**CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

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**Organist:** Connie Kish

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**SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS:** See inside

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

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

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

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE:** Tel. 437-9876

The Gift Shop is located in the front of the church

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

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**APRIL 3, 2016**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**JOINING THE COMPANY OF BELIEVERS**

What will help you to believe? Today’s scripture readings tell of faith and doubt. They offer stories “recorded to help you believe,” as the passage from John’s Gospel (20:31) remarks today. There is an urgency about this. On this Second Sunday of Easter we are challenged to join the company of believers—countless men and women who witnessed the power of the apostles’ faith.

There’s no doubt that this power comes from Jesus Christ. The second reading, from the book of Revelation, reports John’s mystical vision of the Son of Man, who proclaims, “Once I was dead, but now I live” (Revelation 1:18). The Gospel gathers everyone but Thomas to see the Risen Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit from him. Like Thomas, we who have come along later must have faith so that we can have life.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading - The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

Second Reading - John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel - The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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 Bill Menke, Mother Angelica, Elaine Toggweiler, William “Bill” Keller, Rose Marie Harrington.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

How do you witness and give praise by your life?

GIFT SHOP HOURS

Tues. 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.        Thurs. 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Sat. 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.            Sun. 8:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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

Wanted for our Gift Shop - Volunteers for just a couple of hours once or twice a month. Help us keep the Gift Shop open. If you can volunteer please call the parish office, 481-7171.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
Jubilee Year of Mercy
April 3, 2016

Divine Mercy Sunday
Last year on this Sunday, Pope Francis declared this year a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter “Sunday of Divine Mercy” in response to St. Faustina Kowalska’s Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Francis challenges us to make that comfort we receive a gift we gladly share: “We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.” The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. “At times how hard it seems to forgive” he acknowledges. “And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart” The necessary condition for living joyfully? To let go of anger, wrath, violence and revenge.” May Divine Mercy Sunday inn this Jubilee Year of Mercy remind us that Jesus made mercy our life; ‘s ideal and a criterion for our faith’s credibility: “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).

~Peter Scagnelli, Copyright J.S. Paluch
Our assessment for this year is $347,000.00

Pledges made thus far Total: $256,514.08

Payments made thus far Total: $183,052.19, Thank you!

Please join our parish family in making a sacrificial gift to the CFA
This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
In loving memory of
Hedden Family
by Annette Hedden

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, 8:30 a.m.
For more information call 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, 7:00 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 p.m. 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

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

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.

WOMEN’S GUILD NEWS

The Women’s Guild will hold a meeting on April 20 at the Parish Center immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Come and join us for a “WHITE ELEPHANT SWAP PARTY”. Please bring a “White Elephant” item (something you don’t want in your home) and place it in a paper grocery bag. If you don’t know how this “SWAP” works, you will find out when you get here!! Hope to see you then!!

To all the Volunteers at Resurrection Parish -
The priests, staff and ministry leaders at Resurrection Parish wish to extend a heartfelt “Thank you” to all the volunteers for their service during this Easter Season. Our parish depends on, and is grateful for the important work that you do! God bless you!
RYM HELPS THE HOMELESS

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

Every January, RYM has an annual fundraiser collecting toiletries to make individual bags of items to be distributed to the Homeless and to the Women’s Abuse Center. Michael, thought this was a great idea and decided to take it a step further. He reached out and ran a fundraiser in his own community. The response from Michael’s neighbors was terrific; His commitment and dedication to this project brought in hundreds of items. During spring break a team from Youth Ministry got together, organized, sorted, and packed up each bag with all the necessary personal hygiene items needed along with a note of hope and encouragement to let those in need know they are loved and prayed for!

Great job RYM and a special thanks to Michael for going above and beyond!
Come as you are!
Come journey with us!

St John XXIII Young Adult Ministry —  
Where Faith Meets Life.
St. John XXIII is creating

All are welcome—married, single, women, men, parishioners, non-parishioners...
anyone seeking to journey toward and with God along with other sojourners.

A bit about our two new environments— We MEET on alternate Thursdays throughout the year...
Our Young Adult Ministry for those 18-21 years old is entitled CONVERGE and will gather one Thursday evening per month at St John XXIII Parish Community Room.
Our CONVERGE dinner gathering is from 7pm to 9pm (at no cost).

Our Young Adult Ministry entitled ROOTED for those 22-30 “somethings” will gather one Thursday per month at St John XXIII Parish Community Room.
Our ROOTED dinner gathering is from 7pm to 9pm (at no cost).

We offer dinner, faith-sharing, speakers, questions and topics that concern our relationship with Christ Jesus, The Roman Catholic Faith Tradition...and our everyday lives.
So come as you are without worrying about any judgement, “preaching” or pressure.
This is a time of friendship as we encounter our loving, merciful Father, in His Son Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Contact- Lois Kittenplan, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
lois@johnxxiii.net 239-561-2245 xt 107
St. John XXIII Catholic Church
13060 Palomino Lane Fort Myers 33912

CONVERGE DINNER GATHERING UPCOMING DATES
April 14, 2016
May 12, 2016 Welcome ALL— 18-21 yrs. Old...

ROOTED DINNER GATHERING UPCOMING DATES
April 28, 2016
May 26, 2016 Welcome ALL - 22- 30 “somethings”
YOU ARE INVITED & WELCOME TO JOIN US!
WEDNESDAYS
7:00pm - 8:30pm
PARISH CENTER
Begins April 6

DOGmatic Theology is sure to evoke laughter and prompt newfound contemplation of the simple yet profound aspects of everyday life, dog days and all!

Based upon Father James Mallon’s many experiences with the often-mischievous “Monsi”, a nine-year old shepherd mix dog, this course explores themes central to the faith.

Each theme probes into a mystery of faith that is then illuminated with a witness story as well as a teaching by Dogmatic theologian, Dr. David Deane.

JOIN US FOR THIS DVD SERIES & DISCUSSION FOLLOWING:
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7:00pm - 8:30pm
THE TALKS

April 6 - I Believe in doG - The Unconditional Love of God
April 13 - You Did Not Choose Me - Coming Into Relationship
April 20 - The Seven Dogly Sins - Sin, Guilt and Forgiveness
April 27 - Cages and Fences - Surrendering to Christ
May 4 - Yum Scripture—Eating God’s Word
May 11 - The Leash and The Collar—Living Under the Lordship of Christ
May 18 - It’s a Dog’s Life - The Problem of Suffering
May 25 - Do Dogs Go To Heaven? - Mortality, Grief and Eternal Life

ALL ARE WELCOME
JOURNALS FOR DISCUSSION ARE AVAILABLE!!!

PLEASE RSVP: 481-7172
MEN’S GOSPEL FORUM -  
Fridays at 7:00 a.m. at Sweet Bean Coffee 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

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 Melchiorre (vikki@resurrectionch.org or 481-5144).

The Forest Country Club  
Friday, April 15th  
Check-In @ 12:00-1:00 Noon  
with special guest, Earnest Graham,  
All Star Running Back  
former Tampa Bay Buccaneers & UF Gator  

For information on sponsorships and registration  
Contact: Roseann Albertario  
Phone: 239-461-0233, ext. 200

FATHER LARRY RICHARDS TO VISIT SW FLORIDA
All men are invited to join us for our Season Finale on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at the Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord. The program begins at 6 PM with pizza and refreshments ($10 donation) and concludes at 8 PM.

Father Larry Richards is the founder and president of The Reason for our Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to ‘spreading the Good News’ by educating others about Jesus Christ. His first book (“Be a Man! Becoming The Man God Created You To Be) was published in October of 2009 and was the #1 best seller by Ignatius Press, having sold over 100,000 copies.

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.

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.

MERCY
A Bible Study Guide for Catholics  
10:00am - 11:30am  

Wednesday, April 6 -  
MERCY AS A SAVING ACT  
ALL ARE WELCOME - JOIN US FOR A LIVELY DISCUSSION!  
RSVP 481-7172

Thank you!  
For a great golfing day,  
Come out and play!  
Tee-sign sponsors  
And Foursomes  
are available.

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