FEBRUARY 15, 2015
THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

The entire history of the Jewish people is directed toward one goal: that God might be glorified through the chosen people. Christians, too, are called to “do everything for the glory of God.” In today’s scriptures Paul reminds us that the best way for us to glorify God is to seek to benefit “the many,” as Christ did when he shed his blood for all of humankind.

The reading from Leviticus explains one way the Jews sought to benefit the many, by keeping lepers and leprosy away from the chosen people. Jesus finds a better way. He cures the leper, who immediately re-enters the community to spread the good news about Jesus to everyone who will listen. In this way both Jesus and the leper fulfill their calling to glorify the God who fills us “with the joy of salvation.”

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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 15, 2015

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.
— 1 Corinthians 10:31

**Mass Schedule**

SAT.  FEBRUARY 14- SUNDAY VIGIL MASS  
3:30 †Catherine Parks by Brother Jim  
5:00 †Jay Endress by Dianne & Rich DelPizzo  

SUN.  FEBRUARY 15 -  
7:30 •†People of the Parish  
9:00 •†Spec. Intention, Angelo Viticonti by Wife Marylou  
10:30 †Robert Hartwell by Wife  
12:00 †Marie Renner by Melchiorre Family  
2:15 Latin Mass  
5:00 †NO YOUTH MASS  

MON.  FEBRUARY 16 -  
8:00 †Vincent Hallisey by Marian & George Markovich  
9:30 †Patricia Giraldi by Mike & Ann Fusco  

TUE.  FEBRUARY 17 -  
8:00 †Rose Badali by Sal Badali  
9:30 †Margot Hernandez by Alicia & Jesus Sierra  

WED.  FEBRUARY 18 - ASH WEDNESDAY  
7:00 †Joan Broderick by Anne Tatler  
8:00 •†Living & Deceased Members of Women’s Guild  
9:30 †Edward Moran by Betty Ann & Jim McCarthy  
6:00 •†Special Intention for Jessica Wasko by Family  

THU.  FEBRUARY 19 -  
8:00 †Frank Serrao by Family  
9:30 †Jacob Daniel Hansen by Katherine Nagle  

FRI.  FEBRUARY 20 -  
8:00 † Frank O’Donnell by Wife Mary & Family  
9:30 †Joseph Santanelli by Don & Karen Bridick  

SAT.  FEBRUARY 21 -  
8:00 †James Provensal & Alice Powell by Raymond & Barbara Provensal  

SAT.  FEBRUARY 21- SUNDAY VIGIL MASS  
3:30 †George Leo by Wife  
5:00 •†Spec. Int. for Carol & Richard Jurkowski by Carol  

SUN.  FEBRUARY 22 -  
7:30 •†People of the Parish  
9:00 †William Lalor by Wife Lois  
10:30 †Barbara Walsh by Husband Ray  
12:00 †Helen Koscik by Mary Koscik  
2:15 Latin Mass  
5:00 †Dorothy Leslie by Mary Brogan  

**ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES**  
On Ash Wednesday ashes are applied to our forehead in the sign of the cross as the words, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return” are spoken to us in reference to our mortality. The alternate words, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel” reminds us of our call to continual conversion and holiness. This symbolic act reminds us of our mortality as well as our need for continual repentance. It is a reminder of the redemption that Jesus made possible on the cross.

The ashes that are used on Ash Wednesday are made from blessed palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. They are sprinkled with Holy Water and are incensed as well before being used.

There is no specific rule about how long ashes are to be worn. If you want to wash them off immediately after the service, that is acceptable. Many people wear their ashes for the entire day as a reminder of their own mortality and as a statement to others that they are a follower of Christ and are entering into a sacred season of examination and self-denial.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

**Psalm** — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

**Second Reading** — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

**Gospel** — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).


**Schedule for this Lenten Season (Feb. 18 - Apr. 5):**

**FEB. 18, ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**  
7:00, 8:00, 9:30 AM, & 6:00PM

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
10:00AM - Wednesdays of Lent  
(begins February 25th)

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Each Friday of Lent - (Except Good Friday)  
(begins Feb. 20th)

Adoration begins after 9:30 Mass for 1 hour

**RECONCILIATION**  
Every Friday Evening 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Every Saturday Morning 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY**  
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.

**PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS** - Please join us every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.
WEEKLY OFFERING

February 8, 2015
Reg. Offertory: $31,073.50
SVDP: $870.00
Latin Mass: $676.00

THANK YOU FOR THE ANONYMOUS DONATION OF $250.00 FOR RESPECT LIFE. MAY GOD BLESS YOU!!

On-Line Giving for Jan. 2015
Offertory: $6,727.00
Education: $293.00

SVDP Distributions for January, 2015
Rent Assists: $4,557.48
Electric Utilities: $1,340.06
Water Utilities: $51.28
Food: $200.00
Domestic Twinning: $2,000.00 (To St. Francis Xavier, Food Pantry.)
Solidarity: Diocese of Venice, SVDP: $185.00

Your generous donations to the Poor Boxes allows our SVDP Conference to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.

DIOCESE OF VENICE LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Christ’s faithful are obliged by divine law, each in his or her own way, to do penance.

However, so that all may be joined together in a certain common practice of penance, days of penance are prescribed. On these days, the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to fulfill their obligations more faithfully, and to deny themselves especially by observing the fast and abstinence according to the laws of the Church.

The following are the Lenten penitential regulations issued for the Diocese of Venice in Florida.

REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, and Good Friday, April 3, are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are all days of abstinence.

It should be noted that if a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self denial that are suitable to their condition.

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

THE LIGHT IS ON….CATHOLICS COME HOME

The readings we will hear on Wednesday couldn’t be any clearer. The prophet Joel tells us: “Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart….and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment.”

Saint Paul tells the Corinthians, and us, “We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God…. Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

On Wednesday, when the ashes are placed on our foreheads, we have a choice to make. We can be ambassadors for Christ and share our personal experience of our God who is rich in kindness, or we can remain silent. Now is a very acceptable time to invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who have been away from the Catholic Church to come home.

A PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, the all-holy one, who gives us life and all things. As we go about our lives, the press of our duties and activities often leads us to forget your presence and your love. We fall into sin and fail to live out the responsibilities that you have entrusted to those who were baptized into your Son.

In this holy season, help us to turn our minds and hearts back to you. Lead us into sincere repentance and renew our lives with your grace. Help us to remember that we are sinners, but even more, help us to remember your loving mercy.

As we live through this Ash Wednesday, may the crosses of ashes that mark our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to your Son. May our worship and prayer and penitence this day be sustained throughout these 40 days of Lent. Bring us refreshed and renewed to the celebration of Christ—s resurrection at Easter.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

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“Light is On for You” returning in Lent

By Bob Reddy (Florida Catholic)

Pope Francis asks us to recall the Gospel of Matthew when St. Peter asked Jesus how often he must forgive a brother who sins against him. “Jesus answered, ‘I say to you not seven times, but seventy-seven times (Matthew 18:22).’”

What is demanded of the disciples is limitles forgiveness, just as God offers, Pope Francis said. “God always forgives us. He never tires of this. It’s we who become tired of asking for forgiveness. But He does not tire of pardoning us. When Peter asked Jesus: Namely always. That’s how God forges us: always.”

Emphasizing the mercy of God, the Holy Father went on to say that even if a person has lived a life of sin but in the end is repentant and asks for forgiveness, God, “will immediately pardon you! He forgives everything. If you go to confession, be repentant, He will forgive everything. So many times He doesn’t even let you speak! You start to ask for forgiveness and He lets you feel that joy of forgiveness before you have even finished confessing everything.”

This feeling of joy is what many people experience when receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is why Bishop Frank J. Dewane has brought back the annual “The Light is On For You” campaign to Diocese of Venice for Lent 2015.

The primary purpose of this campaign is to encourage Catholics to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and experience God’s loving forgiveness. Each week during Lent, priests in every parish of the Diocese will be available to hear Confessions from 5-7 p.m. on Fridays and 9-11 a.m. on Saturdays.

Extending the hours and availability of the Sacrament will allow everyone easy access to God’s mercy and grace available at Reconciliation, Bishop Dewane said. The success of the campaign has been evident from the response of people who have publically admitted to not availing themselves of the Sacrament for many years.

The “Light is On For You” was introduced into the Diocese in 2012 with huge success as many people have taken the chance to participate in the Sacrament each year.

“During this Season of Lent, every Catholic should look deep in themselves and ask how he or she has not fulfilled the laws of love given to us by God, and then confess these failings in the Sacrament of Reconciliation,” Bishop Dewane said. “By doing so, we will find healing and forgiveness from our loving and merciful God.”

Christ himself instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation when He appeared to his Apostles in the Upper Room after his crucifixion as noted in the Gospel of St. John: There, “the Risen Jesus made the gesture of breathing on them saying: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’”

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the Sacrament of God’s mercy through the person of Jesus Christ and it’s a power given to the Church to continue the salvific work of Christ through the Holy Spirit. That’s also why one doesn’t just confess their sins straight to God because “Jesus gave the Apostles the power to forgive sins,” Bishop Dewane added, and the Church rejoices every time it can offer this gift.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, the priest is acting in Persona Christi, the person of Christ, within the confessional. So, like presenting oneself at the altar to be nourished by Christ in the Eucharist, a person going to Confession, is not ultimately confessing to a priest, but confessing to and receiving forgiveness from Jesus Christ.

It is heartbreaking when anyone avoids confession for a long time after carrying around a particular burden, Bishop Dewane explained. Many priests of the Diocese have heard such stories. However, it is also heartwarming to talk to people of all ages who go to confession –whether it is for the first time in years or the first time in a few months – and are relieved and overjoyed at the benefits.

Bishop Dewane said some even scold themselves for missing such a beautiful Sacrament for so long. The beauty and joy they feel is because going to confession is actually an encounter with God who pardons you, where one is embraced by the Lord and rejoices and is the best path to spiritual healing and health.

Pope Francis reminds everyone about the importance of teaching children and youth to make a good confession, because going to “confession is not like going to the dry cleaners to get a stain removed. It’s about going to meet with our Father who reconciles, who forgives us and who rejoices.”

Everyone needs to confess their sins. Pope Francis goes to confession every two weeks, knowing that God never tires of forgiving those who repent, but also knowing that having a priest say “I absolve you” reinforces belief in God’s Mercy.

Feel God’s Mercy by taking advantage of these special confession times that will be available throughout the Diocese during Lent.

A website dedicated to this campaign can be found at www.thelightsoncatholic.org. For further information regarding the campaign, please contact Office of Evangelization at 941-484-9543 or email evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org.
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.

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, Every Monday, 8:30am. Alouise 481-8168
Coffee & Donuts, Sundays after 10:30 Mass
Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Men's Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00p.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
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Deanna Latell 481-1170.
Rosary, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m., chapel
Rosary Makers, 3rd Thurs every month, 9-11 a.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749
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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Ash Wednesday Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his Annual Message for Lent, Pope Francis speaks of “global indifference” and urges parishes to reach out to the greater society paying special attention to the poor and those far away. The Holy Father added “The Church is missionary by her very nature; she is not self-enclosed but sent out to every nation and people”

On February 18, Ash Wednesday, the Diocese of Venice along with all Dioceses throughout the country will take up a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection offers an opportunity to send a strong message of solidarity and support to our brothers and sisters in these previously Communist countries.

Donations collected are used to fund projects in a geographical area covering 20 countries and extending into Central Asia. These projects focus on rebuilding Catholic schools and orphanages, charitable programs, formation programs for seminarians, and the preservation and dissemination of Catholic education and intellectual life, etc.

Prayers and financial assistance are needed to continue to support and bolster the pastoral needs of the Local Church; that is to rebuild and restore the faith in Central and Eastern Europe. Your generosity will assist in providing the much needed resources to fund these projects, tasks often complicated in a still anti-religious and secular climate.

Please know of my prayers for you and your families on this Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent. Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

G.K. CHESTERTON SPEAKER TO VISIT SW FLORIDA!

Men from all parishes are invited to Faith & Ale’s next event on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the Resurrection of Our Lord Parish Center.

Dale Ahlquist, President of the American Chesterton Society (www.chesterton.org) and host of EWTN’s The Apostle of Common Sense, will be the featured speaker. He has delivered hundreds of presentations on the Catholic apologist, G.K. Chesterton. The title of his message is “The Gentle and Bloody Art of Defending the Faith.”

Pizza & refreshments ($10 donation) will begin at 6 PM. Reservations are requested via email (FAITHANDALEMYERS@GMAIL.COM) or contact your fellow parishioner, Dan Dougherty, at 239-839-3290. For more information please visit www.faithandle.com/fort-myers
What is the Catholic Faith Appeal and what are its proceeds used for?

The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is a Diocesan-wide fundraising effort to support programs such as: Pastoral Outreach & Ministries; missions, poor parishes and convents; Catholic Charities; Evangelization; Worship; Respect Life; Peace & Social Justice; Vocations & Seminarians; Catholic Education; Diocesan administrative support services; etc. On an annual basis, parishes in the Diocese of Venice make a required contribution to financially support these efforts. The Catholic Faith Appeal is a means by which all parishioners can take part in carrying out their parish to meet its contribution. A parish Catholic Faith Appeal goal is determined by the income of the parish. It is not based on the number of registered families because our population grows in the winter months from northern visitors. They greatly add to the success of the Appeal.

How does the CFA benefit my parish and me?

Thousands of Catholics in the Diocese are directly or indirectly served through Diocesan agencies and programs funded through the Catholic Faith Appeal. In addition, a portion of the money that is pledged over goal will be returned to your parish for its own programs and services.

Why does Catholic Charities do additional fundraising?

Approximately 14% of the Diocesan budget is given to Catholic Charities to help support its very worthwhile presence in our Diocese. However, this amount is only a percentage of the money needed to carry out its work. In addition to what the Diocese is able to provide, further fundraising is required.

Why are the administrative services included?

The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Christ. To do so requires the Diocese to oversee more than 1000 employees in our schools, parishes and agencies. A commercial business would produce an income, but in the Church the parishioners are the primary source of income.

Why are there so many mailings?

More than 3.5 million dollars of the appeal comes to us through the mailings. Once you have responded to a CFA mailing or made a gift through your parish, mailings to you will stop with the exception of a thank you letter and tax receipt at the end of the year.

Tax receipts are sent to anyone who gives a gift of $250 or more, which is required by the IRS. It is always wise to keep receipts of your charitable giving for audit purposes.

How much should I give?

As stewards, we should take the time to reflect on our God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. Giving back to God, either through contributions to our parish or the CFA, should involve a sacrifice, one that reflects God's generosity to us individually. Therefore, your gift is a personal decision between you and God, and should be made after prayerful consideration.

Should I make a pledge or a one-time gift?

Making a pledge allows you to spread your gift throughout the year, which may make it easier for you to pay, and may also allow you to give a larger gift. Pledge statements are sent out monthly unless otherwise requested. These are simply reminders and not bills. You can pay your pledge anytime before the end of the year. If your situation changes, you may also adjust your pledge.

How can I make my gift?

We try to make your giving as easy as possible! You can make a gift through checks, credit cards, direct debit, online giving at www.dioceseofvenice.org, bequests, charitable gift annuities, matching gift programs, and approved gifts of real estate. Give us a call and we'll happily answer your questions (941-486-4719).

The Office of Evangelization is one of the departments supported by the CFA. This Office has many outreaches, including the following:

Marriage Enrichment Program

Marriage is a life-long commitment that takes sacrifice, hard work, and God's grace to be successful. The Diocese of Venice offers a Marriage Enrichment program to help married couples strengthen their commitment to one another and to Christ. The innovative program centers on the Eucharist, specifically the Mass, as the model for married life. Couples learn to seek forgiveness and reconciliation in their marriage, strengthen their communications skills, and deepen their emotional, intellectual and spiritual intimacy with one another. The Diocese of Venice recognizes that strong marriages lead to strong families which lead to strong communities and a strong Church.
“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory…”
~ Matthew 5:16

Support Group for Those Who Have Experienced Divorce
Support groups provided by the Diocese of Venice for those who have experienced divorce is an innovative, comprehensive program that unites the Catholic faith and healing from the wounds of divorce. This program draws participants closer to God's love and mercy, while listening to inspiring talks from Catholic individuals who had been through a divorce. Throughout the program the participants focus on the Sacraments of the Church in addressing issues relating to divorce and individual healing. Multiple sessions are offered, which allow individuals to share their struggles on a deeper level and draw closer to Christ.

Scripture Conferences
Sacred Scripture is at the core of the Catholic Faith, and it is essential that Catholics be able to appreciate and comprehend the Bible. Throughout the year the Office of Evangelization of the Diocese of Venice provides conferences for just this purpose. This past year Catholics in the Diocese of Venice were able to attend an Apologetics Conference explaining where we got the Bible and how to read it properly, a Scripture Conference on understanding the Gospels, and a Bible Study Training Day focused on the relationship between the Bible and the Mass. Through these Conferences hundreds of Catholics were enabled to know better the Word of God, and share their knowledge with their families, friends and fellow parishioners.

RETURN THE BLESSINGS THE LORD HAS GIVEN TO YOU BY JOYFULLY AND GENEROUSLY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL. GIVE TODAY!
A SPIRITUAL LENTEN MORNING WITH FATHER TONER

To all men and women of the parish -

You are invited to a special morning with Father Toner on Tuesday, Feb. 24th at the parish center immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass. Father’s Lenten Talk will include a question and answer period. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Come and join us for this opportunity to reflect on our Lenten season.

ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH

You are invited to attend the Wednesday Gospel Forum at 7:00AM at Webster’s Grill on Cypress Lake Dr. behind La-Te-Da Salon. We read and discuss the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday and end at 7:50AM so that you can get to work or Mass on time. We meet every Wednesday and you may attend it whenever you can.

For additional data you may call Ange Ford at 216.496.0269 or email ajford@hotmail.com

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE AVAILABLE EACH WEEK FOR THE PURPOSE OF HONORING SOMEONE SPECIAL

Our beautiful altar flower arrangements are available to recognize a friend or loved-one’s birthday or anniversary, or as a memorial or as a gesture of thanksgiving. The cost is $35.00 per arrangement and there are up to 3 available each week.

If you wish to recognize your special someone with one of our beautiful altar flower arrangements please call the Parish Office, at 481-7172. The loved one’s name as well as the name of the donor (if wished) will be printed in the bulletin.

This can also be a good alternative when a particular date is not available for Mass intentions.

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

In loving memory of James Provensal
by Raymond & Barbara Provensol

Altar Flowers This Week:

In loving memory of Catherine H. Franey
by Al & Dolly Jones

In loving memory of Jim Griffin
by Wife Connie & Family

In loving memory of Florence Bush
by John & Beverly Dick

Please join us for the Rosary, Monday through Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and Tuesday & Thursday at 1:30 in the chapel

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RESURRECTION MEN’S CLUB
ANNUAL POLISH DINNER & DANCE
Sunday, February 15, 2015
Tickets available at Parish Center—481-7171

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM
SERVING AT 5:30PM
*****
LIVE BAND
5:00—8:00PM
*****
TICKETS $18 IN ADVANCE
$25 DAY OF THE EVENT

FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT PARISH CHARITIES
(REFRESHMENTS MAY NOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE HALL BY GUESTS)

Join Us!!

Church of the Resurrection Lenten Fish Fry
February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27
Serving from 4:30pm until it’s gone

It’s Your Choice

Theirs:
Dinner Salad or Cup of Soup
Fried Fish with Tartar Sauce
French Fries
Cute Stew
Cost $9.99 + Beverage + Tax + Tip

Ours:
Fish with Tartar Sauce
French Fries
Cute Stew
Macaroni & Cheese
Beverage Choice of Coffee or Lemonade
Bread and Butter
Dessert
Cup of Homemade Clam Chowder
Cost $10.00 -- No Tax/No Tip
Relaxed Atmosphere/Fast Service

Sponsored by the Resurrection Men’s Club in Support of the various Church charities: Community Cooperative Ministries, Resurrection Youth Group, Diocese of Venice Faith Appeal, Community Pregnancy Center, St. Vincent DePaul Society, etc.
Last October, the Third Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops was celebrated in Rome addressing the topic: The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization. Following the event, Pope Francis decided to publish the Relatio Synodi, the document that concluded the Synod’s work. The Holy Father also indicated that this document would be the Lineamenta (working document) for the upcoming XIV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops which will take place October 4-25, 2015 in Rome, addressing the topic: The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World.

At the end of the Lineamenta, a series of questions are proposed for reflection in order to prepare for the upcoming Synod. Pope Francis, through the national conferences of bishops, has requested that consultation be given with input from the Local Church. For this purpose, Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, has communicated with the Pastors, Parochial Administrators, and Parochial Vicars of the Diocese asking for their observations made in consultation with their local Parish councils and other parish groups. Bishop Dewane invites all other Catholics who wish to submit responses to do so by following the steps below.

The responses from the Diocese of Venice will be gathered with those of other dioceses by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and forwarded to the Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops for the Holy See.

—This letter is taken from the Diocese of Venice website www.dioceseofvenice.org

Pope Francis is asking for YOUR help!

In putting together our report to send to the Diocese, we need your feedback. This one way you can have a voice in our Universal Church. This is the last week, we will be putting questions in the bulletin and asking for your feedback. Please help us by answering the following questions and e-mailing Lea, the Director of Religious Education, with your response.

9. Are people aware that the rapid evolution in society requires a constant attention to language in pastoral communication? How can an effective testimony be given to the priority of grace in a way that family life is conceived and lived as welcoming the Holy Spirit?

10. In proclaiming the Gospel of the Family, how can the conditions be created so that each family might actually be as God wills and that society might acknowledge the family’s dignity and mission? What “pastoral conversion”, and what further steps towards an in-depth examination are being done to achieve this?

11. How can relations between family, society and civil life be fostered for the benefit of the family? How can the support of the State and the international community be fostered on behalf of the family?

12. Fulfilling their educational mission is not always easy for parents. Do they find solidarity and support from the Christian community? What suggestions might be offered in formation? What steps can be taken to acknowledge the role of parents in raising children, even at the socio-political level?

13. How can parents and the Christian family be made aware that the duty of transmitting the faith is an intrinsic aspect of being a Christian?

If you would rather reply to all of the questions that Pope Francis is asking in the Lineamenta, you can find the complete document at http://dioceseofvenice.org/synod-consultation/ on this web site you will also find instructions to reply directly to the diocese.
On Saturday, February 7, 2015, ten students in Grades 6-8 represented St. Francis Xavier School at the Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Regional Science Fair competition at Florida Gulf Coast University. Participating in the regional competition requires additional dedication to science fair beyond the completion of a project. Students must meet all competition requirements and go through a rigorous review by scientific committees and judges.

The following students competed in their respective category: Alexander Bine and Gabriella Martinez, Medicine and Health; Conor Cranfield, Physics; Xavier Caangay, Engineering; Olivia Galvano, Energy and Transportation; Marina Lombardo, Environmental Sciences; Julian Perez and Jonah Schwartz, Behavioral and Social Sciences; Kaili Yap and Kalani Yap, Microbiology.

We would like to congratulate all of our Regional Science Fair competitors for an outstanding demonstration of their talent and dedication to furthering their education!

The Regional Science Fair awards presented on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 to St. Francis Xavier School students are as follows:

- Alexander Bine---third place, St. John XXIII Church
- Xavier Caangay---first place (state competition), summer research, St. Francis Xavier Church
- Connor Cranfield---first place (state competition), summer research, Resurrection of Our Lord Church
- Marina Lombardo---first place (state competition), summer research, Resurrection of Our Lord Church
- Gabriella Martinez---second place, St. Charles Borromeo Church
- Julian Perez---honorable mention, St. Francis Xavier Church
- Kalani Yap---summer research, Resurrection of Our Lord Church
- Kaili Yap---second place, summer research, Resurrection of Our Lord Church

The summer research opportunity has a $600 value and is held at FGCU. It is available only by applying and being chosen at the regional science fair. Those going to the state competition in Lakeland received a medallion, a poster from Doug McGregor (News-Press cartoonist), a Sony home audio system, and a $2,500 academic scholarship to FGCU.

We are very proud of our scientists! We also extend our gratitude and congratulations to our middle school science teachers, Mrs. Stejskal and Mr. Hinsz, for guiding and encouraging our students’ growth in the knowledge and appreciation of science. Congratulations to all!
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Men’s CONFERENCE
Learn, Deepen and Defend Your Faith!
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015
9 A.M. - 3 P.M. CLOSING MASS AT 2 P.M.

TOM PETERSON
Tom Peterson was a successful, award-winning advertising executive for almost three decades. But in 1997, he experienced a profound conversion at a parish retreat that set him in a new direction. He applied his advertising skills to spreading the Gospel and the result was two new media apostolates; Virtue Media and Catholics Come Home. He is also the author of a new book with the title ‘Catholics Come Home, God’s Extraordinary Plan for your life’.

MARK HOUCK
Mark Houck, Co-Founder & President of The King’s Men. Since 2006, he has been speaking to thousands of men about a variety of topics related to the development of authentic masculinity. Mark has a BA from The Catholic University of America and a Master’s in Education from Holy Family University. He is married with four children, and lives in Quakertown, PA

TRENT HORN
Trent Horn is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, an apologist for Catholic Answers, a blogger and author of Answering Atheism: How to Make the Case for God with Logic and Charity. He resides in San Diego with his wife Laura.

Register online at www.dioceseofvenice.org/mens
Or mail in check to: Diocese of Venice Attn: Men’s Conference 1000 Pinebrook Rd. Venice, FL 34285

LOCATION:
Bishop Verot High School
5598 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers

COST:
Pre-Registration: Adults $20, Students $5.
At the door: $30 and $10.
Ash Wednesday
February 18
Beginning of Lent
Mass Times: 7am, 8am, 9:30am, and 6pm

... in the words of Pope Francis

“With its invitations to conversion, Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to rouse us from torpor, from the risk of moving forward by inertia. The exhortation which the Lord addresses to us through the prophet Joel, “Return to me with all your heart” (Joel 2:12). Why must we return to God? Because something is not right in us, not right in society, not right in the Church and we need to change and give it a new direction. And this is called needing to convert! Once again Lent comes to make its prophetic appeal, to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us, simply because God is faithful, always faithful, for he cannot deny himself, he continues to be rich in goodness and mercy, and he is always ready to forgive and start afresh. With this filial confidence, let us set out on the journey!”

Pope Francis

The Joy of the GOSPEL

Pope Francis’ Call:
“I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day.” #3

3 Times to choose from
SUNDAY MORNINGS:
11:45 AM—1:15 PM
MONDAY EVENINGS:
7:00 PM—8:30 PM
FRIDAY MORNINGS:
9:00 AM—10:30 AM

Religious Education Syllabus

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
** Parent & Student Sacramental Prep
* Student Sacramental Prep

February
Offertory:
we are collecting:
Canned Fruit

Calling all children!!!

Each month you can contribute to the offertory at Mass. On Sunday, March 1 @ 10:30 Mass we will be collecting Rice. During the offertory, Lea will put out a plastic bin, and this is your signal to place your rice offering in the bin.
Make Symbolon part of your Lenten Devotional!!!

Most Catholics view Lent as a time to “give up” something. Why not “learn something” about your faith this Lent? You could give your time to learn about the rich Catholic tradition. And the best part about it — you could do this at your own home computer or in the parish center with a community of learners!

The Catholic Faith Lived

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!

Two ways to Register:
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)
Or:
2) Go to Http://symboloncatholic.org/register and enter code 377363 to watch each session and to print out participant study guides

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

And check out the other Symbolon sessions on your home computer TODAY!

Knowing the Faith

SESSION 2: DIVINE REVELATION: God Seeking Us and the Compass for Our Lives
SESSION 3: THE BIBLE: God’s Love Letter to Humanity
SESSION 4: THE STORY OF SALVATION: Creation, Fall and Redemption
SESSION 5: WHO IS JESUS?: Just a Good Man or Lord of our Lives?
SESSION 6: THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: The Mystery of Jesus’ Death and Resurrection
SESSION 7: THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE LIFE OF GRACE: God’s Divine Life Within Us
SESSION 8: WHY DO I NEED THE CHURCH?: The Mystery of the Catholic Church
SESSION 9: MARY AND THE SAINTS: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints
SESSION 10: THE LAST THINGS: What Happens After We Die?
SESSION 11: THE SACRAMENTS: Baptism & Confirmation
SESSION 12: THE EUCHARIST: Source & Summit of Christian Life
USHERS NEEDED
We are still in need of ushers. If you are able to volunteer please call John at 481-3456.

RESURRECTION FOR LIFE
PLEASE NOTICE CHANGE BELOW:
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 MONDAY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD, CORNER OF WINKLER & COLLEGE

PREGNANT? NEED HELP? CALL 239-772-4673

“Come Follow Me…”
The Gospels tell us of Jesus sharing meals often with Pharisees, with friends and the outcasts of his world. It was at the Last Supper he celebrated the First Eucharist telling the apostles: “Do this in memory of me…”

YOU ARE INVITED
4-6 Parishioners Meet and Go to Lunch
Goal: Build community and friendships with other parishioners...by sharing a simple meal with new friends.
When: Once in February
Once in March
Commitment is for ONLY two months
Where: You may choose to host or go out to eat.
How: Call the office: 481-7172 to complete your invitation You will be notified who your host is and where the simple meal will be.

Before you plan your summer vacation, mark your calendar for VBS!
June 15—19
9am—Noon
A fun, faith-filled week for children from pre-k thru 5th gr.
Registration opens March 1
RYM—239-481-5144

Faith & Wine Lee County
We are excited to announce that Faith & Wine Lee County will hold its first event on February 26, 2015. We invite women from all parishes to join us at Our Lady of Light Parish at 6:30 pm. Come and share in the stories of faith-filled women while enjoying a relaxing evening together with a little wine and food. Our featured speaker is Mary Beth Clary who founded the popular Faith & Wine in Naples and will share the ups and downs of her own faith journey. The cost is $10.00 and reservations are requested by February 16th by email to faithandwineleecounty@gmail.com or visit us at faithandwineleecounty.com.

Mass to Celebrate Volunteers -
In appreciation of the volunteers at all parishes in the Diocese of Venice, Bishop Frank J. Dewane invites all volunteers to a Mass on Saturday, February 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Epiphany Cathedral Parish, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice. The Mass is an opportunity to extend gratitude and appreciation for those who generously give of their time and talent. All priests, deacons and the faithful are invited to participate in a celebration of the active stewardship of our laity. A lunch will follow the Mass in the Parish Center.

Please call the parish office no later than Noon on Monday, February 23 to register.