Third Sunday
OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 16, 2018

Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.

Luke 3:11
December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,
You have no further misfortune to fear.
—Zephaniah 3:15b

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
For Don English
By Alice English

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
2nd Monday every month, 7:00pm.
To make an appointment for SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, or email svdp@resurrectionch.org

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

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
WEEKLY OFFERING
December 9, 2018: $24,385.50
Retirement for Religious: $8,096.00
SVdP: $845.00
Thank You!

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
Business Manager: Melanie Arnieri
Co-Directors of Faith Formation:
Deanna Latell, M.A., Joanne MacPeek, M.A.
Youth Ministry Director: Vikki Melchiorre
Organist: Connie Kish

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.

BAPTTISMS & 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
8121 Cypress Lake Dr. Fort Myers, FL 33919
Fax: 481-8007, www.resurrectionch.org
E-mail: parishoffice@resurrectionch.org

CONFESSIONS:
Tuesday, December 18:
9-11am and 5-7pm

Thursday, December 20:
9-11am and 5-7pm

Saturday, December 22:
9-11am

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:
Monday, December 24th
3:30pm Children’s Christmas Pageant
4:00pm Mass and Children’s Choir
7:00pm Schola Choral Prelude
7:30pm Mass/Choir & Congregational Singing
9:30pm Schola Choral Prelude
10:00pm Mass/Congregational Singing

Tuesday, December 25th
7:30am Mass/Cantor & Congregational Singing
9:00am Mass/Cantor & Congregational Singing
10:30am Mass/Cantor & Congregational Singing
1:15pm Latin mass
THANK YOU!
...to all the families who currently give electronically. Your commitment to our church is greatly appreciated!

If you would like an easy, safe, and secure way of Offertory giving-
Go to our website:
www.resurrectionch.org
click the ONLINE GIVING tab, and follow the instructions.

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.

Online Giving November:
Offertory: $10,132.50
Education: $338.00

ONLINE GIVING

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:
Reusable grocery bags, Cheerios, Mayo, McDonald’s gift cards ($5-10), Shampoo, Spaghetti sauce, Laundry Detergent (Donations to the Poor Box go directly to SVdP to assist the poor.)

Blessings on your generosity!

Many senior citizens are living at or just below the poverty level.
If you are in need of assistance paying your utility bills please call St Vincent de Paul 239-600-6749 for a confidential appointment.
You can also contact the Office on Aging at 1-800-963-5337
Emergency Home Energy Assistance may be able to help you with up to $600 twice a year.

SVdP November
Distributions
Electric: $919.44
Rent: $2,738.28
Bus Passes: $90.00
Medical: $238.00
Gift Cards: $113.30
TOTAL: $4,099.02

PLEASE DON’T FORGET THE POOR BOXES; THEY ARE THE BREAD BOXES OF THE POOR!
**Women’s Guild News:**

To the Ladies of the Parish:

“We need a little Christmas, right this very minute!”

So come and join us on Wednesday, December 19th for a Christmas Breakfast at the Parish Center immediately following the 8am mass.

Please RSVP 307-8869 or 274-5958 by Monday, December 17th so we know how many to expect.

The menu will include strata, fruit salad, breakfast cakes, and mimosas. Christmas stories, a grab bag, and a door prize will be part of the fun!

A donation to ST. Vincent de Paul Society will be accepted.

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**OPLATKI WAFERS!**

The Christmas wafer is a Central European Christian Christmas tradition celebrated in Polish families during Christmas Eve Vigil.

The unleavened wafers are baked from pure wheat flour and water, are usually rectangular in shape and very thin; they are identical in composition to a round wafer which becomes the Host after the Consecration during Mass in the Roman Catholic Church.

Being only a reminder of the Body of Christ used in private homes, Oplatki lack sanctification by a priest or bishop. The Oplatki wafers are embossed with Christmas related religious images, varying from the nativity scene, especially Virgin Mary with baby Jesus to the Star of Bethlehem.

Available in the Gift Shop or Parish Center 5 wafers for $3.00

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**ATTENTION:**

Important Music Announcement!

Also, come join the Children’s Choir at the 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday every month!

Anyone who would like to serve as the cantor see Connie to sign up for a specific month. 2019: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, & May 5.

Questions? all Connie (239)-464-3437

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**RESURRECTION WEBSITE:**

www.resurrectionch.org
LIVE Agelessly

Powerful Lessons in Living Agelessly

Aging is not the beginning of the end, but is part of God’s eternal plan for human happiness. Powerful Lessons in Living Agelessly will help you tap into the wisdom and grace that comes with aging and discover the keys to maturing in the way God intended.

This program magnifies the true meaning of aging and spirituality; it provides the practical means for making the most of the lifelong years, opening to God’s grace, and becoming “Ageless in the Lord.” Participants learn how to transform aging from the “thief in the night” into the “master teacher.”

Class size is limited so please call the Parish Office at 239-481-7172 to register.

Faith makes Life’s Journey a Joy

Do you have questions?
RCIA meets every Sunday
Resurrection Parish Center
Jesus promises:
“Peace be with you!”
“I will be with you always... yes, to the end of time!”

Please consider calling
Please contact: Joanne MacPeek
adultfaith@resurrectionch.org
Phone: 239-481-7171
Another very successful year with our Angel Tree Project thanks to our generous parishioners who made sure to pick an Angel ~ over 1000 gifts! RYM and a great group of parishioners volunteered to gather, organize and sort hundreds of gifts!

Each year, Youth Ministry is blessed to have Nancy Gardner and Diane Gislason’s dedication to ensure that each and every Angel is accounted for ~ We couldn’t do it without them!

St. Andrew Catholic School
Cash Raffle Tickets
are on sale through Sunday, January 20, 2019.

Your annual support of fundraiser is greatly appreciated and helps our school to provide excellence in Catholic education for many precious children.
If you wish to purchase additional tickets, please contact St. Andrew School Office at 772-3922.
You may return the stubs and payment to the collection basket, the parish/school offices, by mail, or in person at the Festival.
The drawing will be held on Sunday, January 20th, at 7:00 p.m. during the Festival.

Thank you for your participation!

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JOIN US FOR BOOK CLUB
Lunch & DISCUSSION

2ND FRIDAYS OF JAN, FEB, MARCH, APRIL

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

January 11 @ NOON - Join us in Conference Room of the Parish Center for Lunch & Conversation

Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming the dangers of childbirth, injury, and disease from harrowing to manageable. But when it comes to the inescapable realities of aging and death, what medicine can do often runs counter to what it should. In his bestselling books, Atul Gawande, a practicing surgeon, has fearlessly revealed the struggles of his profession. Now he examines its ultimate limitations and failures—in his own practices as well as others’—as life draws to a close.

Being Mortal shows how the ultimate goal is not a good death, but a good life—all the way to the very end.

Book Suggestions: Discernment - Reading the Signs of Daily Life by Henri Nouwen

We are celebrating our 80th ANNIVERSARY!

Join the new Alumni Association and an exclusive St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Alumni 1938-Present Facebook group to share photos, stories, and accomplishments.

There’s also an Alumni Bash (21 and older) on Saturday, January 26th from 6-9pm at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School. Don’t miss out on reminiscing with former classmates!

For more information contact Esther at 334-7707 x222 or email esther.kiesel@stfrancisfortmyers.org
All are called...
All are welcome...
Come and SEE...

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

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?
Join Mark & Sharon Haines as we look at the Kingdom here and now and not yet.

Dec. 23: Incarnation
Because Jesus took human form, it became possible for human beings to encounter the light of God’s glory, to see God through the person (human and divine) of Jesus Christ.
Think of a loved one, how would you describe the divine spark that is within them?
ECUMENISM is Joanne MacPeek to discover God’s Son the Christ born among us.

Dec. 30 - Feast of the Holy Family - ENJOY YOUR FAMILY—NO CLASS

Jan. 6: EPIPHANY
ECUMENISM is to strive for unity...Christ prayed that all would all be one.
Why is it important to reach out in love to people from other faith traditions?
Join Bob Oxnard to share the differences and the ways we are united with other faiths

Jan. 13: BAPTISM
This Sacrament empowers us to live good lives in the light of Christ.
Consider the power of water in our lives and imagine God’s power as well.
Join Lea Pascotto as we immerse ourselves in the light, healing, and power in faith.

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 in the Parish Center after the 10:30am Mass for coffee, donuts, and fellowship.
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Join Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio.

"Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" on Friday, December 28th at 8:30 a.m. on 1410 AM and 106.7 FM in Fort Myers, and 1660 AM in Naples. Listen anywhere online at RelevantRadio.com.

Call Silvia Jimenez, Project Rachel Coordinator, for more information on healing after abortion and one-day retreats in English and Spanish. All contacts confidential: 941-412-5860 or email project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org.

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

Spiritual Adoption Program
To register for an opportunity to spiritually adopt an unborn child in danger of abortion, go to www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife. By registering you will receive monthly updates on the development of the child in the womb. For questions or prayer cards, contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-441-1101.

RESPECT LIFE
God created life for us to respect from birth onward. In our community, we have several agencies who help mothers with their pregnancy and after birth by providing the necessities needed to care for their babies. Please consider donating baby clothes, bibs, diapers, infant toiletries, or any slightly used baby items that you no longer need. These items can be dropped off at the parish office.

Thank you!

Prayer Vigils to End Abortion
are held Tuesday thru Saturday between 9 and 11am at Planned Parenthood (College Pkwy/Winkler Rd.)
Contact Paul Muri at paulmuri2@gmail.com for more information.

The Notre Dame Liturgical Choir Concert
Peace starts here
HOPE after abortion

Project Rachel
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
John Knuth—Coaching 100 Days with Jesus

Reservations are required and can be made online at www.faithandale.com

January 24, 2019 at St. John XXIII: Kelly Wahlquist~
“Why the Church Needs WINE - Women IN the New Evangelization” —$15.00

February 28, 2019 at Our Lady of Light: Sally Mews~
“Catholics Returning Home - Helping Non-practicing Catholics Return to Their Faith” —$10.00

Doors open 6 pm,
program starts 6:30 pm—ends 8:30 pm

You may purchase your tickets online at faithandwineleecounty.com
or mail a check payable to Faith & Wine Lee County to: Julie Richards, 6946 Pickadilly Ct, Ft. Myers FL 33919. Include attendee name(s), address, telephone number, email and parish.

We NEED your help!

Our assessment is $366,000.

We need $25,193.00

The Deadline is December 31st.

Envelopes are available in the church OR donate to CFA ONLINE at www.dioceseofvenice.org

Click “Giving” then Catholic Faith Appeal
Please be sure to credit Resurrection!

Thank you!

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Please join us every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.
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