidewalk for prayer during the following four days: Fri. September 26, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Wed. October 1, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Thurs. October 16, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sat. November 1, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. Sign-ups for these dates will be at the four entrances to the church before and after the weekend Masses SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 and SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21. Mark your calendars, please, and be generous in prayer.
**Interested in becoming Catholic?**

If so, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you!!!

If you or someone you know is questioning becoming Catholic please have them either call or e-mail me, Lea @ 482-6883 or lea@resurrectionch.org

As people journey through life, sometimes they realize that they are wanting something more from life. Many times you are searching for a faith community.

If you are searching and want to inquire more about Catholicism, please do not hesitate to call— I would love to talk with you!

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**Sacramental Preparation:**

Are you enrolled? Don’t miss the boat!

Sacramental Preparation is a two year preparation period. Faith Formation is a life-long journey; in order for a child to receive God’s graces through the sacraments he or she needs to be enrolled in Religious Education or Youth Ministry for at least two years.

♦ 1st Grade students need to be actively attending a Diocesan Religious Education Program to receive the Eucharist in the 2nd Grade

♦ 9th Grade students need to be an active member of Resurrection Youth Ministry to be Confirmed in 10th grade

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**Religious Education Syllabus**

- **Sun. 9/14**— Chapter 2
  **Wed. 9/17**— Chapter 3
  **Sun. 9/21**— Chapter 3
  **Wed. 9/24**— NO CLASS
  **Sun. 9/28**— NO CLASS
  **Wed. 10/1**— Chapter 2
  **Sun. 10/5**— Chapter 4
  **Wed. 10/8**— Chapter 4
  **Rite of Enrollment 10:30 Mass**
  **Wed. 10/12**— Chapter 6
  **Wed. 10/15**— Chapter 6
  **Sun. 10/19**— Chapter 7
  **Wed. 10/22**— Chapter 7
  **Sun. 10/26**— Chapter 8
  **Wed. 10/29**— Chapter 8

- **Sun. 11/2**—Saint Souls’ Day— Ch 9
  **Wed. 11/5**—Saint Souls’ Day— Ch 9
  **Sun. 11/9**— NO CLASS
  **Wed. 11/12**— Chapter 10
  **Sun. 11/16**— Chapter 11
  **Sun. 11/23**— Chapter 10
  **Sun. 11/26**— NO CLASS
  **Sun. 11/30**— NO CLASS
  **40th Anniversary Celebration 4-6pm**
  **Wed. 12/3**— Reconciliation Service
  **Fri. 12/5**— Babysitting Bonanza (pre-register)
  **Sat 12/6**—1st Reconciliation @ 10:00
  **Sun 12/7**— Reconciliation Service
  **Wed. 12/10**— Nativity Activity
  **Sun. 12/14**— Nativity Activity
  **Wed. 12/17**— NO CLASS
  **Pageant Rehearsal**
  **Sun. 12/21**— Wed. 1/7
  **Christmas Break**

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**Offertory Sunday on September 21 @ 10:30 Mass we will be collecting: Cereal**

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**Student/Parent Sacramental Prep Dates**

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Four Week Program:

September 11th: “Does God Exist?” – George Smith
September 18th: “Is Jesus God?” – Fr. Casey Jones
September 25th: “If Christian, Why Catholic?” – Matt Caes
October 2nd: Social Night at Marsala Pizzeria
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Theology On Tap is a monthly gathering for Catholic young adults (20’s and 30’s). We meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith, make friends and build community. We invite you to join us for a pint and a prayer. For Questions and RSVP contact:

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**Permanet Diaconate Formation Program** -
The Diocese of Venice Diocesan Office is holding a discernment information meeting for those interested in the diaconate and their wives on **Saturday, October 4th at St. Leo Parish Hall, 28290 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs and again on Saturday, October 25, St. Martha’s Parish (Brother Geenan Hall), 200 North Orange Avenue, Sarasota.** Both sessions are from **10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** followed by a closing Mass. Please contact Deacon William Ladroga, Director of Diaconate Student Formation at 941-484-9543 or 941-378-7070 for further information.

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The Diocese of Venice Scouting Committee invites all Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and American Heritage Girls in grades 1 through 5 of the Southwest Florida Council and/or the Diocese of C Venice to a Ten Commandment Hike on Saturday, September 20, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center , 3989 South Moon Drive, Venice. Scouts, their parents and siblings are all welcome. Scouts are asked to wear appropriate shoes and clothes (Class-A, dress uniform), carry sufficient water to stay hydrated, wear sunblock and insect repellent. The cost is $5.00 per participant. Siblings under 5 are FREE. For more information call Bob Paquette at 941-966-4956.

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**Please Help Feed the Hungry!**

Your food donations will help St. Vincent De Paul, Catholic Charities, CCMI Soup Kitchen, South Ft. Myers Food Pantry. Drop food in boxes at vestibules in the church or parish center. The following is most needed: Canned fruit & vegetables (corn/peas/carrot/green beans). Canned meat (tuna/chicken/sausages/ham/Spam), Spaghetti noodles and Sauce, ready Macaroni and Cheese, Maseca flour (small bags), Canned diced tomatoes, Tomato sauce, Cereal, Canned soups (prefer chicken), Baby Diapers and Dry beans (pinto/red/kidney).

Thank you and God Bless!

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**Faith and Wine**

Gabriela Frei
Thursday, September 35, 2014

A gifted Catholic musician and singer, who will share her personal faith journey through a mixture of original songs and a few more known praise and worship songs. Gabi’s music shows how she has surrendered her heart to God’s will.

6:30-8:30 p.m.
St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom
625 111th Avenue North, Naples

Free babysitting available on site!

As women and mothers, Gabi believes “Our vocation is one that necessitates constant rejuvenation, constant openness to His grace and strength. But that is our life - we can be full of grace because He is generous and gives us what we need to endure each moment. Our cup can overflow into our families and communities because He first fills it. Surrender to His will places us in perfect position to receive all He has in store, all the grace, all the strength all the promises. And Mary is our model - we echo her Magnificat, her “yes”, united with Jesus saying not my will but yours to the Father.”

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