

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See Inside

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OCTOBER 7, 2007

LET GO AND LET GOD

Many twelve-step programs use the phrase "Let go and let God." In all their simplicity, these five words are the heart of today's readings. For people who struggle with addictive behavior, these words plainly remind us that we can't manage, control, or manipulate certain areas of our lives. How many times can we look back in our lives and find evidence of some plan at work other than our own? These are the moments when, for whatever reasons, we let someone greater than ourselves work the plan. We probably didn't even recognize at the time that we were letting go of anything, but in retrospect, we see God's hand and loving presence. It is our awareness of these moments that gives us the courage and initiative to let go again later on. It is this courage and initiative that are highlighted in today's readings. We come to call it "faith."

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**Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time &
Respect Life Sunday
October 7, 2007**

Come, let us bow down in worship; let
us kneel before the Lord Who made
us.— *Psalm 95:6*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SAT. OCTOBER 06 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES**
3:30 ♥People of the Parish
5:00 †Paul Forst by Dorothy & Bob Wagner
SUN. OCTOBER 07
6:30 †Marie & John Rotte
8:00 †♥St. Vincent dePaul Benefactors
9:30 †Marty Wenstrup, CT Hall, Maria/Cliff Richardson by D. Hall
11:00 †Deceased Resurrection Staff
MON. OCTOBER 08
8:00 †Margaret Nilles by M/M Clarence Nilles
TUE. OCTOBER 09
8:00 †Laura Tavolacci by Bridget & Max Modica
WED. OCTOBER 10
8:00 †Katherine Kohl by John J. Sutschek
THU. OCTOBER 11
8:00 †Fred Hassen by Dee Gallina
FRI. OCTOBER 12
8:00 †Anne Haggarty by Mrs. Anne Tatler
SAT. OCTOBER 13
8:00 †George Hilinski by Family
SAT. OCTOBER 13 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES
3:30 †Anna Zebrowski by Family
5:00 †Charmaine Margaret Mary Murphy by Therese, Marlana, Patricia & Frank
SUN. OCTOBER 14
6:30 ♥People of the Parish
8:00 †Robert Prescott by John Conisha
9:30 †Blanche R. Dorbois by John Gerot
11:00 †Donald Geiger by MaryEllen & Robert Geiger

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 **Austin DeBerger, a Resurrection Usher.**

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

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

For prayer requests call Mary Lou Fitzpatrick, 454-6752. Give your first name & prayer petition. Should you reach an answering machine, please leave your phone number so that we can call you back. Petitions are prayed for 31 days. **Prayer Line volunteers are needed** to pray & answer prayer requests. Take this opportunity to help someone else and still be able to choose your own time.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The rash ones have no integrity; but the just ones, because of their faith, shall live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm - If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading - God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control (2 Tim. 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel - The apostles said to Jesus, "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5-10).

**DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE
COLLECTION**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many years, the Catholic Church has been at the forefront on the issue of the sanctity of and respect for human life.

In this context, **the Diocese of Venice will conduct its first Respect Life Collection in conjunction with National Respect Life Sunday on the weekend of October 6-7.** This special second collection will support various local organizations and programs that request needed financial support from the Church.

Local Pregnancy Resource Centers throughout the Diocese help women choose life for their children. They offer the emotional and spiritual support that is often lacking and provide links to needed financial resources in the community. Maternity homes offer a safe, supportive environment when housing is an issue. After-birth homes provide support for mom and baby so a mother can continue her education to better provide for herself and her child. These programs save and improve lives, but they need funds to continue their good work. Post abortion healing programs like Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard help women and men heal from the emotional wounds of abortion.

Respect for life also includes concerns at the end of earthly life and other issues. People find themselves unable to cope with being alone and failing health. They need support and love from their parish family and community.

By sponsoring one collection yearly, each parish will have the opportunity to contribute to organizations that support life from conception to natural death. The funds collected will remain in the Diocese of Venice and will facilitate our witness as a faith community to the value of all human life.

Please be generous in your expression of respect for life during today's second collection. Thank you for your support of this effort. May God bless you!

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice in Florida

(Ed. Note: Please place donations for this purpose in the special envelopes provided in the pews. Only these envelopes will be counted for the Respect Life Collection because of the already scheduled, monthly, Catholic Education Fund Collection.)

**BEGINNING OCT. 7, THERE WILL A
6:30A.M. MASS ADDED TO THE SUNDAY
MASS SCHEDULE.**

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING**September 30, 2007**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 693 (28%) **\$16,954.00**Remaining fam. & visitors: 1757 (72%) **\$ 2,345.00****Total offering:** **\$19,299.00****Thank You!****ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING****September 24 - September 30** **\$ 730.00****Thank you!****TEST THAT CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE!****Thursday, October 11, 2007*****Lifeline Screening***

Life Line Screening is a preventive healthcare ultrasound screening which will be held in the **Parish Center on Thurs., Oct. 11.** Life Line Screening will scan the carotid artery in the neck for plaque build up, the arteries in the legs for Peripheral Arterial Disease, test for aneurysms in the aortic vessel in the abdomen, and a bone density screening for women and men to test for risk of Osteoporosis. This is a prevention program, and with early detection, these problems can be treated. The results are sent directly to you and Life Line Screening encourages you to take them back to your primary care physician. These tests are non-invasive and completely painless and take about ten minutes or less each.

They also offer 2 simple finger-stick blood tests to identify risk factors for heart disease and diabetes! The 2 tests are: Complete Lipid Panel - measures total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and glucose (blood sugar for diabetes). Participants receive results at screening!

Blood test package price: \$60; Vascular package price: \$119; Vascular with Blood tests: \$169; Complete Wellness Package, all 4 tests: \$129; Complete Wellness with Blood tests: \$179.

Pre-registration is a must. Space is limited.

Please call 1-800-324-1851 to schedule your appointment.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The feast of the Holy Rosary was established by St. Pius V on the anniversary of the naval victory won by the Christian fleet at Lepanto, **October 7, 1571.** The victory was attributed to the help of the Holy Mother of God whose aid was invoked through praying the Rosary.

ROSARY NOVENA

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, in these times of such brazen impiety, show your power with the signs of your former victories. Look with mercy on the Church of your Son, on His Vicar on Earth, and on all the clergy and laity, who are sorely oppressed in this mighty conflict. Powerful vanquisher of all heresies, hasten the hour of mercy even though the hour of God's Justice is every day provoked by the countless sins of men. As I kneel before you in prayer, obtain for me my requests (*mention your intentions*). Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us. (*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.*)

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.

FEED MY SHEEP

Did you know that Catholic Charities has 2 food pantries?

The food is distributed to individuals and families who are unable to provide for themselves due to interruptions in employment, family crisis, or because they are new arrivals to the area and seeking employment. Clients are screened and assistance is time limited depending on the situation. The objective of this program is to assist the less fortunate during their time of need, prevent children's hunger, and alleviate family stress. **Catholic Hispanic Social Services is requesting your assistance in restocking their empty food pantries.** Items needed: dry beans; canned foods, jelly, peanut butter, rice, tuna fish. Cash donations are also appreciated. **For more info contact Catholic Charities of Lee Co., 334-4007.**



CARING FOR THE VULNERABLE – If you are involved with ministries to the sick, homebound, hospital, and hospice, join us on Sat., **Oct. 20, 9:00a.m. - Noon**, Saint Columbkille Parish Center, 12171 Iona Road, Fort Myers for a presentation by Rev. Gerard Austin, O.P., S.T.D., professor for the Rice School for Pastoral Ministry. Rev. Austin's presentation is entitled *Pastoral Care of the Sick: Anointing, Viaticum, Praying with the Sick and the Dying, Living as a Preparation for Dying.* To register or for more info, call 239-489-3973.

S.W.F.L. CATHOLIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Standing up for Catholic Values Meeting will be held at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Cape Coral, **Mon., Oct. 8**, following the 7:00a.m. Mass; 7:30a.m. - 9:00a.m. All businesses and ministries are welcome from all parishes. There is no charge to attend the meetings; bring your business cards for networking. Contact Angela at 652-1002 or email: angela@matteographics.com.

RESURRECTION WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING - The next meeting will be held on **Wed, Oct. 17**, in the Parish Center. Refreshments will be at **8:30a.m.** followed by the speakers from the *4C: Community Coordinated Care for Children, Inc.* The speakers will discuss their work for children and families in our community.

SECOND ANNUAL FAMILY ROSARY RALLY - All are welcome to participate in this worship in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, who requested that the rosary be prayed for peace and harmony in the world. **Sat., Oct. 13, 10:00a.m.**, Blessed Pope John XXIII Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

FAITH SHARING QUESTION

Jesus challenges the apostles to believe and continue to serve.

How is your faith tested?

What are some ways that you pray?

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - All ninth grade or older high school parishioners who have not received Confirmation are asked to attend. Classes continue on **Wednesdays, 6:15p.m. - 7:30p.m.**, in the Conference Room of the Parish Center.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENTS & CHILDREN'S Meeting will be on, **Sun, Oct 14**, Parish Center, **10:30 a.m. - Noon** Parents and children gather in Rms. 2 & 3 of the Parish Center.

SUMMER EVENINGS WITH LUKE'S GOSPEL last session will be on **Oct. 9**, 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m., Parish Center. Loretta Duquette will preside.

ROSARY FOR LIFE - Religious Education classes will begin in the Chapel on Tues., **Oct. 9**, 4:30p.m., and Wed., **Oct. 10**, 6:15p.m. to pray the rosary. October is *Respect Life Month* and the *Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary* is Oct. 7. Children will go to class following the rosary and pick-up will be in the Parish Center.



RCIA OPENING SESSION FOR INQUIRERS

Anyone searching for a home in the Catholic Church is welcome to attend, **Tues, Oct. 9, 7:00p.m.**, Parish Center. Focus of the session will be on *Mustard Seed Faith* with Fr. McNamara and team.



RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

THE LIVING GOSPELS BIBLE STUDY, Oct. 16, four weeks, Tues, 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m., Parish Center. Brian Shofran will preside. **Week 1:** Introducing the "Good News" According to Mark & Learning the Secrets of the Messiah and His Kingdom. **Week 2:** Presenting the New Testament According to Matthew & Instructing Our Hearts with Parables. **Week 3:** Searching for the Meaning of Jesus According to Luke & The Good News About God's Merciful Love. **Week 4:** Revealing the Risen Lord According to John & The Joy of Gospel Living.

SENIOR YOUTH meeting, **Oct. 7**, Parish Center. All high school students are invited. Questions? Contact Patti, 482-6883.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are available for \$30.00 in the Gift Shop and Parish Office. On-line coupons too. Help our Senior Youth and save \$\$\$ at the same time.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY - All interested youth, who have received First Holy Communion and are in 3rd grade or above, are invited to join our Altar Server Ministry. This is a good way to meet others in the parish while serving your church community, and an easy way to get those needed service hours. Please call Cheryl Duncan, 985-5755.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS



in celebration of someone's anniversary/birthday as a memorial or in thanksgiving please call Barbara, Parish Office, 481-7172. You may also use the flower offering envelopes that are located at the entrances of the church. Please print all information clearly on the envelope including a telephone number. If we are unable to accommodate your date request we will call you for an alternate date. Donation offering per basket is \$35 and must be included in the envelope. Please make check payable to Church of the Resurrection. Please place envelope in the collection basket, 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.

Flowers are needed for the month of OCTOBER.

This week's flowers are:

In Memory of:

Grace Gropp by Husband, Joseph

Dr. Joseph J. Aleo by Fannie Aleo

Jack Hibbs, Mary & Mickey Foy by Kay Hibbs

ALL SAINTS' DAY - Which Saint will you be in our processional of Saints on Sun., **Oct. 28** during the 9:30a.m.? Start planning today. For information or ideas, contact Leslie at 481-5144.

SPECIAL EVENTS HELP NEEDED - Each year we need help planning events such as *Family Advent Night*, *Christmas Pageant*, *Luminary Skates*, *Lenten programs* and others. If you have an idea for an event or would like to help, please contact the Youth Office, 481-5144.

ATTENTION 6, 7, 8th Graders! Mark you calendars for the next middle school gathering, **Oct. 21, 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m.** Dinner will be available for \$1.00, includes beverage. The evening's program will be *Ordinary People*; *Big World?* For info and to RSVP, call Leslie 481-5144.

COLLEGE SEMINARY DISCERNMENT WEEKEND - St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami is hosting a discernment weekend for young men considering the priesthood. The weekend will include prayer, talks, recreation and casual time with the seminarians. Come and spend a weekend experiencing life at a college seminary. The discernment weekend is scheduled for **November 2 - 4**. Please contact the Diocese of Venice Vocations Office at 941-484-9543 for registration information.

Fr. John Beattie, O.S.F.S. expresses his gratitude and appreciation for all the prayers and good wishes during his recent illness. "They were a big reason for my speedy recovery. I will continue to remember you in my prayers." "Thank You."



OCTOBER IS RIGHT TO LIFE MONTH

This week's theme: *The Person with Mental Illness: Bearing God's Image*

"Whoever suffers from mental illness 'always' bears God's image and likeness in themselves, as does every human being. In addition, they 'always' have the inalienable right not only to be considered as an image of God and therefore a person, but also to be treated as such." (Pope John Paul II, International Conference for Health Care Workers, on Illness of the Human Mind, November 30, 1996)

It has been estimated that worldwide, as many as 500 million people are affected by some sort of mental illness. That is close to 8% of the total world population, and that the United States has the highest rate of mental illness of all the advanced nations: one in four adult Americans suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year. Mental illness is the leading cause of disability for ages 15-44 in the United States and Canada. *Yet, there is relatively little public awareness of the scope of the problem. And tragically, the stereotypes and stigma which are so often attached to mental illness, help to create a culture where those who are affected are falsely seen as undignified, or of flawed moral character, or simply as helpless victims or objects of charity.*

Our Faith requires a greater sensitivity and commitment to our fellow humans who suffer from mental illness as well as a greater responsibility on our part to recognize their importance to the community and especially communities of faith. In a society that judges a person on the value of what he or she produces, the person living with mental illness is easily seen merely as a burden on society. The temptation is to isolate or marginalize. As Christians, then, **we are called unceasingly to affirm their dignity as human beings made in the image and likeness of God, and to recognize their value to the community.** "It is everyone's duty to make an active response; our actions must show that mental illness does not create insurmountable distances, nor prevent relations of true Christian charity with those who are its victims. Indeed it should inspire a particularly attentive attitude." (Pope John Paul II, International Conference for Health Care Workers, on Illness of the Human Mind, February 11, 1984)

In what ways do people with mental illness faithfully reflect the image of God? In an address to health care workers in February 2006, Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragán, President of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers, observed that "the mentally ill person resembles our Lord on the cross; and since the cross is the only way to resurrection, the mentally ill person ... is worthier and reaches such a level of excellence because of the magnitude of his love and the suffering he endures." Like the suffering servant, the person with mental illness may experience scorn, rejection, loneliness and deprivation, as our Lord did throughout his public life leading Him to the cross. Persons with mental illness do not resemble our Lord only because they suffer. While the suffering of Christ may have special significance to any person with heavy burdens including illness of any kind, it is not the sole source of their link to God. Rather, they are united to God as created in His image.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Promote the dignity of persons with mental illness.
- Welcome all persons with disabilities into the parish community and embrace successful parish-based programs.
- Foster the healthy development of children, including their mental functioning.
- Educate society on mental illnesses through awareness programs which include prevention strategies.
- Understand and show others that the rehabilitation of people with mental illness is a duty of all society, with special preference for those in greatest need.
- Promote social and physical environments that enhance human relations and create for people with mental illness a sense of belonging to a community.
- Share the Word of God with persons with mental illness.
- Assure that the sacraments are available to people with mental illness.
- In educational systems, provide solid moral (and where possible, religious) foundations to help young people form life-long values and virtues.
- Support religious orders and congregations whose charisma is to care for people with mental illness.

Adapted from Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragán, Address at World Day of the Sick February 11, 2006



This fall, from **September 26 - November 4**, our community will be joining with more than 80 cities in 32 states for the largest simultaneous pro-life mobilization in history - the nationwide *40 Days for Life* campaign. People of faith across America are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America.

The *40 Days for Life* campaign consists of three key components for us:

- **Prayer and Fasting:** Can you make this another Lent and fast from some favorite thing and offer it to God? Our prayers and fasting are effective for God's hand to move to end abortion.
- **Peaceful Vigil:** Standing for life through a 40-day silent, peaceful public witness outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 1958 Prospect Street, Sarasota.
- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** Those parishioners who are not able to travel to Sarasota are invited to **come to our church for Adoration** during the same hours on **Oct. 19**. Thus, we will be united in prayer.

**Church of the Resurrection's Participation Day
Oct. 19, 11:00a.m - 4:00p.m., Sarasota**

Sign up sheets are at entrances of church. You may sign up for 1 or more hours. Please call Judy with any questions at 482-0517. Carpooling available.

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Church of the Resurrection the following new parishioners:

Angela Preuss; Diana Preston; Dr. Allen & Lisa Tafel; Enrique & Yaima Garcia; Dayona & Gerardo Estrada Caballero and Family; Joseph & Maria Bell-Kuda and Family; Jeffrey A. Feasel; Dale & Eileen Mitchell and Family; Donald & Annalisa Newman; Stan & Amy Potter and Family; Darlena Reuter; Susan Umberger; Kenneth & Nancy Fisher; Annette Murray and Family.

MAGNIFICAT - All women are invited to a prayer breakfast sponsored by *Magnificat* which will be held Sat., October 20, 9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m., Three Oaks Banquet/Conference Center, Estero. Our guest will be Aimee Manga Bacik, who has been actively involved in youth and college ministry, is studying for a Master's degree in theology and plans to continue on to study Canon Law. Please send a \$20 check payable to *Magnificat Ft. Myers* to Joanne Tarantino, 16550 Heron Coach Way #206, Bonita Springs, FL 34134, 992-4872, 481-6967, or Joyce Michel, 3650 Bonita Beach Rd. #26, Bonita Springs, FL 34134. Info? Call 992-4872. **Request must be postmarked by Oct. 13.**

Our special guest will be Bishop Frank Dewane.



We proudly present:
ARAM BASMADJIAN
in CONCERT,
showcasing our new organ,
OCT. 21, 3:00 - 4:30p.m.



ARAM BASMADJIAN is one of the most accomplished young organ virtuosos in America. Throughout the United States, his performances as an organ recitalist have won acclaim from audiences and critics alike. With an expansive repertoire not limited to traditional organ works, Aram Basmadjian's diverse programs provide a musically rewarding experience as he conquers the "King of Instruments".

Critical Reviews: 1. There are interesting ways to bring down the house, as the virtuoso organist demonstrated, his fingers and feet dancing nimbly amid keyboards, stops and pedals. *Press - Telegram*, Long Beach, California. 2. He is truly one of the most gifted young organ virtuosos in America. He commands recognition with a forceful artillery of technique and expressiveness. *The Enterprise*, Simi Valley, California. 3. After a standing ovation and two encores, he finally had to call it quits or the enthusiastic crowd would have kept him playing until midnight. *The Chronicle*, The Dalles, Oregon.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS: Resurrection welcomes SFX School representative next weekend. He/she will announce the kick-off of the ***Our Faith, Our Future... Share Your Gift Campaign***. The foundation's purpose is to secure the school's on-going commitment to provide quality Catholic education and support many facets of the school's operating needs. **Third Annual Fall Festival at St. Francis Xavier** grounds and hall, Sat., Nov. 3, 11:00a.m. - 6:00p.m. Proceeds will benefit the students of *Fr. Anglim Academy* by upgrading technology in classrooms.

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.

Prayer Group, Tuesdays, 7:00p.m., class room 1.

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

Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30a.m to 10:30a.m.

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

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

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

Women's Guild, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 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.

Bridge Club, Thurs., 1:00p.m.

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

Coffee & Doughnuts, Sundays, after 8:00a.m & 9:030a.m. Masses

Your child has told you he/she is gay. There is a support Group. Call Sharon at 454-6284

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.



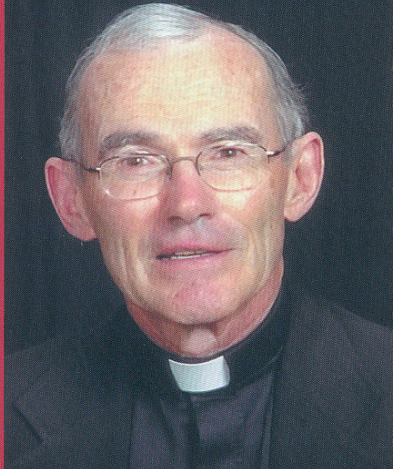
**Diocese
of Venice**
in Florida

THIRD ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DAY

Building Strong Parish Communities

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH • 9AM UNTIL 3PM
COST \$10 • CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED



Keynote Speaker: Bishop Robert F. Morneau
Nationally, Bishop Morneau has served on numerous committees including the Catholic Relief Services Board of Directors, as chairman of the U.S. Bishops Committee on Laity and the U.S. Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Stewardship. He helped author *Stewardship: a Disciple's Response*, a stewardship pastoral letter published in 1992, and is recognized as one of the top stewardship experts in the United States. A noted speaker, Bishop Morneau's published works range from numerous books on prayer to children's literature, and poetry.

Stewardship & Development Day Breakout Sessions

James Kelley, President of the International Catholic Stewardship Council and Director of Development for the Diocese of Charlotte

Parish Stewardship 101

How to begin to move parishioners toward practicing stewardship as a way of life (giving of their time, talent and treasure). This session will give an overview of stewardship with an emphasis on forming and nurturing the stewardship committee, and will cover all of the areas of responsibility for a committee.

**Thomas Gull, National Sales Consultant
J S Paluch Company, Inc.**

Tom is a frequent presenter at parishes, diocesan seminars and national conferences. His wide experience with parish administration always gives listeners solid ideas to bring back to their own parishes. Tom holds a BS in marketing from Northeastern Illinois University and an MBA with a concentration in marketing from Dominican University.

Part A: Parish Registration and Census

Why we need a census, how to get people to register, the type of data you'll need, and suggestions of

what parishes can do with the data besides mail contribution envelopes.

Part B: Marketing Your Parish

Look at the four principles of marketing (Product, Place, Promotion, Price) and how it applies to parish life. Review the parish ministries, target audiences, increasing participation, and increasing revenue.

Cheryl Stock: Motivational speaker and member of St. Thomas More's hospitality ministry

Creating a Welcoming Parish

Building your parish family and nurturing relationships to create a vibrant and active community.

Philip Flynn, III, Ed.D.: Executive Director of the Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida

Dr. Flynn serves in leadership positions on many community, national, and international non-profit boards and has extensive experience in Endowment Building programs.

Endowing Your Faith

The principals and practices of cultivating and soliciting asset gifts.

Stewardship & Development Day

Breakout Sessions *(continued)*

Faculty of the Blessed Edmund Rice School

Growing in Our Faith

The Rice School offers attractively priced classes in theology throughout the diocese to help us grow in our Catholic faith and nurture our spirituality. This session will be led as a sample class.

Father Michael Hughes & CFA team at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish

Catholic Faith Appeal

Learn how one parish took the stewardship approach to reaching their CFA goal in a matter of weeks.

Adela Gonzales-White: Director of Communications for the Diocese of Venice

Using the Diocesan Communications Department as a Resource

The Communications Department can be a valuable

resource for parishes through a diverse group of services which include, local media relations, Catholic communications and issues, community and public relations, assistance with websites and other projects. The department also produces the Venice edition of The Florida Catholic, which is a great way to publicize your parish campaigns and events.

Mary Campo: Director of Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Venice and board member of the International Catholic Stewardship Council

Preparing Lay Witness Presentations

Lay witnessing can be an effective way to inspire people to convert to a stewardship way of life, promote your CFA or capital campaign. This workshop will cover the components of a good presentation.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Registration, Coffee and Fellowship - Chelsea Center

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Welcome and Prayer by Bishop Frank J. Dewane - Church

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

Keynote Speaker, Bishop Robert F. Morneau - Church

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Break

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

Breakout Session One – Spirit Center

Parish Stewardship 101, Parish Registration and Census, Growing In Our Faith, Catholic Faith Appeal

11:45 AM – 1:15 PM

Mass (Church), followed by lunch (Chelsea Center)

Please visit our sponsors and ministry tables

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Breakout Session Two – Spirit Center

Parish Stewardship 101, Marketing Your Parish, Growing In Our Faith, The Foundation

2:10 PM – 2:55 PM

Breakout Session Three – Spirit Center

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Thank you for coming and have a safe trip home!



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