

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See Inside

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES: For these Sacraments, please notify the Church Office as soon as possible so that we may be able to accommodate you. 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
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SEPTEMBER 23

OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS

The Second Vatican Council has called us to envision the Church as the people of God. As a community of believers we are responsible for our brothers and sisters, their salvation, their journey of faith, their physical well-being. Many of the documents of Vatican II and volumes of work since the mid-1960s give us advice, guidelines, and encouragement to take care of one another: the poor, the elderly, the unborn, the broken, the infirm.

Because Vatican II is part of our recent history—indeed many of us were already born—this may strike us as a new and revolutionary idea. But today's readings show us the agelessness of the issue of social justice. Eight hundred years before Christ was born, Amos warned the wealthy not to cheat the poor. In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he encourages all prayers to be for all people; and finally, the Gospel urges the wise use of money.



Know the Bible

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 23, 2007

God . . . wills everyone to be saved
and to come to knowledge of the truth.
— 1 Timothy 2:4

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. SEPTEMBER 22 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 ♥People of the Parish

5:00 †Mina Osterkorn by Rose Cahill

SUN. SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 †Janet Kite

9:30 †Wayne Dinwoodie by Ron & Mellarie Marra

11:00 †Frank Mazeika by Jodie Mazeika

MON. SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 †Gus J. Champagne by Bev Doyle, Ann, Gwen, Kathleen

TUE. SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 †Michael Andrew & Cynthia Balma by Parents

WED. SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 †Nell Verbano by Daughter & Family

THU. SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 †Carolyn Pannone by Husband, Leonard

FRI. SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 †Nicholas Burdiak by M/M McGinn

SAT. SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 †Margaret Strinka by Grandson, Taylor

SAT. SEPTEMBER 29 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES

3:30 †Jack Hibbs by Sue & Bill Dormer

5:00 ♥People of the Parish

SUN. SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 †St. Vincent dePaul Benefactors

9:30 †George W. Morris by Marlene & John Foley

11:00 †Margaret Strinka by Daughter & Grandson

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.

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS All those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially **Martin J. Welsh, Barbara Pronicki, Fr. Cyril Hudak, Mary Claire Scholz.**

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

TODAY'S READINGS

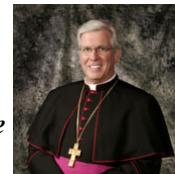
First Reading — You who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land, the Lord will never forget what you have done! (Amos 8:4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

Second Reading — God our savior wills everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

Gospel — The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

PRAYER AND PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP FRANK J. DEWANE



- *Think God may be calling you to the priesthood?*
- *Do you want to talk about it over prayer?*

We invite you to please join Bishop Dewane for prayer and pizza. Please call the Vocations office for reservations, (941) 484-9543.

Where: Resurrection Parish Center

When: 5:00p.m. - 7:00p.m., **Friday, October 5**

If you know someone who would be interested in attending this meeting, please let them know.

ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

*"Whatever you do to the least
of my brethren you do unto me."*

Resurrection's St. Vincent dePaul Society **invites you to become a member of their mission** in taking care of the many needs of those who come to our Parish for assistance. Come join us to share in prayer and service to all who knock at our door!

Please call the Parish Office, 481-7171, leave your name and phone number and we will call you.

We celebrate St. Vincent DePaul's **Feast Day, Sept. 27.**

RESURRECTION BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

The Lee Memorial Blood Mobile will be in the Resurrection Parking Lot on Sept. 23, 8:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

One blood donation has the capability to help three different people in need. Your donation can be separated into different components: the platelets may go to a child with leukemia, the plasma to a patient with a clotting problem and the red blood cells to an accident victim. **To donate blood you must:** Weigh at least 110lbs., be at least 17 years old, in general good health - no colds, flu, sore throat, etc., photo ID, with DOB, if new donor. Every time you donate blood, you will receive vital health checks at no cost. You will be checked for the following: Pulse rate, blood pressure, body temperature, hemoglobin (iron level), blood type and cholesterol level. **To sign up please call the Parish Office, 481-7171, questions about donating blood please call 334-5333.** Please take time to "give the gift of life".

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING **September 16, 2007**

Registered families with envelopes: 2450

Envelopes received: 708 (29%) **\$13,986.50**

Remaining fam. & visitors: 1774 (71%) **\$ 1,959.00**

Total offering: **\$15,945.50**

Thank You!

CHURCH IN LATINAMERICA UPDATE **September 9, 2007**

Additional offering from one parishioner **\$25,000.00**

Total offering: **\$29,397.00**

Thank you!

ST. VINCENT DePAUL OFFERING

September 10 - September 16 **\$ 835.00**

Thank you!

RESURRECTION CHILDREN'S **LITURGY: ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Each Sunday at 9:30a.m., all children who are present are invited to participate in our Children's Liturgy. The front pews are reserved for any child who wishes to sit with us. We meet in the main vestibule before Mass and process to the front pews. If you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, please 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 ALL 6TH, 7TH, 8TH GRADERS! Join us for *Welcome Night: Introducing the Rock Star Within Our Gathered Youth Nights* for Middle School, begins Sunday, **Sept. 23**, 6:00-7:30p.m. Join us for faith and fun. Pizza and soda offered for \$1.00. For information, contact Leslie at 481-5144.

HELPERS NEEDED - The Youth Office is in need of Helpers for two to three hours per month for errands, etc. Please contact Leslie at 481-5144.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING INK CARTRIDGES as a fund raiser. Empty cartridges can be dropped off before the last Friday of the month to the Youth Ministry Office in the Parish Center; they do not need to be in the original packaging.



COME & SEE! SENIOR YOUTH meeting on **Sun., Sept. 23, at noon** in the Parish Center. All high school students are invited. We begin a new year fresh with great ideas, bursting with dynamic energy, and overflowing with a desire to serve. Any questions? Contact Patti Dean at 482-6883.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are now available for \$30.00 in the Gift Shop or Parish Office and after every Mass on **Sat., Sept. 22; Sun., Sept. 23**. On-line coupons too. Help our Senior Youth and save \$\$\$ at the same time.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing of any and all types of animals on **Sat., Oct. 6, 9:00a.m.**, Parish Center.



ANIMAL LOVERS NEEDED - Help is needed with planning the *Blessing of the Animals* on **Oct. 6**. Please contact Leslie, 481-5144.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Sept. 30., 8:a.m. - 11:00a.m., Parish Center. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, eggs, sausages, potatoes, coffee. **Book of 6 tickets for \$20 is available in advance at the Gift Shop and Parish Office: tickets are good through May 2008.** Price at door: \$4 each.

Coffee and Donuts will still be available in conjunction with the Pancake Breakfast.

TEST THAT CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE!

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.

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CCW presents the *Women of Faith Mini-Series*, **Oct. 8, 12:30p.m.**, Parish Hall. Speaker Gail Ross, motivational bible teacher from California, will present *I Hope You Dance*. RSVP by **Oct. 4**, 303-2512.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades K - 8: Tues., 4:30 p.m. – 5:45p.m. or

Grades K - 8: Weds., 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation begins Oct. 3, Wednesdays at 6:15p.m.

Children's Choir: Wednesdays at 5:30p.m.

If you have not registered, please come to the parish office during office hours or after the 9:30a.m Mass on Sunday.

FAITH SHARING QUESTION

All families share on these questions around the dinner table or in the car. The Gospels are meant to be lived. Join us in making them alive! **How are you generous with your money/things?**

How do you feel when someone cheats you?

CONFIRMATION PARENT'S MEETING - Sun., Sept. 30, 10:30a.m. - noon, Rooms 1, 2, 3. All ninth grade or older high school parishioners who have not received Confirmation are asked to attend. Confirmation classes begin on **Wed., Oct. 3.**



PRE-K GOSPEL SHARING for our younger children (3-4 year olds) begins this week at the **9:30AM Mass**. We invite all God's Little Ones to join us for the *Gospel for Children*.

CATECHISTS & ASSISTANTS are needed for Grades 3, 5, 7 & 8, Tuesdays, 4:30p.m. to 5:45p.m. Do you hear the Lord calling your name? Please call Joanne at 482-6883.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults

It's not easy to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus shows us the way to live a good life and how to speak and act honorably. Through Jesus' own life, we see the courage to do the right thing. Faith makes us strong in the face of our own weakness and helps us to know that we are not alone. RCIA welcomes all who are interested in the Catholic Faith. Inquiry classes begin soon, please call Joanne at 482-6883 for further details.

THE LIVING GOSPELS BIBLE STUDY, Oct. 16, four weeks, Tuesdays, 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.

LENDING LIBRARY – Books & Videos: Please visit during 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

"Standing up for Catholic Values"

A 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN SW FLORIDA



Resurrection Parish will be joining the *40 Days of Life* prayer & fasting campaign for the end of abortion by making a pilgrimage to Sarasota on **Friday, Oct. 19**, between the hours of **11:00a.m. and 4:00p.m.** This will be a time of peaceful prayer and witness to God's love at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on Prospect Ave. at Hwy. 41. We will pray in union with persons of all faiths from 90 other cities in America, dedicating all of Respect Life Month to this holy endeavor, Sept. 26 - Nov. 4. Car pooling will be our mode of transportation. If you have any questions, call Judy Minahan, 482-0517. Sign up sheets are available at the entrances of the church.

STATEWIDE FLORIDA RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE

Witnessing the Sacredness of All Life is the theme for the Respect Life Conference, **Oct. 12 - 14**, Quorum Hotel, Tampa, sponsored by the Catholic Bishops of Florida and the State Pro-Life Coordinating Committee. **Registration deadline is Sept. 28.** For more info. contact Sabrina Burton Schultz at (727)334-1611 x325 or email sab@dosp.org. For more detailed Conference info., go to: www.home.catholicweb.com/LM-DOSP. "In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love." - Mother Teresa

SUMMER EVENINGS WITH LUKE'S GOSPEL will continue for the next three Tuesdays, 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m., Parish Center. Loretta Duquette will preside. **Themes: Sept. 25 - Jesus' Passion, Death & Resurrection.**

DIRECTIONS FOR OUR TIMES is a monthly **Lay Apostles Rosary Group**. As disciples of Jesus Christ, one of the spiritual practices that we follow is to pray the *Luminous Mysteries* of the Holy Rosary. Please join us in the Parish Center on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 8:30a.m. The next meeting will be **Sept. 25**. For more information, please call Cheryl at 482-0075.

TO TRUST AGAIN - Challenges in a second marriage are very different from those in a first marriage and **couples planning re-marriage** will benefit more from this program. The program offers a wealth of information to help prepare for a second marriage and it is being offered at San Pedro Parish, North Port, **Sept. 29**, 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. and at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish, Sarasota, **Jan. 26**. Cost: \$65 per couple. Contact Betty Karsokas (941) 484-9543 for more info.

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 please contact Catholic Charities of Lee County, 334-4007.

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
Connie Adams by Husband, Ed

In Honor of:

Mary, Our Blessed Mother
by Marian & Hank Wojtowicz

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. Date: **Sat., Oct. 13**; Time: 10:00a.m. Place: Blessed Pope John XXIII Church, 13060 Palomino Lane.

JOIN ST. CECILIA'S PARISHIONERS IN PRAYING THE ROSARY, Oct. 13, at noon, for approximately one hour

outside the church, commemorating Our Lady of Fatima's 90th Anniversary appearance in Portugal. Contact Don Jurgens, 267-2748.



BEADS FOR ROSARIES - We give rosaries to those who are considering having an abortion at the two clinics in Fort Myers. Beads are needed to continue making the rosaries and saving the lives of these innocent infants. Please bring your beads to the parish office or church entrance. Thank you and God Bless!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES *VENETIAN BALL* *February 9, 2008*

You are invited to join us and enjoy a memorable evening with our special guest, Bishop Frank J. Dewane. Please save the date for Lee County's *Annual Venetian Charity Ball* on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 at *Sanibel Harbor Resort and Spa* in Fort Myers.

All proceeds from the event will help support Catholic Charities' programs and services in Lee County. Catholic Charities serves people of all ages, faiths and backgrounds when and where they need it most.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Catholic Charities of Lee County at (239)334-4007.

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.

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

Women's Guild, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8:30a.m.

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

Coffee Klatch, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m Mass.

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. - **resumes Oct. 18**

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 & 9:00a.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

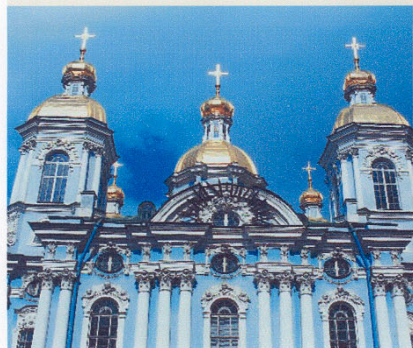
A priest is on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for the above hospitals at the above telephone numbers.

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.

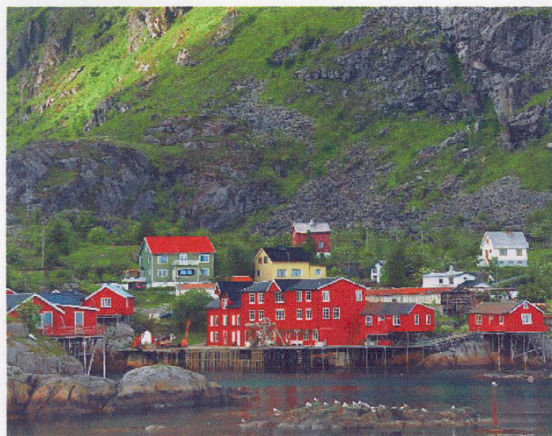
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Jul 18	Fly to Copenhagen, Denmark (<i>Overnite flight</i>)		
19	Copenhagen, Denmark		8pm
20	At Sea	-	-
21	Stolckholm, Sweeden	11am	5pm
22	Helsinki, Finland	10am	6pm
23	St. Petersburg Russia	6:30am	-
24	St. Petersburg Russia	-	6pm
25	Tallinn, Estonia	7am	1pm
26	Gdansk (Gdynia), Poland	9am	4pm
27	Berlin (Warnemunde), Germany	8am	10pm
28	Helsingor, Denmark (<i>shore excursion stop</i>)	9am	11am
29	Copenhagen, Denmark, (<i>Overnite on ship</i>)	1pm	-
30	Copenhagen, Denmark	12pm	
31	Fly to home city		



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Outside

Category AB	\$3,305
Category BA	\$2630
Category BB	\$2555
Category BC	\$2480
Category C	please request pricing
Category DD	please request pricing
Category D	please request pricing
Category EE	please request pricing
Category E	\$1720
Category F	\$1680

Inside

Category II	\$1430
Category I	\$1380
Category JJ	\$1330

Port charges, taxes and government fees \$359

Optional 2night post cruise hotel Copenhagen with transfer and taxes \$427

Ft. Myers air with transfers and taxes \$1,670

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- For reservations contact Jennifer Hardy, 800-741-1770 ext. 6407, Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm