There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28
December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent
I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.
—Jeremiah 33:15

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
For Sister Margaret Hannon
By Catherine Hannon-Broems

Mass Intentions

SAT. DECEMBER 1 VIGIL MASS
3:30 † Lou Platcheka by Cathy and Andy Wilson
5:00 † Barb Brown by Al and Sharon Memoli

SUN. DECEMBER 2
7:30 ♥† People of the Parish
9:00 † Lynn Shunk by Bereavement and Beyond Group
10:30 † Robert DeFronzo by Rita Doyle
1:15 Latin Mass

MON. DECEMBER 3
8:00 † Jeanine Hally by Husband

TUE. DECEMBER 4
8:00 ♥ Special Int. for Ava Echevarria by Tim and Amy Shea

WED. DECEMBER 5
8:00 † Homer Pyle by Alouise

THU. DECEMBER 6
8:00 † Shaun Doherty by Mom

FRI. DECEMBER 7
8:00 † Barbara Grouse by Jim and Ellie Rangus

FRI. DECEMBER 7 VIGIL IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
5:30 † Alisa Chevalier by Johanna and Gerard Kearns

SAT. DECEMBER 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
8:00 † Rev. Gilbert H. Walton, Jr. by Parsons Family
9:30 ♥ Patricia and James Campo by Chris Caramelli

SAT. DECEMBER 8 VIGIL MASS
3:30 † Lillian Mrowicki by Ellie and Sal Munizza
5:00 † Sister Natalie John by Paul and Diane Feeley

SUN. DECEMBER 9
7:30 ♥† People of the Parish
9:00 ♥ Walter and Lorraine Roberts 70th Wedding Anniversary
10:30 † Dorothy Devic by Brother, Charley
1:15 Latin Mass

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

RESURRECTION CALENDAR

Adoration
First Fridays 8:30-9:30am, chapel

Bereavement & Beyond Ministry
Mondays, 10:00am. For more information call Alouise 481-8168

Craft Club
Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30am

Men’s Gospel Forum
Fridays, 8:30am.

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena
Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass, church

Parish Nurse Ministry
Leave message at 239-600-6743

Prayer for Priests
Thursdays after the 8:00am Mass, chapel

RCIA
Sundays, after 9:00am Mass. For info: 482-6883

Religious Education
September 16 - April 28 (Sundays) 482-6883

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

Resurrection Men’s Club
2nd Monday of the month, 7:00pm.

Resurrection Prayer Line Ministry
Call Deanna Latell 481-1170

Rosary
before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30pm, chapel

Rosary Makers
3rd Thurs. Oct. thru May, 9-11am

St. Vincent De Paul Board Meeting
2nd Monday every month, 7:00pm.

To make an appointment for SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, or email svdp@resurrectionch.org

Teams of Our Lady
for information call JoAnn, 482-7982

Women’s Guild
3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30am. Sept.-May

Youth Ministry
September 12—April 24 (Wednesdays) 481-5144
ADORATION
1ST FRIDAY, CHAPEL
DECEMBER 7TH
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING
THE 8:00AM MASS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Holy Day of Obligation
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
Vigil: 5:30pm
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
8:00, 9:30 (LATIN MASS AT 11:30)

OPLATKI WAFERS!
The Christmas wafer is a Central European Christian Christmas tradition celebrated in Polish families during Christmas Eve Vigil. Available in the Gift Shop or Parish Center 5 wafers for $3.00

WEEKLY OFFERING
November 18, 2018: $18,892.28
CCHD: $5,259.00
SVdP: $587.00
Thanksgiving, SVdP: $4091.00
November 25, 2018: $20,066.56

Thank You!

This Weekend
2ND COLLECTION:
Catholic Education Fund

PASTOR:
Rev. Msgr. Stephen E. McNamara, V.G., V.F.
Parochial Vicars: Fr. Oliver Toner, Fr. Ed Martin
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Michael Esper,
Rev. Dr. David Reardon
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Deanna Latell, M.A., Joanne MacPeek, M.A.
Youth Ministry Director: Vikki Melchiorre
Organist: Connie Kish

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

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
AdultFaith@resurrectionch.org

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
E-mail: parishoffice@resurrectionch.org

PARKING ALERT!
For the safety and convenience of ALL parishioners, please pull your car in front first.
DO NOT back in, or park sideways. This will help utilize the entire lot. Thank You!
THIS TUESDAY!

Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord &
The Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida

Present:
A Complimentary Life Planning Seminar

Parish Center Conference Room
Tuesday, December 4, 2018
9:00 am to 10:00 am
(Doors open at 8:30, refreshments provided)

8051 Cypress Lake Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33919

This seminar is essential for those approaching their senior years, already in their senior years, and those who care for senior relatives or friends. Attendees will obtain important information on:

- Making a Will can be difficult, but dying without one can make it even more difficult for your loved ones left behind.
- Who will make my health care decisions if I cannot?
- How will I take care of my financial obligations when I am incapacitated?
- How do I avoid guardianship?
- Should I have a Will even though I don’t have any assets?
- Is my Will from another state valid in Florida?
- How can I best leave my assets to my family?
- Can I reduce taxes and increase my income by making a charitable gift?
- Can I make a gift to the Church and receive high-rate payments for the rest of my life?

REGISTER ON THE WEB OR PHONE
https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/lps19
Catholic Community Foundation 941-486-4722
WE WELCOME WALK-INS!

Presenters:
The following professionals are all practicing Catholics who will provide attendees with the knowledge they need to make critical health, legal and financial decisions.


Michael Morse, MS — Executive Director, Catholic Community Foundation. Master’s degree in Business and Bachelor’s degree in Communications from University of Florida. Over 14 years of executive leadership experience overseeing the development & fundraising efforts of not-for-profits.
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 located at the entrances of the church. Leave it with an usher or put it in the collection plate. You may also register by stopping by the church office.

(A reminder that one needs to be a registered member of a

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:
Frank and Julie Cleary, Mallory Janocco,
Ashley Lofgren, Michael and Jamie Mahaney,
D. Michael and Barbara Walton,
Betsy Cartney and Norman Leibovitch,
Constance Stahl, Michael Machi, Michele McGreen
May they experience the love of Christ here at Resurrection Parish, and may we all help them feel welcome in their new church home.

F.A.N.
Friends And Neighbors
YOUTH MINISTRY
NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH

We would like to thank everyone who made donations. We were truly blessed with the abundance of turkeys, fixings and monetary donations for those in need! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

The donations were so plentiful that we will be able to give each of these families Christmas dinners as well!

And do not neglect doing good and sharing: for with such sacrifices God is pleased. ~Hebrews 13:16

Next Weekend
2nd Collection:
Retirement Fund For Religious

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:
Thousands of now retired sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Rising Health Care costs and decreased income compounds funding shortages as more religious reach retirement age and leave compensated ministry. Income further declines while the care and struggle steadily increases.

The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), provides support through the annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious by providing financial assistance to religious communities. Grants are distributed to religious institutes for retirement care and planning and educational assistance. Also, NRRO trains and coordinates a network of volunteers and experts to provide workshops for hands on support to religious communities to care for their retirement needs. Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will conduct the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious the weekend of December 8 and 9, 2018.

Your support provides direct financial assistance towards medications, nursing care and much more. Thank you for your generosity towards these men and women who have given their lives to serve the Church and the Faithful. I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family. Have a Blessed Advent Season.

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

PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER
That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the condition of the present time.
Noah’s Ark
First Grade Fun: The children had a great time making arks and sharing animal crackers while learning about God’s great covenant with Noah!
Thank you, Ms. Stephanz!

All Saints
Sacramental Prep students enthusiastically presented their saints projects to parents and classmates. They did a super job sharing stories of bravery, self sacrifice, and love.
Well done, Second Grade!!

Rosaries Shared
Faith Formation sent rosaries to the youth of St. Gianno Molla parish in Denver. Their pastor, Fr. Wunsch writes: “Thanks to you and to all those responsible in the Resurrection Parish community for donating the rosaries... It really is helpful as we try to start a new parish from scratch to root our children in prayer. I myself will pray and offer Mass for your community.”
Annual Christmas Angels

This is the last weekend for our annual Christmas Angels’ Project to help families in need. All Angels are needed in the Parish Hall! Please be sure to drop any remaining gifts to the Parish Hall by Monday morning! The gifts need to be wrapped and returned with the Angel securely attached to the package.

On behalf of all the wonderful children that will benefit from your generosity, we thank you very much. ~Resurrection Youth Ministry

Resurrection Gift Shop

HOURS: Sat: 2:30 - 5:00pm
Open before and after Sunday Masses.
CLOSED DURING MASS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
in the Gift Shop for all shifts.
Please call 239-481-7171 to leave a message for Gaye for more details.

RESURRECTION MEN’S CLUB

Next meeting is:
Monday, December 10th, 7pm
in the Parish Center
(and every 2nd Monday of the month through May)

After our meeting, all are welcome to join us at 8pm to view:

THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD
with Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC
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RSVP: 239-481-7171 at Parish Office

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1st & 3rd THURSDAYS
9:30AM TO 11:30AM

RESURRECTION PARISH HALL

QUESTIONS: AMANDA GAVINI 239-222-0452
WWW.SWFLCATHOLICMOMS.COM

Next Meeting Dec. 6!
All are called... 
All are welcome...

Come and SEE...

Resurrection Parish Center - Conference Room 
10:00am to 11:00am - Stay for donuts!

Dec. 2: Freedom & Choosing
God asks to be chosen. Freedom means that humans can be either open to God or they can ignore God.

Do you think God is a “yes or no” kind of decision? Why?
Join Deacon David Reardon to consider our choices and our freedom.

Dec. 9: Conversion
Conversion can involve our feelings, our ideas, our view of the world, our actions and our ultimate commitments.

What change beckons in my life? Am I ready to take steps toward Jesus?
Join Margaret Walker to share in the mystery of conversion.

Dec. 16: Kingdom of God
Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God is now, a present reality, just as it is a future reality.

How do you see your life as lived in the Kingdom of God?

Dec. 23: Incarnation
Jesus came so that he might restore unity to all creation and call straying humanity back to the heavenly Kingdom.

Think of a loved one, how would you describe the divine spark that is within them?

St. Vincent de Paul
Pope Francis says: 
"Christ leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and serve others".

We are need of:
Canned Chicken, Tuna, Corn,
Pop-Top Cans, Shampoo,
McDonald’s cards, Diapers Size 1
(Donations to the Poor Box go directly to SVdP to assist the poor.)

Blessings on your generosity!

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.
For a Parish Nurse, call 239-600-6743 and leave a message.
To protect your privacy, hospitals do not give patient’s information 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
**JOIN US FOR BOOK CLUB**

**LUNCH & DISCUSSION**

**2ND FRIDAYS OF DEC, JAN, FEB, MARCH, APRIL**

Reserve your lunch for $10.00 - Call: 481-7172

**December 14 @ NOON** - Join us in Conference Room of the Parish Center for Lunch & Conversation

We will discuss 2 books this month... Read one or both!

December books: **“Christmas Jars”, by Jason F. Wright**

The heart of this novella is its transformative message about the power of giving, a compelling theme that calls to mind books like Pay It Forward and The Kingdom Assignment.

**“Little Fires Everywhere”, by Celeste Ng**

explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood – and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster.

January book: **“Being Mortal” by Atul Gawande**

Suggestions welcome for February, March and April
Imagine being able to transfer up to $100,000 from your Individual Retirement Account to any charity you like... TAX FREE!

Thanks to the PATH Act, making permanent the opportunity to give IRA assets to charity free from federal tax ...

YOU CAN!

How it works...

The provision allows retirees age 70 ½ and older to donate up to $100,000 tax free from their IRA each year. Generally, when you take a distribution from your IRA, it is treated as taxable income. Under this provision those assets are excluded from income if the distribution is given DIRECTLY to a charity. The distribution is not included in your income so you avoid the potential negative consequences that regular IRA withdrawals in retirement can create, including taxes on Social Security benefits. Distributions excluded from income are also equivalent to a 100% deduction. Normally, charitable contribution deductions are limited to a lower percentage (or are eliminated altogether) for taxpayers who do not itemize and take the standard deduction.

Spouses may also participate to the same level if they have a separate IRA, giving married couples the opportunity to donate up to $200,000. This preserves the full amount for charity and allows donors to do this during their lifetime, rather than waiting to give through estate plans.

Turn your required distributions into charitable donations!

IRS rules mandate that individuals age 70 ½ and older take RMDs from their IRA each year, regardless of whether the income is needed. These annual withdrawals are subject to ordinary income taxes. By making a charitable contribution from your IRA, you can satisfy your RMD amount without reporting additional income.

By donating the money to charity, you can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a significant and meaningful difference in the lives of so many while effectively lowering your tax bill.

This information is not meant as tax or legal advice. Tax laws are complex and subject to change. Please consult a professional tax advisor to determine how this tax law affects your situation.

RESURRECTION 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.
Notre Dame Liturgical Choir Concert
at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church
5632 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers
Thursday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m.
The concert will be free to the public
(a free-will offering will be taken to
support the choir and CDs will be available
for purchase after the concert).

Following the concert, host families are
needed to provide overnight accommodations
for the 52 students in the choir. Host families
will provide transportation to their home,
provide dinner and breakfast for the students,
and drive them back to St. Cecilia’s the
following morning at 9 a.m. to meet their bus.
Host families are invited to host a minimum of
two students (no maximum). Host families
will be assigned all females or all males, so it is
permissible for students to share beds
(e.g., two students in a queen bed). See the
Host Family link below:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4AABA72DA1FF2-notre

January 17, 6pm: Our Lady of Light
David “The Ghost” Casper—Still Fighting:
Notre Dame and Football
February 21, 6pm: St. Leo the Great
Coach Lou Holtz—Are you Growing or Dying
in Your Life?
March 21, 6pm: St. John XXIII
(Joint Event with Faith and Wine)
Theresa Tomeo—God’s Bucket List
April 11, 6pm: St. John XXIII

RCIA provides faith formation,
spiritual enrichment and
preparation for the
Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

RCIA meets every Sunday
Resurrection Parish Center
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