

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

8121 CYPRESS LAKE DRIVE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33919



PASTOR: Very Rev. Stephen E. McNamara, V.F.

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Oliver Toner; **In Residence:** Fr. Ray Hughes

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Organist: Connie Kish

Youth Director: Victoria Melchiorre

SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See Inside

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES: 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 to the church office

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

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE: Tel. 437-9876

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

Mon-Th 8am-12pm & 1-4pm, Fri 8am-12pm & 12:30-3:30pm
Saturday 8:30am - 12:00pm

JUNE 1, 2008

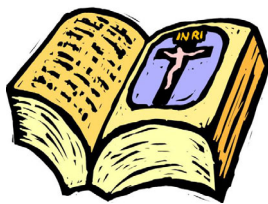
NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
Tuesday: St. Charles Lwanga and companions
Thursday: St. Boniface
Friday: St. Norbert; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday: Hos 6:3-6; Ps 50; Rom 4:18-25; Mt 9:9-13



Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 1, 2008

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.”

— Matthew 7:24

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. May 31 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 †David Blair by Parents

5:00 ♥Strinka Family, Special Intention by Friends

SUN. June 1

6:30 ♥People of the Parish

8:00 †Rachel Delago by Grandma & Grandpa

9:30 †Nina Scaramella by William & Renette Frank

11:00 †Frances Mirtich by M/M Joe Slabosz

MON. June 2

8:00 †Duke Stranger by Linda & David Gilmartin

TUE. June 3

8:00 †Hilda Wolf by Friends at Resurrection

WED. June 4

8:00 †Gebhard Lance by Diane Drinnon

THU. June 5

8:00 †Maureen Buonocore by Family

FRI. June 6

8:00 †Dec'd Members & Spouses of the University of Notre Dame Class of 1952 by James D. Reid

SAT. June 7

8:00 †Marie Wurst by Lorraine Fleming

SAT. June 7 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 †Lawrence Kelly by Wife, Helene

5:00 ♥People of the Parish

SUN. June 8

6:30 ♥Staff & Volunteers of Resurrection Parish

8:00 †James McFadyen by the Haggarty & Fiedler Families

9:30 †Joe & Nora McNamara by Fr. McNamara

11:00 †Frances Marie Pavese Miller by Dr. & Mrs. John Bruno

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15 - 3:15, or 30 min. before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially, Victor Sanc.



RCIA, INQUIRY CLASS SUMMER SESSIONS

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

If you know someone who is searching for a closer relationship with God, let them know about our *Summer Inquiry Sessions* on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room of the church. Call Joanne, 560-4386 or Loretta, 443-9146 to register.

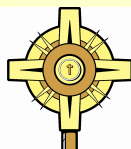
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take my words into your heart and soul (Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32).

Psalm — Lord, be my rock of safety (Psalm 31).

Second Reading — The righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law (Romans 3:21-25, 28).

Gospel — Only the one who does the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 7:21-27).



BENEDICTION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Benediction and Exposition will follow

The 8:00a.m. Mass on the *First Friday* of June.

During the months of June, July and August Adoration will be for one hour only.

TO HONOR THE DEAD

Concerning Cremation.....

Cremation, once not permitted for Catholics, is now allowed provided that the remains will be reverently buried or placed in a mausoleum... It is recommended that cremation take place after the funeral liturgy so that the body can be present for the full course of funeral rites. The Church recently approved allowing the cremated remains to be brought into the church to be present for the vigil, the funeral and the rite of committal. If the cremated remains are not treated with proper dignity, cremation can allow opportunity for disrespect of the human body. The practice of scattering the cremated remains over the mountains or keeping them at home is not the reverent disposition that the Church requires...Such or similar actions cheapen the respect for human life and show a lack of proper respect and dignity for the dead...I want to make it perfectly clear that the improper disposition and scattering of the ashes is contrary to Church teaching and therefore is not permitted.

(Excerpts taken from the writings of Archbishop Sheehan in *Origin*)

IN ORDER TO HONOR THE DEAD AT RESURRECTION PARISH

A Memorial Garden is available for parishioner cremated remains. The Garden is located on the West side of the church near the Sacristy window. A book with the names and place of the deceased will be maintained.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND

Our parish supports our student-parishioners who attend St. Francis Xavier School, St. Andrew's School and Bishop Verot High School. The needy and deserving families in all three schools receive financial aid and scholarships. This supreme financial sacrifice is to insure that Catholic children are taught and raised in the Faith.

We are very appreciative of your continual support to the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Education Fund.

The second collection on the first weekend of each month is taken up to help defray this cost.

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**MAY 25, 2008**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 716 (29%) \$15,050.96

Remaining families & visitors: 1734 (71%) \$4,435.95

Thank You!**ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****May 18, 2008****\$630.00****Thank You!****RESURRECTION MINISTRIES HELP
WITH
CFA APPEAL**

Resurrection Parish is deeply grateful to the following Organizations and Ministries for their loyal support to the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Faith Appeal.

We acknowledge their hard work in making their organizations a vital part of our parish community. Without their support we could not achieve our payment of the CFA assessment. As of May 23 we have pledges totaling 100.19% of our assessment!! On behalf of our Pastor, Stephen E. McNamara, we would like to thank all the dedicated men and women of these ministries for their generous contributions.

Church of the Resurrection Thrift Shop	\$20,288.49
Resurrection Men's Club	\$15,000.00
Resurrection Gift Shop	\$4500.00
Resurrection Women's Guild	\$3500.00

STATUS OF CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL:

ASSESSMENT: \$379,000.00
PLEDGED: \$379,712.34 (100.19% !!)
PAID: \$318,602.70

Thank you, and may the good Lord bless you. For those who have not yet pledged or given a donation, or would like to increase their donation, it is not too late to do so. CFA envelopes are located at the entrances of the church.

We still are in need of **\$60,397.30** in payments.
Your continued generosity is appreciated!

**WELCOME**

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to our Parish: Matthew & Fiona Fin and family, Ms. Jo Anne L. Krus, Mrs. Mildred P. Martin, Matthew & Julie Smith and family, Anthony J. & Patricia Werderitsch, Brian & Christie Lampitt and family, Lawrence A. & Valerie L. Puccia, Lonnie & Christine Tomlin, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Untener.

USHERS ARE NEEDED

Men and women parishioners are needed to volunteer as ushers. Please consider giving some of your time to the Lord and to your Parish. A special **'THANK YOU'** to the current ushers for their dedication. For information phone Dan at **768-5617**.

**PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS**

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

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE

ALTAR FLOWERS in celebration of someone's anniversary/birthday as a memorial or in thanksgiving please call Jennifer, at the Parish Office, **481-7172**. Please make check payable to Church of the Resurrection. Bring to parish office, or mail it to us. The loved one's name as well as the name of the donor (if wished) will be printed in the bulletin.

This week's flowers are:**In Memory of:****Chris & MaryAnn Woiak by Tom Woiak**

"I am the vine, and you are the branches, says the Lord; whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit".

Matthew 7:21 - 27



CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHING ON THE DEATH PENALTY:

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Assuming that the guilty party's identity and responsibility have been fully determined, the traditional teaching of the church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor.

If, however, non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and more in conformity with the dignity of the human person. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition, 2267*)

Pope John Paul II

The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally pro-life: who will proclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of Life in every situation. A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. Modern society has the means of protecting itself, without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform. I renew the appeal I made most recently at Christmas for a consensus to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary. (*Pope John Paul II, Mass in St. Louis, MO, January 27, 1999*)

Bishops of Florida

The abolition of the death penalty would help to break the cycle of violence. It would manifest belief in the unique dignity of every individual and the sacredness of human life. It would acknowledge God as the Lord of life and it would be more consonant with the spirit of the Gospel. (*Bishops of Florida, Pastoral Statement, Protection, Punishment, But Not Death, 1990*)

United States Catholic Bishops

Increasingly, our society looks to violent measures to deal with some of our most difficult social problems – millions of abortions to address problem pregnancies, advocacy of euthanasia and assisted suicide to cope with the burdens of age and illness, and increased reliance on the death penalty to deal with crime. We are tragically turning to violence in the search for quick and easy answers to complex human problems . . . We are losing our respect for human life . . . We cannot teach that killing is wrong by killing. (*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Pastoral Statement, Confronting A Culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action, 1994*)

Our witness to respect for life shines most brightly when we demand respect for each and every human life, including the lives of those who fail to show that respect for others. The antidote to violence is love, not more violence. (*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, No. 22, 1998*)

The death penalty diminishes all of us. Its use ought to be abandoned not only for what it does to those who are executed, but what it does to us as a society. We cannot teach respect for life by taking life. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty, 2005)

Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty

For resources to help individuals, parishes and dioceses participate in this national campaign, visit www.ccedp.org.

For additional information on the death penalty in Florida contact:

Florida Catholic Conference

201 W. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301-7715

Phone: (850) 222-3803, Web site: www.flacathconf.org



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 2008

General: That Christians may cultivate a deep and personal friendship with Christ so they are able to communicate the strength of His love to those they encounter.

Mission: That the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec, Canada, may lead to even deeper understanding of the Eucharist, the heart of the Church and source of evangelization.

RELIEF FOR CYCLONE NARGIS VICTIMS

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is supporting the relief efforts of Caritas Internationalis in Myanmar in response to the devastation caused by Cyclone Nargis. CRS is the official humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church. **To donate please call (877) 425-7277 or donate on-line at www.crs.org**

PAID POSITION AVAILABLE

AFCAAM Reading program has a position for a part time teacher. Please contact Gwen at **985-0299 for more info.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Register early to save \$\$ and help us In ordering materials. K-Grade 5 classes will meet beginning Aug. 26, 27, 2008.

Tuesdays 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuition for Religious Education/Middle School Ministry is: \$100.00 for one child/\$120.00 for family BEFORE July 1. AFTER July 1 tuition will be \$120.00 for one child/\$140.00 for family.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

All families with children in private schools/St. Francis Xavier must register for Sacramental Preparation. Costs for only First Communion/First Reconciliation is \$25.00. Costs for Confirmation Retreat and robes is \$100.00 payable at the time of retreat. Confirmation takes place in 9th grade and older. Preparation requires two years of participation in classes/youth ministry. First Eucharist and First Reconciliation takes place in 2nd grade or older after two years of participation in religious education.

REFLECTIONS FROM FIRST EUCHARIST CHILDREN CONTINUED:

The children who recently received their First Eucharist were asked 'How will they live Christ's commandment to love one another by helping the poor?'. Below are some of their responses!! ~ ~ ~

Samantha Custer: "I wish I could help those e who hurt their pets or animals. I wish the sick people were feeling better."

Babriela DePalma: "Give money to the poor. Donate my clothes and toys to the people in need. Bring dinner for those in nees and give them a ride to church."

"Dear Jesus, I wish other children would have a better life. Love, Jalen."

Merideth Bucher: "I want to help orphans in the world. I am going to buy clothes and water and food. I would like to give them some shelter too!"

"What I would do for people by **Ebenezer Queen** - I would give everybody in the world a college education. I would give everybody in the world good health. I would give everybody in the world a nice home and food."

Ellie Zubrowski: "I would like to go to help the poor and donate food at the homeless shelter."

Maggie Knox: "To go to the hospital and give to the sick people and read to them."

Brett Kyle: "Help the people who do not have clothes by giving them clothes."

Emily Martin: "I wish to donate my hair to cancer patients to make wigs for the kids. I would like to do this every year if I could."

Tate McMenamy: "I would collect food from vacation properties left over by vacationers to give to the needy."

God Bless our children.... they are so precious!!!

PLEASE HELP THE HOMELESS NOW!

Small Hand-operated can openers, and used backpacks are needed! Bicycle locks and bicycle lights are needed too! Please drop items in vestibule of the church or at the Parish Center.

For Questions, call Joanne 482-6883 or Vikki 481-5144.

JR. & SR. YOUTH NEWS



BIBLE CAMP 2008 ~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Resurrection Bible Camp will be from July 28th to August 1st, 9:00 a.m. - Noon this year.

The theme is **POWER LAB: DISCOVERING JESUS' MIRACULOUS POWER!!** *New Friends *Amazing Crafts *Wacky Snacks *Incredible Music *Awesome Games *Super Bible Adventures. Registration is still open; sign up early to reserve your spot! The fee is \$25.00 per camper, or \$40.00 per family. Please call 481-5144 to register.

ADULT AND SENIOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking to have adult volunteers join us for Bible Camp! We invite anyone who would enjoy working with the children! It's a great way to meet the young members of our parish, and a great way for them to know we are all one community! If you are interested, please call the Youth Ministry Office, 481-5144.



CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP ~ Our teens are excited about our mission trip planned from July 13 - 18. They are looking forward to experiencing the power of God as they care, share and offer hope to those in need! Would you kindly consider sponsoring our youth? We will be fundraising after the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Masses on June 1st. Look for our teens with M&M's: Mission Money for Youth.

into
THE
fields



Catechist
and
Teacher
Formation
for the
Whole
Community

SKILLS AND ATTITUDES TO INCREASE YOUR FAITH
"The harvest is ready. The laborers are few. Come with me into the fields."

Open to all!!

Spread the good news of Jesus!
Join us! RCIA catechists, Youth Ministry team, Catechists for Religious Education, Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Men's Club members, Women's Guild members! Parents and Grandparents!

SAVE THE SECOND
SATURDAY OF THE
MONTH - 9:00a.m. - NOON

Begins September 13, 2008

Call to register...each participant receives study guides and CD with wonderful music!

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Community Cooperative Ministries Incorporated
Post Office Box 2143, Fort Myers, FL 33902
www.CCMIecounty.com

GET INVOLVED! YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!

When you...

- Serve lunch to a family who hasn't had a hot meal for a while;
- Give a ride to an elderly widow who has no way to get to her Dr. appointment;
- Deliver a meal to a homebound, disabled veteran who looks forward to your regular visits;
- Make a home visit to a teenage mother to help determine what services she and her baby need;
- Help a homeless person on the path to a home, a job and restored dignity;
- Read a book to a wide-eyed two year old.

...you will know without question that you have made a difference in someone's life.

These are just some examples of the ways you can help Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. (CCMI) meet our community's needs. CCMI programs include the Soup Kitchen, Senior Transportation, Meals on Wheels, Home Assessment, Homeless Services, and Hands & Hearts Montessori Preschool. **If you drive as a part of your volunteering, the commitment will require ONE GALLON of gas at most for each trip or delivery.**

Volunteers are truly the backbone of our efforts in the community. If you are already a CCMI volunteer please accept our heartfelt thanks. We hope you will encourage your friends and neighbors to get involved with CCMI.

If you aren't a volunteer, perhaps you would like to lend a helping hand - whether it is two hours a week, two weeks, two months or year around we can use your help! **For more information call 332-0441 or e-mail, www.ccmileecounty.com.**

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CATHOLIC SINGLES

The Southwest Florida Catholic Singles group is for **ages 30, 40, 50's who are single, widowed, annulled**. Their mission is strictly to promote fellowship through the Southwest Florida area. The purpose of the group is to provide spiritual, social and service activities for members in a safe Christian environment, encouraging a deeper relationship with God and support for each other. **For more information contact Pam, 989-7077.**

THE YOUNG AT HEART CLUB...

The Young at Heart Club will continue to meet through the summer for any and all 55+ singles, widowed or annulled. For more info about events call **433-2221 or 985-9977.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Haitian Center of Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers for the following programs: Adult Education Classes, Citizenship Classes, Literacy Classes, Computer Classes. **If interested, please contact Pierrette or Rose at 334-2234.**

RESURRECTION CALENDAR

ALL events take place in the Parish Center, unless otherwise stated.

Beyond Bereavement, Monday, 8:30am, library, Cecilia, 437-2367

Bereavement Ministry, for the grieving, call Dona, 275-7875
Men's Club, 1st Monday of month, 7:30p.m. conference room.

Baptismal Class, 2nd Tuesday of month, 7:00p.m

Directions For Our Times Rosary Prayer Group, 4th Tuesday of month, 8:30a.m.

RCLA, Tuesdays, 7:00p.m., conference room.

Rel. Ed., Tues., 4:30p.m.-5:45p.m. & Wed , 6:15p.m.-7:15p.m.

Bible Sharing Group, Wednesdays, 8:30a.m.

Children's Choir, Wednesdays, 5:30p.m.- 6:15p.m.

Rosary, before daily Masses; Tues. & Thurs., 2:00p.m., church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, after 8:00a.m Mass, every 1st Friday, chapel.

Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m Mass, church.

Coffee & Doughnuts, Sundays, after 8:00a.m & 9:30a.m. Masses

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

When being admitted to the hospital, it is imperative that you give the name of your parish, state that you are Catholic and WISH TO BE SEEN BY A PRIEST, otherwise you might not be visited. If you go through the emergency room, 99% of the time your name and parish will not get on the Catholic list. Please be sure that the admissions office is notified.

The following hospitals are the responsibility of the parish in which they are located.

- Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, 561-224
- Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
- S.W. Regional Medical Center - visited daily by St. Cecilia's Parish, 936-3635
- Lee Memorial Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

A priest is on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for the above hospitals at the above telephone numbers.

Parishioners at Hospitals and Nursing Homes (within our parish boundaries) are visited by Resurrection priests as follows:

- All Hospitals: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 - Nursing Homes & Shut-ins: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
- Also, Lay Ministers visit the shut-ins Monday through Friday. Should you be missed, please call the church office, 481-7172.



PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE POOR BOXES; THEY ARE THE BREAD BOXES OF THE POOR!