SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See inside

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

Thank you.

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

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

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

RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE: Tel. 482-6883

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE: Tel. 481-5144

PARISH OFFICE: Tel. 481-7171 or 481-7172
Fax: 481-8007, www.resurrectionch.org

PASTOR: Rev. Msgr. Stephen E. McNamara, V.G., V.F.
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Deacons: Rev. Mr. Michael Esper, Rev. Dr. David Reardon
Business Manager: Bonnie O’Connell
Co-Directors of Faith Formation: Deanna Latell, M.A., Joanne MacPeek, M.A.
Youth Ministry Director: Vikki Melchiorre
Organist: Connie Kish

FEBRUARY 28, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

“I AM”
Kindness and mercy are what the enslaved people of Israel needed, and they came in the form of deliverance. They came through a leader, Moses, who was once plucked from the Nile River and was now herding his father-in-law’s sheep in the land of Goshen. The bush that burned but was not consumed shows us that God is inexhaustible mystery.

Moses’ awe and deference are mixed with a touching conversational tone as he seeks to learn God’s name. And God sweetly responds. The somewhat abstract “I AM” distinguishes the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob from the minor gods in the territory who “are not.” They are helpless, powerless, and useless. Moses is to step out into an amazing future, and God will be there with outstretched arm. Just go and see, God seems to say.

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Third Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2016

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding
in kindness.
~ Psalm 103:8

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to
go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or
Exodus 17:3-7.
Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.
Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses
in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.
Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish
(Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a,
40-42].
The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the
Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, Inter-

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
ADORATION
EVERY
FIRST FRIDAY
AFTER THE 9:30 MASS

PRAYER

God, teach me to be patient, teach me to go slow—
Teach me how to wait on You when my way I do not
know.
Teach me sweet forbearance when things do not go right
So I remain unruffled when others grow uptight.
Teach me how to quiet my racing, rising heart
So I might hear the answer You are trying to impart.
Teach me to let go, dear God, and pray undisturbed until
My heart is filled with inner peace and I learn to know Your
Will.
Amen.
~Helen Steiner Rice

DAMAGE

Hatred does more damage to the person in whom it
is stored than to the person on whom it is poured.
~Anonymous

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 - 1:10 p.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 imme-
diately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS......all those who have gone
before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Ray
Walsh, Justice Antonin Scalia, Joseph Michalak, John
McLoughlin, Audrey Hood.
WEEKLY OFFERING
February 21, 2016
Offertory: $29,068.11
Black and Indian Mission: $2,395.00
Latin: $590.00
SVDP: $1,289.00

Thank You

Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle C
February 28, 2016

First Reading
Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15
God speaks to Moses from the burning bush and sends him to the Israelites.
Respensorial Psalm
Psalm 103:1-4,6-7,8,11
A prayer in praise of God’s mercy

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12
Paul teaches that the Scriptures were written to set an example for us.

Gospel Reading
Jesus preaches a lesson on repentance.

Background on the Gospel Reading
Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent’s call to conversion and repentance. Today’s reading is found in the chapters of Luke’s Gospel that describe Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark’s or Matthew’s Gospels for today’s reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today’s reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people’s suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus’ words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, “Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God’s punishment.”

The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God’s patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week’s Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.
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.truthandlifefcie.com. This will allow anyone to carry the Gospels with them and take fifteen minutes during a work break, while exercising or while travelling. 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 in 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
(Febr. 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
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

INSPIRING RESOURCES TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH!

Faith-filled Catholic CDs, books, and booklets

This Kiosk is located at the front entrance of the church.

- 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!

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.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

February 28, 2016

Third Sunday of Lent

Pope Francis wants “Twenty-four Hours for the Lord,” around-the-clock availability of the sacrament of reconciliation, implemented worldwide this Friday and Saturday. Celebrated with his oft-recommended “tenderness,” the sacrament is “a source of true interior peace,” says Francis, enabling people “to touch the grandeur of God’s mercy with their own hands” (Misericordiae Vultus, 17). In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus warns us against judging others. Focus instead, Jesus says, on deepening—or restoring—our own relationship with God, for during this Lenten springtime that Master Gardener can use even life’s manure (the parable’s “fertilizer”) to coax fresh fruit from a tree that seems hopelessly barren—us! Parishes preparing catechumens may choose John’s Gospel, which likewise cautions against judging. Imagine what the Samaritan woman’s lifelong neighbors thought of her multiple relationships. But by discovering Jesus, then sharing her good news—and Jesus—with those very neighbors, she whom they had probably judged quite sinful became instead their evangelist and “missionary of mercy.”

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, 7:00 p.m., Sept. - May
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Sundays, 3:30 p.m., call 482-6883 for information
Rel. Ed., September - May
Resurrection for Life, for info, call Judy at 287-1237
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Deanna Latell 481-1170.
Rosary, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30 p.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, 8:30 a.m. Sept. - May
RESURRECTION MEN’S CLUB
ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY
MONDAY MARCH 14th, 2016

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM
SERVING AT 5:30PM

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE
PARISH CENTER

$20.00 EACH IN ADVANCE

$25.00 ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

MENU:
- Corned Beef and Cabbage
- Parsley Potatoes/Carrots
- Bread/Rolls
- Coffee
- Dessert

BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE
(Refreshments may not be brought into the Hall by guests)

***** FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT PARISH CHARITIES *****
Discerning Your Vote
Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 15, 2016

The right to vote carries with it a responsibility to study and know the candidates. As citizens of faith, we are led to question how each candidate if elected will address issues that protect or threaten the dignity of every human life. There are moral and ethical dimensions to every public policy. However, issues carry different moral weight and urgency. Some involve intrinsically evil acts that can never be approved, such as the intentional destruction of innocent human life. Others involve an obligation to seek the common good. The following questions are offered to assist in discerning where the candidates stand on important issues in light of our foundational beliefs.

How will each candidate:

- Address the preeminent requirement to protect the weakest in our midst - innocent unborn children - by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children through abortion?
- Keep our nation from turning to violence to address fundamental problems, such as euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of illness and disability, the destruction of human embryos in the name of research, and the use of the death penalty to combat crime?
- Protect the fundamental understanding of marriage as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman and as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false “gender” ideologies?
- Achieve comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries?
- Ensure full respect for individuals and groups and their right to address social needs in accord with their basic moral and religious convictions?
- Help families and children overcome poverty; ensuring access to and choice in education, as well as decent work at fair, living wages and adequate assistance for the vulnerable in our nation, while also helping to overcome widespread hunger and poverty around the world?
- Provide health care while respecting human life, human dignity, and religious freedom in our health care system?
- Establish and comply with moral limits on the use of military force - examining for what purposes it may be used, under what authority, and at what human cost?
- Join with others around the world to pursue peace, protect human rights and religious liberty, and advance economic justice and care for creation?

This information based on the document Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States with Introductory Note, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015 is provided for educational purposes only and does not endorse or oppose any candidate or political party.

2/11/16
MEN’S GOSPEL FORUM -
Fridays at 7:00 a.m. at Sweet Bean Café, McGregor Blvd. Call Ange Ford for more information, 216-496-0269.

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH CENTER OR
WEBSITE: WWW.RESURRECTIONCH.ORG
CLICK YOUTH MINISTRY: CLICK FORMS

JOIN US FOR THE LENTEN FISH FRY
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!!


MERcy
A Bible Study Guide for Catholics
Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am

Wednesday, March 2 -
WITH-HOLDING AND GRANTING MERCY

Wednesday, March 9 -
OVERVIEW OF GOD’S MERCY

Wednesday, March 16 -
MERCY & COVENANT LOVE

Wednesday, March 23 -
LORD, HAVE MERCY

NO BIBLE STUDY DURING EASTER WEEK

Wednesday, April 6 -
MERCY AS A SAVING ACT

ALL ARE WELCOME - JOIN US FOR A LIVELY DISCUSSION! RSVP 481-7172

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.

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)

Any questions – Email or contact Vikki Melchiore (vikki@resurrectionch.org or 481-5144).
**News from the Diocese.........**

**Vocation Awareness Weekend** - St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami is hosting a Vocation Awareness Weekend from Friday, March 4 at 8:00 p.m. to Sunday, March 6 at 12:00 p.m. This is open to all young men, juniors in high school and older. Come and experience what daily seminary life is like for one discerning God’s call to the priesthood! There is no cost for the weekend and transportation is provided. To register, please contact the Vocations Director, Father Eric Scanlan, at scanlan@dioceseofvenice.org or call the Vocations Office at 941-486-4720.

**Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation** - Wednesday Morning Adult Faith Formation Video-Conferencing Sessions are now underway. The free sessions are available simultaneously through the Institute’s centrally-located video-conferencing sites (see attached flyer for the nearest location). The weekly sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue for approximately 90 minutes. Attendees can go to any location they choose and need not participate in each session. For further information about the scheduled topics and speakers please visit http://institute-dov.org.

**American Heritage Girls Campout** - All AHG (American Heritage Girls) members are welcome to attend Stations of the Cross campout at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice on Sunday, March 6. For more information, please contact Bob Paquette at robertpaquette@snet.net.

**NET Retreat** - The Office of Youth and Young Adults invites all 8th to 12th graders to attend the sixth annual High School NET Retreat at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice. This retreat will take place from Friday, March 10 to Sunday, March 12. The National Evangelization Teams (NET) are comprised of young adults who travel the country facilitating exciting retreats and invigorating the Catholic faith of young people. The cost is $100 and includes meals and accommodations. For information and registration please contact George L. Smith at gsmith@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-484-9543. This retreat meets the Confirmation Retreat Requirement.

**Couples Celebrating Marriage** - All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., March 12 at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs. Registration is only through the parishes. Please call your local parish office for reservations no later than a week before the event.

**Pope Francis Prayer intentions for March**

**General Prayer Intention** - That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

**Evangelization Prayer Intention** - That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

**Catholic Charities Tours** - During the Year of Mercy, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., is offering bus tours to its four locations throughout Collier County. Sign up and discover the work of Catholic Charities! Tours will be held on the last Wednesday of every month. Journey from the Judy Sullivan Family Resource Center in East Naples, to Guadalupe Social Services in Immokalee, with two stops at Catholic Charities locations in Golden Gate. Those who have taken the tour in the past remarked on the difference it has made in understanding the programs and services of Catholic Charities. If you are looking for ways to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy, please contact Catholic Charities to register for a tour at maryshaughnessy@catholiccharitiescc.org or call 239-455-2665.

**Win a brand new 2016 Jeep Wrangler** - The entry donation for the car raffle is $100 per ticket. The drawing for the winner will be held during the Venetian Charity Ball on Saturday, March 12 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win. Proceeds will benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. For more information and ticket purchase, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or call 239-337-4193 or email VenetianBall@ccslee.org.

**Silent Ignatian Retreat** - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice invites those interested in an Ignatian Preached Retreat from Sunday, April 3 to Wednesday, April 6. This is a silent retreat that includes scheduled conferences each day, Mass, and an opportunity to meet with the retreat director. The topics center on Ignatian spirituality, prayer, and discernment. There will be opportunities provided for private prayer where the retreatant may bring into their own spiritual life those elements discussed within the conferences. Scripture passages will be provided for personal prayer and meditation. All rooms are single occupancy with a full size bed and private bathroom and shower. Retreat Cost is $395. For more information or to register for a retreat please call 941-486-0233 or email gazo@olph-retreat.org.

**Chriasm Mass** - The Chriasm Mass which takes place during Holy Week every year will be held at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tam-pa Ave. W., in Venice, Tuesday, March 22 at 10:30 a.m. During this Mass, the faithful of the Diocese join the Deacons, Priests and Bishop Frank J. Dewane for the blessing of the Holy Oils which are used in the administration of the Sacraments at each parish throughout the year. Deacons and Priests celebrating 25 and 50 years of Ordination are recognized at this Mass. All are encouraged to attend in support of our clergy and to participate in this important Holy Week celebration.
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!

FORGIVENESS

Those who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they themselves must pass. — Confucius

HELP SAVE LIVES

FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 20

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and children

From February 10 – March 20, our city will join with hundreds of other cities for 40 Days for Life, a life-saving campaign made up of three components:

- Prayer & Fasting
- Community Outreach
- Peaceful Vigil

40 Days for Life is a peaceful pro-life effort... and 675,000 volunteers in 607 cities across 32 nations have taken part. With God's help, 40 Days for Life has seen 11,185 babies saved from abortion, 127 abortion worker conversions, and 64 closed abortion centers. Pray and get involved, and YOU can help save lives!

NAPLES 40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

- Vigil Location: Outside of the Planned Parenthood abortion center at 1485 Crayth Rd.
- Vigil Hours: 6am to 6pm Mon-Sat
- Local Contact: Poni, 239-327-3912

Learn More & Get Involved:

40daysforlife.com/naples

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 & 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.

FORGIVENESS

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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.

Vietnam POW to Speak
All men are invited to join us on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at the Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Our guest speaker will be Vietnam veteran and POW survivor, Guy Gruters. The title of his message is Forging Your Enemies.
The program begins at 6 PM with pizza and refreshments ($10 donation) and concludes at 8 PM. Reservations are required and can be made on line at www.faithandale.com or by contacting your fellow parishioner, Dan Dougherty, at 239-839-3290.

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

Lent
is the preparation for the celebration of Easter, the heart of the paschal mystery. It is a time to meditate on the passion and suffering of Christ, and to look forward to His resurrection.

Save the Date
2016 Venetian Charity Ball
Please mark your calendars for the 2016 Venetian Charity Ball. Tickets 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.

At the AFCAAM after school program “tee” is our favorite letter!
The AFCAAM, CHARITY GOLF Classic
The Forest Country Club
Friday April 15, 2016 12:00 Check-in
Proceeds benefit the after school reading and teen mentoring programs serving disadvantaged children from the Dunbar and Harlem Heights neighborhoods. To volunteer, or learn more about AFCAAM contact: Roseann Albertario, Phone: 239-461-0233 Email: r.albertario@afcaam.com

GOLF CART DRAWING
$50 DONATION PER TICKET ($7,000 VALUE)
Underwrites new technology and school-wide improvement projects
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