FEAR NOT

In these times, there is plenty to be afraid of, if we only look around. It seems that every day the news media have yet more bad news to tell: wars, disease, terrorism, drought, social unrest, and more. Some people have stopped using clock radios to wake up in the morning, preferring a jarring buzzer to the even more jarring morning news. What more do we need before we realize that we are finite creatures, and while there is much we can do to make our world better, ultimately there is a lot that is simply not within our grasp? To this our loving God says, “Be strong, fear not!”

We must do what we can to make our world a better and safer place, but we must also realize our limits and that our ultimate safety is in the hands of God. We can be comforted by the realization that God loves us beyond measure, and will give us every help in our efforts to make our world a loving and safe place for everyone.
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).
Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).
Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).


CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND

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

2015 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL
Our commitment for this year is $360,000.00

Pledges made thus far Total: $343,513.36

Payments made thus far Total: $313,761.72, Thank you!

We still need $42,238.28 to reach our goal.

Please join our parish family in making a sacrificial gift to the CFA

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS......all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Mary Kray.

SAT. SEPTEMBER 05- SUNDAY VIGIL MASS
3:30 †John Cauley by Family

SUN. SEPTEMBER 06 -
7:30 †People of the Parish
9:00 †Joseph Gillen by Ann & Grant
10:30 †Jean Donato by friends at Resurrection
12:45 Latin Mass

MON. SEPTEMBER 07 -
8:00 †Fior Geraldino by Family

TUE. SEPTEMBER 08 -
8:00 †Barbara Walsh by Husband Ray

WED. SEPTEMBER 09 -
8:00 †Kelly Huitema by Grandma & Grandpa

THU. SEPTEMBER 10 -
8:00 †Donald Knize by Family

FRI. SEPTEMBER 11 -
8:00 †George Grathenthaler by Matt & Barbara Grathenthaler

SAT. SEPTEMBER 12 -
8:00 †Lawrence Kelly by Wife Helen

SAT. SEPTEMBER 12- SUNDAY VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Mary Mochrie by Husband Ken

SUN. SEPTEMBER 13 -
7:30 †People of the Parish
9:00 †James Bonnelly by Mary Jo Daly
10:30 †Mary Norton by Family
12:45 Latin Mass

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

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.
OPERATIONAL REVENUES VS EXPENSES
JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015

Income:
- July 2014 - June 2015 $1,498,132.75
- Bequests/Gifts/Donations $101,639.89
- Religious Education/Youth Ministry $29,532.00
- Mass Intentions $4,835.00
- Interest Income $20,664.25
- Refunds/Reimbursements $7,722.66
- Stole Fees $6,805.00
- CFA 2012 Overage $1,102.26
- Other Income $153,046.11
- TOTAL $1,823,479.92

Expenses:
- Lay/Clergy Salaries and Stipends $591,852.08
- Lay/Clergy Benefits $189,660.74
- FICA Taxes $31,859.78
- Facility/equip. Grounds Maintenance $156,473.31
- Utilities $91,520.56
- Tuition Assistance $129,725.00
- Charitable Donations $248,369.83
- Vehicle repairs, insurance, mileage $2,768.58
- Miscellaneous Personnel $59,184.00
- Property/Liability Insurance $65,820.32
- Religious Education/Youth Ministry $49,163.28
- Liturgy $28,290.26
- Hospitality $99,106.52
- Office/Administration $45,487.45
- Miscellaneous Ministry $35,673.73
- Contracted Services $89,946.15
- Other Expenses $10,732.75
- TOTAL $1,925,534.34

Net Loss $(102,054.42)

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 at 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:
- Daniel & Gosia Wieczorek and Family, M/M Alvaro Lopez and Family, M/M Scott Caesar and Family

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

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, First Monday in June, July and August, 8:30am. Alouise 481-8168
Coffee & Donuts, Will resume after Labor Day
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 Thursdays Oct. thru May, 9-11 a.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, or email, svdp@resurrectionch.org
Teams of Our Lady, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
Women’s Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May
Let us always Pray for the end of Abortion, Euthanasia and the Death Penalty, so that we may become a People of Life to the World!

Jesus

Life

Novena of Life Mass -
Celebrate the life of Jesus in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 25th of every month through December and pray for a greater respect for life. We will celebrate the end of the sixth month on September 25th, at the 8:00 Mass, Resurrection Parish.

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MONTH 5 – Developing Baby
“Mommy felt me kick today!”

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and his mother can feel his movement. Before this time he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it - - the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby’s mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.

I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.

Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.

I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!
Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from Your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as Your people and given us the right and the duty to worship You, the only true God, and Your Son Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of Your Holy Spirit, You call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and saving the truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask You to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of Your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all Your sons and daughters gathered in Your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome -

For the sake of our children, grandchildren and all who come after us - this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion
(Promulgated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Nov. 1996)

For Catholics
As Catholics, we fully participate in this celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians
We welcome our fellow Christians to the celebration of this Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (Jn 17:21). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires prior permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of church law.

For those not receiving Holy Communion
All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians
We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and unity of the human family.

PLEASE HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!
Your food donations will help St. Vincent DePaul, 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/spam), Spaghetti noodles and Sauce, Ready Macaroni and Cheese, Maseca flour (small bags), Canned diced tomatoes, Tomato sauce, Cereal, Canned soups (prefer chicken), and Dry beans (pinto/red/kidney).

Thank you and God Bless!
Sacramental Preparation
First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation

Sacramental Preparation is a two year preparation period.

Faith Formation is a life-long journey.
Students in first and ninth grade who are participating in Mass and who have expressed a desire are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. In order for a child to receive God’s graces through the sacraments he or she is obligated to be actively involved with Religious Education or Youth Ministry for at least two years immediately proceeding the Sacrament.

♦ **1st Grade students** are obligated to be actively participating in Mass and Religious Education for their first year of Sacramental Preparation to receive in the 2nd Grade

♦ **9th Grade students** are obligated to be actively participating in Mass and a member of Resurrection Youth Ministry to be confirmed in 10th grade.

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**Interested in becoming Catholic?**

If so, then RCIA is for you!!!

R.C.I.A. is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This journey of inquiring, learning and becoming Catholic will lead an individual to full communion in the Catholic Church.

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.

We will have a couple of inquiry sessions during the summer months. If you or someone you know is questioning becoming Catholic please have them call the parish office at 481-7171

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**2015-16 Religious Education Registration is open**

Pre-K– Fifth Grade
Religious Education has two options to choose from:
Sundays from 3:45pm-4:45pm
followed by the
New Family Mass at 5:00pm
or
Wednesdays= 5:45-6:45

Classes and the 5:00 Family Mass will start on Sep. 20

You may download forms from our website: www.resurrectionch.org or fill one out in our office.

The cost is~

$80 after Aug 31
$15 for each additional Child
$25 Sacramental Prep fee for students receiving sacraments this year.

“In the family, faith accompanies every age of life, beginning with childhood; children learn to trust in the love of their parents. This is why it is so important that within families parents encourage shared expressions of faith which can help children gradually to mature in their own faith.”

~Pope Francis, #53 Lumen Fidei
Diocesan Happenings………..

Catholic Chamber of Commerce Mtg - Sept. 15, 2015, 10:00- 11:30 at Jesus the Worker Church 881 Nuna Ave. Fort Myers, FL Ph# 239-693-5333

Bishop Verot Catholic High School - Our wildly popular Verot Visit Days will once again be held this fall. Visit Days are a time to experience Bishop Verot Catholic High School first hand. Prospective students and their parents will be able to tour campus, speak with students and get an overview of the curriculum, faith formation and co-curricular opportunities that Bishop Verot provides. Reservations are required and can be made on-line at byvhs.org/admissions or by calling our admissions office at 239-274-6760. Scheduled dates are: Oct. 1, 9:30am - 12pm / Oct. 9, 9:30am - 12pm / Nov. 11, 9:30am-12pm.

Project Rachel Retreat for Hope & Healing after Abortion - Registration is now open for a one-day retreat on Saturday, September 19, at a confidential location within the Diocese. This retreat is designed to help women hurting from past abortions experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing. It will offer a loving and confidential environment to hear stories of post-abortion healing, share Scriptural stories of Christ’s healing love, spend quiet time in prayer and receive Sacramental Reconciliation and Eucharist. To allow sufficient time for sharing, the retreat is limited to 10 participants. Pre-registration is required. A recent retreatant shared “I want to thank you and the Team for a wonderful and most beautiful experience! God bless all of you for making Project Rachel the opportunity for me to re-connect with God the Father and the Church. The painful burden I have carried all these years has been unloaded, and now peace has taken its place. How absolutely amazing was the interaction with all of the blessed souls at our Retreat! God’s love flowed freely that day, and I am so fortunate to be a part of it!” For further information, contact Fonda on the confidential helpline at 239-719-7210.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center - Ignatian Spirituality Retreat Dates - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Venice, has two upcoming opportunities to attend an Ignatian Spirituality Retreat. The St. Ignatius Spiritual exercises, along with good food, fellowship and quiet reflection offers a chance for spiritual growth. The upcoming dates are: September 8 to 11 and October 30 to November 2. The cost is $395 which includes 3 night’s accommodations, meals, private rooms and baths. For additional information or to register, please call 941-486-0233 or email olphrtreat@gmail.com.

Endow: Letter to Women - Explore Pope John Paul II’s 1995 letter to all the women of the world. Written for the occasion of the Fourth United Nations Conference on Women, this letter demonstrates that whenever people gather to discuss what ails humanity, the voice of the Church should be there. This will take place for eight sessions on Tuesdays, September 1 to October 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Light Parish, Rm 309, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers. To register and order your course materials: https://store.endowonline.org/sue-ellen-nolan-p2515.aspx, or contact Sue Ellen Nolan at sueellen@ourladyoflight.com or 239-267-7088 ext. 245

YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE FALL!

Junior, Yth ~ 6–8th gr. Register fees:* 
Senior, Yth.. ~ 9-12th gr. $55 thru Aug. 31

NEW TIME FOR RYM BEGINNING SEPT. 20TH...

Family /Youth Mass 5:00pm 
Followed by Youth Gatherings 6:00– 7:30pm

Call RYM or email with any questions: Vikki@resurrectionch.org / 481-5144

*Add’l fee for Confirmation Prep. ~ 2yr. Program begins in 9th gr.

Women’s Guild News
The first meeting of the new season will be held at the Parish Center on Wednesday September 16th following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to come and join us for a “picnic” breakfast to start the new Guild year. Dues of $10.00 will be collected at this time. Please bring a hard cover or paperback book for our used book sale to be held at our annual Craft Bazaar on November 6th & 7th. Details of the Bazaar and other Guild events will be announced at this meeting.

We look forward to seeing our regular guild members and welcoming new members. See you then!
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