**FEBRUARY 14, 2016**
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**JESUS AND THE DEVIL**

The devil tempted Jesus by quoting scripture, as today’s Gospel reminds us. Try a self-serving miracle. Try selling out. Try dazzling the audience; people are gullible, after all. Try all these easy ways. The tempter tries to urge Jesus onto the slippery slope, attempts the old soft-soap, the snake-oil solutions that are always readily at hand. The devil knows better, but is powerless to do better, much less be better. The devil is evil personified, who senses in Jesus the stronger, truly attractive presence of holiness.

Evil is exposed and engaged, we are reminded in this Sunday’s Gospel. Evil knows the jig is up. The undoing of lies begins with Jesus, who takes up the work of soul-healing and world-healing. This Lent, the Church invites us to enter into this renewing, re-creative work and be made whole again.

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The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.
— Romans 10:8

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

**Psalm** — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

**Second Reading** — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, Inter-

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Today Lent begins. Ash Wednesday initiates the forty days of the Lenten fast, but since Sundays are not tallied in the days of fasting, today is the solemn opening of the forty days of Lent. The Church has work to do today, principally the calling forward of those chosen (the proper word is elected) for the Easter sacraments. Some of those who have been catechumens may now make a transition to a new way of life as the “elect.” For them, this Lent will be a time of “purification” and “enlightenment.” For us who accompany them, it is a time of helping them discern God’s call and prepare for new life.

This year, while the readings from the third year of the Lectionary cycle are usually read, they are set aside on certain Sundays for the benefit of the elect. We turn then to the readings from Year A, and we give those who journey to the font of baptism three extraordinary companions. In the Gospels for those days, we meet the woman of Samaria and the man born blind, and we come to the tomb of Lazarus three days after his death. Many bishops celebrate the Rite of Election on or near today, affirming God’s choice for these new faithful, and also offering them the solidarity of many companions. In 2013, over 38,000 adults entered the baptismal waters in the United States, a remarkable testimony to the vigor of our tradition of receiving and nurturing adult faith.

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**GIFT SHOP HOURS**

**Tues. 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.**  **Thurs. 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Sat. 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.**  **Sun. 8:00 - 11:45 a.m.**

**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.

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

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**Mass Schedule**

**SAT. FEBRUARY 13 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASS**
3:30 ℹPatrick Bradford by Don Bradford
5:00 ℹMichela & Gaetano DiPalma by Lee Hoffmann

**SUN. FEBRUARY 14 -**
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 ℹShaun Doherty by Mom & Family
10:30 ℹBarbara Walsh by husband, Ray
12:00 ℹNicholas Googin by Barbara Zordan
2:00 Latin Mass
5:00 ℹJosephine Rose Szul by Cathy Howell

**MON. FEBRUARY 15 -**
8:00 ℹJames Proce by Lynn Shunk
9:30 ℹCarolyn Mitchell by Bill & Susan Whittle

**TUE. FEBRUARY 16 -**
8:00 ℹBruno Marsillo by Wife Mary & Children
9:30 ℹJoseph Gillen by Ann & Grant

**WED. FEBRUARY 17 -**
8:00 ♥Living & Deceased Mbrs of Resurrection Guild
9:30 ℹThomas Kennedy by Joan Scallon

**THU. FEBRUARY 18 -**
8:00 ℹRose Badali by Husband, Sal
9:30 ℹNicholas Googin by Peter & Diane Mazzagatti

**FRI. FEBRUARY 19 -**
8:00 ℹFrank O’Donnell by Mary O’Donnell & Family
9:30 ℹFrank Serrao by Family

**SAT. FEBRUARY 20 -**
8:00 ℹDavid Mullin by Betsy Higgins

**SAT. FEBRUARY 20 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASS**
3:30 ℹKatie Ives by Lainy Hooper
5:00 ℹAngelo Viticone by Wife MaryLou

**SUN. FEBRUARY 21 -**
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 ℹPaul Schwartz by Larry & Val
10:30 ♥Spec. Int. for Dr. Vincent Azzara & Family by Ron & MaryAnn Evans
12:00 ℹAnne Therese Pacious by Anne Sloan
2:00 Latin Mass
5:00 ♥Spec. Int. for Charles Tuck Cowan by Kris LaRue

**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 the faithful of the parish.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

February 7, 2016
Offertory: $29,281.33
Education: $5,005.00
Latin: $554.00
SVDP: $813.00

On-Line Giving, January 2016
Offertory $8,692.00
Education $323.00

SVDP Distributions, January 2016
Rents: $3,043.94
Electric: $844.87
Food: $210.00
National SVDP Council USA
$2000.00 in support of Recovery from California fires and South Carolina floods.

5:00 Mass Music:
2-14-16
Gathering: SS159
Offertory: M217
Communion: M219
Recessional: SS157
SS: Spirit and Song (purple book)
RB: YP Glory & Praise (red book)
M: Missalette

RICE BOWL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Our Catholic community in the United States does something amazing each Lent. Through prayers, fasting and almsgiving, we give families around the world the tools they need to rise above poverty and provide for themselves and their communities. It is called the “CRS Rice Bowl effect!”
Catholic Relief Service (CRS) Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to families as well as Parish and School communities. At the same time it connects Catholics in the Diocese of Venice with our brothers and sisters in need around the world. During this Lenten Season, I encourage all to participate in CRS Rice Bowl helping those less fortunate.
Donations collected support CRS’s mission to fight hunger and poverty. Not only do families receive food, they also receive training and resources to allow them to learn a trade so they may turn their lives around.
Please give generously to Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl. While portions of your aid goes to CRS, twenty five percent remains here in the Diocese of Venice supporting the food pantries and soup kitchens which are right in the center of helping solve hunger among families.
Thank you for your generosity!
I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration as well as my prayers throughout this Lenten Season.
Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

We need volunteers to serve as ushers at Sunday 12:00 pm Mass
If you are a parishioner in good standing, or are new to the parish and can provide a letter from your former parish, please call the Parish Office 481-7171 or see John Patterson, the Head Usher, after Mass.

Annual Mass for Wedding Anniversaries

The Annual Mass for Wedding Anniversaries will take place March 12, 2016.
Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and any anniversary more than 50 years of marriage in 2016 may register to attend this special Annual Mass.
This Mass to celebrate anniversaries are a beautiful witness and a wonderful opportunity to express our dedication and support to the sacramental bond of marriage.

Saturday, March 12 at St. Leo the Great Parish, Bonita Springs, 10:00 a.m

Register by calling Resurrection parish office, 481-7171
EASTER FLOWERS

We thank the many parishioners and visitors who contribute toward our beautiful Easter flowers. Easter flower envelopes are gathered near the altar, as they represent the prayerful remembrances of our beloved living and deceased. Included in your envelope packet or at each entrance of the church there are Easter Flower donation envelopes for your convenience. Please submit prior to March 25.

TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR LENT -

Tired of giving up candy, cigarettes, desserts, etc. for Lent? How about giving up a little more time (about fifteen minutes a day) and spend it reading the Gospels? By reading three chapters a day, you can move through the four Gospels during the season of Lent. This is a perfect Lenten activity for families. For those who don’t want to carry the Bible around, there is a reading list in an APP at www.truthandlifeapp.com. This will allow anyone to carry the Gospels with them and take fifteen minutes during a work break, while exercising or while traveling. This year, don’t give up; rather give time to God.

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. 10, and Good Friday, March 25, 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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Schedule for this Lenten Season

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(Feb. 12th - March 18th)

After the 9:30 a.m. Mass – Each Friday of Lent (Except Good Friday)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In the Chapel for quiet, private Adoration following Stations, until 12:30 Each Friday of Lent (Except Good Friday)

RECONCILIATION

Friday March 4, 2016: noon - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday March 5, 2016: 9:00 a.m. - noon

Lent is a time of renewal, for the whole church, for each community and for each believer. Above all, it is a time of Grace.

~ Pope Francis
February 14, 2016

First Sunday of Lent

On Ash Wednesday Pope Francis commissioned “Missionaries of Mercy,” priest-confessors sent forth worldwide as “living signs of the Father’s readiness to welcome those in search of [God’s] pardon.” In a way, though, Pope Francis challenges all of us to become “missionaries of mercy” (Misericordiae Vultus, 18) by living Lent in this Jubilee Year of Mercy “more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy” (MV, 17). Francis bids us make the prophet Micah’s words our own: “God . . . who does not persist in anger forever, but delights rather in clemency. You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins” (Micah 7:18, 19). Having experienced God’s mercy ourselves in the unconditional forgiveness of our sins, how eager we should be to invite others to know the peace of God’s boundless mercy; perhaps even to experience, through our reaching out in gentle kindness and compassionate care, something of God’s unconditional love for them.

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Jubilee Year of Mercy
February 14, 2016

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:

When admitted to the hospital please register as Catholic and notify the parish office immediately, 481-7171.

Resurrection priests visit the hospitals daily.

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission.

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

* Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by St. 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

We ask for a donation of $2 per booklet, $3 per CD and $4 per book to help continue this program. Checks can be made payable to the parish. Donations will be used to cover the cost of the initial materials and towards the purchase of additional materials.

We are proud to introduce an exciting addition to our parish community! Make sure to stop by our new kiosk featuring life-changing materials from Lighthouse Catholic Media.

* The materials feature the world’s best Catholic speakers and authors—bishops, priests, deacons, and well-known Catholic lay men and women.
* You can listen to a CD in your car or at home, deepen your understanding and love for the Catholic Faith, and then pass the CD on to someone else.
* There are hundreds of titles available and we plan to order new titles after the current ones run out. So keep checking back!

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

In loving memory of Angelo Viticone
by Wife, MaryLou

INSPIRING RESOURCES TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH!
Faith-filled Catholic CDs, books, and booklets

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.

For more information call Alouise 481-8168

Coffee & Donuts, Sundays after 10:30 Mass beginning Oct. 4

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, Sundays, 3:30p.m., call 482-6883 for information

Rel. Ed., September - May

Resurrection of Life, for info, call Judy at 287-1237

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
What is the Catholic Faith Appeal and for what are its proceeds used?

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 helping their parish to meet its contribution. A parish Catholic Faith Appeal goal is determined by the income of the parish and 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, stocks, direct debit, bequests, charitable gift annuities, matching gift program, and online giving at www.dioceseofvenice.org, and approved gifts of real estate. Give us a call and we will 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.

**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.
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. 23rd 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.

PRAYER AND THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

LENTEN FAITH SERIES WITH FR. O MADAGAIN

TUESDAYS: FEB. 16, 23 & MAR. 1, 8, 15, 22

WE WILL BEGIN WITH LIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES IN THE PARISH HALL AT 6:00 PM.
Celebrate the Year of Mercy at the

CATHOLIC

WOMEN’S

CONFERENCE

February 27, 2016

9 AM to 3 PM

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

Cost: Adults $20, Students $5.

Note: You must pre-register, tickets will not be available
at the door as we are expecting to sell out!

Scott Hahn

An exceptionally popular speaker and teacher, Dr. Hahn has delivered numerous talks nationally and internationally on a wide variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith.

He is the founder and director of the Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology. Dr. Hahn is the bestselling author of numerous books including The Lamb’s Supper, Reasons to Believe, and Rome Sweet Home (co-authored with his wife, Kimberly).

Gina Lohr

Gina Lohr is an inspirational speaker, a theology teacher, author, and the mother of five young children. While serving as a delegate for the 2013 Pontifical Council for the Laity seminar on women, Gina met Pope Francis about whom she has recently published her fourth book, Saint Francis, Pope Francis: A Common Vision.

Emily Stimpson

Emily Stimpson is a freelance Catholic writer; her books include These Beautiful Bones: An Everyday Theology of the Body and The Catholic Girl’s Survival Guide for the Single Years. Her writing has appeared in Our Sunday Visitor, First Things, Touchstone, the National Catholic Register, Lay Witness, Catholic Digest, and elsewhere.

Register by Monday, February 22nd, 2016
Registration Link: http://dioceseofvenice.org/womens

Or mail check to: Diocese of Venice
Attn: Women’s Conference
1000 Pinebrook Road • Venice, FL 34285

For more information, call 941-484-9543 or email evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org
LOCAL COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CENTER IS IN NEED OF HELP

Resurrection for Life members ask you to help foster life by helping with your donation of much needed items. Community Pregnancy Clinic helps mothers with counseling and provides them with supplies for their babies that they cannot afford. The current needs are:

- Disposable Diapers in Sizes 1, 3, 4, & 5 - This is the most needed item
- Baby wipes (not adult wipes)
- New Outfits Sizes Newborn - 6 months and used baby clothes - all sizes
- New Sleepers Sizes NB - 12 months & Used all sizes thru 3T
- Shampoo/Lotions
- Teethers/Baby Toys
- New knitted baby blankets, crib or bassinet size, gender specific
- Pinks or blues - can be combinations of colors but should be more gender specific (i.e. pink with yellow, white, or other neutral colors), Hat/Booties
- Maternity clothes, gently used are welcomed
- Donations may be dropped off at the PARISH CENTER.

We thank you as do the moms, babies, and families you are aiding!

Thank you for your generous aid to this most worthy cause!

SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.

— St. Louise de Marillac

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 TUESDAYS FROM 7:30 AM AND THURSDAYS FROM 10:30 UNTIL CLOSE. WE ALSO PRAY EVERY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD, CORNER OF WINKLER & COLLEGE ANYTIME BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM.

Lifeline Family Center Dinner Concert

Lifeline Family Center, a unique Christian maternity home in Cape Coral, invites you to join them for Songs of Life, their 20th Anniversary Dinner Concert, featuring Steve Green as guest artist. The young moms will be present with their children and will share their stories as well. This takes place Thursday, March 3rd at 6:30 pm, McGregor Baptist Church, Hope Building, 3750 Colonial Blvd, Ft. Myers. Tickets are $70.00 per person or $400.00 for a table of eight. Call Judy at 287-1237 by Feb. 22 for $50.00 discounted tickets for tables with your fellow parishioners and friends.
SAVE THE DATE
FOR VBS!

When: June 13-June 17, 2016
Time: 9am—Noon
Where: Resurrection Parish Center
Who: Kids from Pre-K thru 5th grade
Cost: $30 for 1 child
      $50 for 2 children
      $65 for 3 children
      (discount applies to siblings)

For more information contact Vikki @ 481-5144
vikki@resurrectionch.org

Ground your kids in the rock-solid foundation of God’s love in this week long vacation bible school!
Bible Study
February 17, 2016
“Mercy and New Life”
Wednesday
10:00am - 11:30 am
We are a people born
anew to a life of hope!
Calling ALL who search
For Relationship with God
For Meaning in Life For Mercy
Come! Seek! Ask! Find!
Share faith stories!
RSVP: 481-7172

Women’s Guild News
The next meeting of the Women’s Guild will take place on Wed. Feb. 17th at the Parish Center immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We have invited Fr. Kelly to be our guest speaker. We will still be celebrating Valentine’s Day so wear something red. See you then!

St. Francis Annual Spaghetti Dinner
You are cordially invited by St. Francis Xavier Parish to attend the Edison Parade Night Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday February 20, 2016
St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall
Tickets $10.00
For information and to purchase tickets call 334-2161 or 997-1138

Join us for Lunch!
Open to ALL—Men & Women
Celebrate FEBRUARY’s Special Days!
Called to encounter Christ in each other.
Discover we are connected in Christ!
at OLIVE GARDEN
Wednesday @ Noon - Feb. 24
Call to reserve your space by Feb. 23
Dutch Treat - Separate checks!
Call 481-7172 to reserve your spot!

In Sharing a Meal - we discover connections
As part of the Body of Christ
In the Mystery of Life
Please consider joining us!

JOIN US FOR THE LENTEN FISH FRY
February 19, 26
March 4,11,18
SERVING FROM 4:30 UNTIL GONE

MENU:
FISH WITH TARTAR SAUCE, FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW, MACARONI & CHEESE, COFFEE OR LEMONADE, BREAD & BUTTER, DESSERT, CUP OF HOME MADE CLAM CHOWDER

COST: $10.00

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Faith and Ale
2015-2016 Schedule -
Feb. 18, 2016 at St. Columbkille Parish - Speaker, Raymond Arroyo, EWTN Host
Mar. 10, 2016 at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish - Speaker, Guy Gruters, Vietnam POW
April 7, 2016 at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish - Speaker, Fr. Larry Richards, Reason for Our Hope Foundation
Meetings are from 6-8 pm and include Pizza and refreshments. ($10 donation)
Reservations: www.faithandale.com
**Parish Mission at St. John XXIII**

*God's Extravagant Mercy*

March 6th, 7 - 8 pm  
March 7th, 8:45-9:45 am & 7-8 pm  
March 8th, 8:45-9:45 am & 7-8 pm  

Allegany Franciscan Sisters Colleen Brady & Jo Streva (former St. Francis Xavier School Spiritual Leaders) will be presenting this wonderful Parish Mission. All are welcome! For more information please call St. John XXIII, 561-2245.

**Attentions Physicians and Medical Students**

The Catholic Medical Association is holding a retreat and bioethics & legislative update at St. Leo University Abbey’s Retreat Center from Feb. 25—28, 2016. Come enjoy a relaxing weekend and become updated on how to practice medicine in accordance with your conscience and the Faith! This is an inaugural event sponsored by all the CMA guilds in the state of Florida in this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy! Visit [www.cathmedflorida.org](http://www.cathmedflorida.org) for more information.

**Catholic Chamber of Commerce meeting is Thursday, February 25th at St. Katharine Drexel Parish at 11:30A.M.-1:00P.M Light lunch. We invite all Catholic businesses and ministries. Free to attend. No membership required. Being a member is a great way to witness our beautiful Catholic faith. Only $25.00 a year to join.** This includes listing in business directory and web site, networking /fellowship meetings. Visit [www.floridacatholicchamber.com](http://www.floridacatholicchamber.com) For more information contact: Angela at 239-980-0921 or toni@floridacatholicchamber.com

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Camp**

Summer Adventure opportunities at Good Counsel Camp, Floral City, Florida which is owned and operated by the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg. This is a co-ed residential camp for ages 7 - 15, offering 1 and 2 week sessions. **Camp brochures are available** in the parish office or can be requested by contacting the camp at 4301 W. Homosassa Trail, Lecanto, FL 34461 or by calling us at (352) 270-8831 or email GoodCounselCamp@aol.com or visit our website at GoodCounselCamp.org

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

2023 Del Prado Blvd., Cape Coral FL 33990 (239) 573-0217

Your donations of clothing, furniture, appliances and other household items are what make it possible for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Vincent de Paul Conferences to assist our neighbors in need by fulfilling vouchers for these items. Our sales help fund other services. Your donations enable us to offer low-cost clothing, furniture and household items for sale (or gift, if the recipient cannot afford to pay for them).

**Donations are tax deductible**

We are seeking:

- **Clothing**, shoes and accessories for women, men and children
- **Kitchen/Dining**: dishware, flatware, bake ware, tools, gadgets, small appliances
- **Home Décor**: linens, decorative accents, artwork, mirrors, rugs, silk flowers, baskets
- **Furniture**: bedroom sets, living room, dining/family rooms, patio
- **Large appliances**: refrigerators, freezers, stoves, dryers
- **Mattresses or box springs**

Regretfully we CANNOT accept:

- Baby car seats, cribs, Office furniture: (desks, Computers, monitors, printers, scanners), Musical instruments: (pianos, organs), Carpets (not bound or big sizes 8X10), Tube TVs, Turntables, Ceiling fans, Large exercise equipment: Bowflex

**Store Hours**

- Mon – Fri 9am- 5pm
- Saturday 9am- 4pm
- Sunday - Closed

Call to arrange Pick-Up of your gently used Furniture & Appliances today!!

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**THE 2016 VENETIAN CHARITY BALL**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**2016 Venetian Charity Ball**

Please mark your calendars for the 2016 Venetian Charity Ball held on March 12, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point are now on sale. Guests will enjoy an exciting and elegant evening of dinner, cocktails, dancing, entertainment and auction of a 2016 Jeep Wrangler. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities programs and services in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. Tickets are $225 per person. For more information, or to purchase tickets, make a donation, volunteer, or become an event sponsor, please call (239) 337-4193 or email VenetianBall@ccslee.org.