**JANUARY 4, 2015**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**PARTNERS IN THE PROMISE**

As a society, during these days we can be in something of a “postpartum” depression. Our celebrations of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today many of us will put away the decorations and the last visible remnants of the celebrations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression “partners in the promise.” This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon, and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring: it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh). We find more of the promise in Isaiah—a light shines upon us! In the psalm we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.

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**PASTOR: Rev. Msgr. Stephen E. McNamara, V.F., V.G.**

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Deacon: Michael Esper

Business Manager: Bonnie O’Connell

Director of Religious Education: Lea Pascotto, M.A., M.A.

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Vikki Melchiorre

Organist: Connie Kish

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**SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS:** See inside

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGE:** For these Sacraments please notify the church office as soon as possible so that we may advise you of the requirements. Thank you.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please fill out registration card and return to ushers or the church office.

**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:**
Tel. 482-6883 or 481-7172

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE:** Tel. 437-9876
The Gift Shop is located in the front of the church

**RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE:** Tel. 482-6883

**YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE:** Tel. 481-5144

**PARISH OFFICE:** Tel. 481-7171 or 481-7172
Fax: 481-8007, [www.resurrectionch.org](http://www.resurrectionch.org)

E-mail: parishoffice@resurrectionch.org

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The Epiphany
January 4, 2015
All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.
~ Psalm 72:11

SAT. JANUARY 03 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Regina Arango by Daughter Alicia
5:00 †William Kane by Brother Jim

SUN. JANUARY 04 - THE EPSHANY OF THE LORD
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 †Larry & Phyllis Puccia by Larry & Val
10:30 †Anne Zaino by Roseanne & Larry Phillips
12:45 Latin Mass
5:00 NO YOUTH MASS

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15-3:15 or 30 min. before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

THE GIFT SHOP IS LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

The Second collection this week will be taken up for the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Education Fund.

This fund is specifically designed to provide financial aid to needy and deserving children in our parish who otherwise would not receive a Catholic education.

Our gratitude to all who consistently and generously support this endeavor

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).
Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).
Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ADORATION EVERY FIRST FRIDAY AFTER THE 8:00 MASS

GIFT SHOP HOURS:
Thurs. 8:20 - 10:00
Sat. 2:30 - 3:30
Sun. 8:00 - 12:45

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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.
THERE WILL BE
NO 5PM YOUTH MASS
OR YOUTH GATHERING
THIS SUNDAY,
JAN. 4

This week’s
Sanctuary Candle:
In loving memory of
Joseph Esposito
by Wife Shirley & Family

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 WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:
Elaine McKeown, Robert & Kathleen Soares,
John & Lucille Pavel

May they experience the love of Christ here at Resurrection Parish, and may we all help them feel welcome in their new church home.

Bishop Verot Catholic High School Calendar Raffle

Bishop Verot’s 4th Annual Calendar Raffle is underway for the 2015 Calendar year.
Your $20 entry puts you in the running for the 180 daily drawings, giving away a total of $12,000. A name is drawn each school day of 2015, with most daily prize amounts of $25, up to $2,500. Every winner is eligible to continue winning the rest of the year, for multiple chances! For daily drawing amounts and more information, please visit www.bvhs.org/calendarraffle.

Thank you so much for your continued support of Bishop Verot Catholic High School.
Please Fill out the Calendar Raffle Entry below, include your check for $20 per entry and mail to:

Bishop Verot Catholic High School
Attn: Calendar Raffle
5598 Sunrise Dr
Ft. Myers, FL 33919

I have enclosed $__________ for _________number of raffle entries.
NAME___________________________________________________
ADDRESS_________________________________________________
CITY____________________________________STATE___________
ZIP______________
PHONE____________________EMAIL_________________________

____Please donate all of my winnings to support Catholic education at Bishop Verot
____Please donate half of my winnings to support Catholic education at Bishop Verot

MEN’S CLUB
POLISH DINNER

February 15, 2015
4:30 - 8:30
Cost: $15.00 in advance,
$25.00 at the door
Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage,
Red Potatoes, Dinner Roll,
Dessert and Beverage

Call 437-6650 for more information.

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Interested in becoming Catholic?

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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!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who help to make our program a success.

We look forward to a wonderful 2015

**Religious Education Syllabus**

**Sun. 1/11 — Chapter 12**
**Wed. 1/14 — Chapter 12**
Sun. 1/18 — NO CLASS
Wed. 1/21 — NO CLASS
Sun. 1/25 — Chapter 13
Wed. 1/28 — Chapter 13
Sun. 2/1 — VIRTUS
Wed. 2/4 — VIRTUS
**Sun. 2/8 — Chapter 15**
**Wed. 2/11 — Chapter 15**
Sun. 2/15 — NO CLASS
Wed. 2/18 — ASH WED
Sun. 2/22 — Lent Reconciliation
Wed. 2/25 — Lent Reconciliation
Sun. 3/1 — Chapter 16
Wed. 3/4 — Chapter 16
**Sun. 3/8 — Chapter 17**
**Wed. 3/11 — Chapter 17**
Sun. 3/15 — Chapter 18
Wed. 3/18 — Chapter 18
**Sun 3/22 — Seder**
**Wed. 3/25 — Seder**
Sun. 3/29-Palm Sunday—NO CLASS
Wed. 4/1 — NO CLASS
Sun. 4/5 — EASTER—NO CLASS
Wed. 4/8 — NO CLASS
Sun 4/12 — Chapter 19
Wed. 4/15 — Chapter 19
Sun. 4/19 — CLASS REVIEW
Wed. 4/22 — CLASS REVIEW
Sun. 4/26-RELICS-LAST CLASS
Wed. 4/29-RELICS-LAST CLASS
**Sun. 5/3 — Communion Retreat**

** January 11 **
Offertory Sunday
we are collecting: Toiletries

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** Parent & Student Sacramental Prep  
* Student Sacramental Prep  

An Immersion in the Faith for the Whole Parish

Using state-of-the-art technology, and stunning video catechesis, Symbolon is designed to deliver a dynamic and compelling presentation of the faith to every parishioner 24/7!

*Every Parishioner Has Access!*  

With the Symbolon digital platform, parishioners receive a login that allows them to use the Symbolon resources on their own throughout the week using smart phones, tablets or computers.

Two Ways to Register to watch each session and to print out participant study guides:

1) Go to the Church of the Resurrection Web Page at www.resurrectionch.org and click the register now link on the left hand side of the page (under the green buttons)

2) Go to Http://symboloncatholic.org/register and enter code 377363
The Catholic Faith Explained

Come and join us in the Parish center
Wednesdays 7:30-9pm to join in discussion each week
Or
Watch each session in your own home and join our discussion when you can!

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Knowing the Faith

October 29—SESSION 2: DIVINE REVELATION: God Seeking Us and the Compass for Our Lives
November 5- SESSION 3: THE BIBLE: God’s Love Letter to Humanity
November 12- SESSION 4: THE STORY OF SALVATION: Creation, Fall and Redemption
November 19- SESSION 5: WHO IS JESUS?: Just a Good Man or Lord of our Lives?
December 3- SESSION 6: THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: The Mystery of Jesus’ Death and Resurrection
December 10- SESSION 7: THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE LIFE OF GRACE: God’s Divine Life Within Us
January 14- SESSION 8: WHY DO I NEED THE CHURCH?: The Mystery of the Catholic Church
January 21- SESSION 9: MARY AND THE SAINTS: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints
January 28- SESSION 10: THE LAST THINGS: What Happens After We Die?

Living the Faith

February 4- SESSION 11: THE SACRAMENTS: Baptism & Confirmation
February 11- SESSION 12: THE EUCHARIST: Source & Summit of Christian Life
March 4- SESSION 14: PENANCE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK: God’s Mercy Revealed
March 11- SESSION 15: MATRIMONY & HOLY ORDERS: The Sacraments of Service & Communion
March 18- SESSION 16: A CATHOLIC MORAL VISION: Virtue, Grace & the Path to Happiness
March 25- SESSION 17: A LOVE THAT LASTS: The Call to Self-Giving Love
April 15- SESSION 18: A LOVE THAT LASTS: God’s Plan for Sexuality
April 22- SESSION 19: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: Building a Civilization of Love
April 29- SESSION 20: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person
THEOLOGY ON TAP

Ft. Myers

What is your vocational calling?
For Young Adults!!

Week 1: Explore God's call through the Bible and the Community of Saints.

Throughout the Four weeks we will explore our Vocational calling as a Church and as individual members of our Church.

Week 2: Explore God's call in our everyday life through discussion of Ignatian Spirituality.

Week 3: Explore God's calling in our lives through using “Three Key questions”.

Week 4: Social @ Shoeless Joe's
Jesus has called us a community of friends.

Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord
8121 Cypress Lake Dr.
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Attendees are welcome to purchase dinner and spirits at the venue.

Thursday
For Four Weeks!
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Admission to the program is FREE!

Four Week Program:
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January 22nd: Vocation: Your past
January 29th: Vocation: Your present
February 5th: Vocation: Your future
February 12th: Social @ Shoeless Joe's:
13051 Bell Tower Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33907

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:
George L. Smith • (941) 484-9543 ext. 3036 • gsmith@dioceseofvenice.org
2015 Venetian Charity Ball

Enjoy an exciting elegant evening filled with dinner, cocktails, dancing, entertainment and auction. This event will benefit the Catholic Charities program and services in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. (For every dollar raised 93 cents will go directly to Catholic Charities programs & services) The Ball will be held on February 14, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. Reservations are $200 per person. For more information to reserve tickets, donate, volunteer, or to learn about sponsorship opportunities please call (239) 337-4193 or email at VenetianBall@ccslee.org.

CAREGIVER DAY OF PRAYER

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Spiritual Retreat Center in Venice, FL is pleased to be sponsoring a Caregivers Day of Prayer on January 7, 2015. Beginning at 10 AM on that date, the day will include a continental breakfast, lunch, 2 conferences, and Mass. Come spend a day at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, and let the Spirit of our Lord care for you. Spend some time learning from the example of our Blessed Mother, how Jesus not only desires to console our hearts, but invites us to console his. The cost for the day is $30. For reservations, or further information, please call Nancy Gazo at 941-486-0233. Or email gazo@olph-retreat.org.

ALL are WELCOME!

Reflection on Pope Francis
JOY OF THE GOSPEL
Mondays 7 PM - 9 PM
Fridays 9 AM - 10:30 AM
beginning January 9th to Easter!

“Our lives expand when we give ourselves to the world. When we fear and live selfishly we contract into ourselves and this is like a painful cramp. The less you move, the more it hurts.

Take your joy! Work your way in the vibration of the people around you - bringing them the Lord like a natural comforting support from a friend. People are searching. If their gaze lands on you, glow like a warm greeting from God.”

Reflection from Ruth Nekoranec

Come and See…
Join us!
Call 481-7172
To reserve your space!
You are blessed!

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