



Where Christ's Light Shines

The Messenger

7070 Immokalee Road Naples, FL 34119

stmonicasnaples.org

Pentecost/Summer 2018

PENTECOST AT ST. MONICA'S WEEKEND OF MAY 19 AND 20 ALL ARE WELCOME

On the weekend of May 19 and 20, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Pentecost is often called the **birthday of the Church**. It celebrates the moment when the apostles and Jesus' other disciples were empowered to carry on His ministry. The Spirit came in wind and fire, and the disciples burst out of the Upper Room where they'd been waiting and began to proclaim the Good News of Jesus boldly and powerfully. This was the first group of people to "be filled" with the Spirit. Then 3000 more people were filled and baptized that day! We would not be here today without Pentecost.

THIS SUNDAY...

Come prepared for an experience of the Spirit.
Come prepared to be emboldened to proclaim the Good News.
Come prepared for joyful worship together.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMMER

Weekend Services

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:45, 9:30 a.m.

Christian Formation

Sunday: Returns with new programming in September
Thursday: 6:00 p.m. on 2nd and 4th Thursdays

Weekday Services

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. Contemplative Prayer
12:00 noon Contemplative Holy Eucharist
with Healing Prayers



From Our Rector...

What if we Fly?

In my April 15th sermon, I shared the words of Erin Hansen's poem, "There is freedom waiting for you on the breezes of the sky, and you ask, "What if I fall?" Oh but my darling, "What if you fly?"

I then, offered this reflection, "*St. Monica's, God is calling us to a new day, we can no longer ask, 'what if we fall.' We must have hope and expect miraculous new adventures, expect the unexpected, and expect Christ to burst forth on the scene with us. Our question from this day forward must be, 'what if, with God's help, we fly!'*" I hope we are all being challenged in this time of transition to ask, "What if we fly?"

The past two months of our new ministry together has been an incredibly joyful time for Terri and me, and we pray it has been so, for each of you. Terri and I have moved into our new home, and we are now ready to fully be with you all, in place, at home, and ready to do ministry together, with God's people of St. Monica's.

Over the past two months, we have experienced Holy Week and an Easter with celebration, when attendance (at our 9:30 am service) was well over 300+ people of all ages. We have celebrated the lives of two of our dear late parishioners. We have experienced together, the confirmation of five of our young men and one adult on Sunday April 22nd. We have seen some minor but impactful changes to our liturgy. We have instituted a new "Radical Welcome Program" under the leadership of Sarah Meador, and we have had over 50 new people come to St. Monica's since March 25th. We have established four annual vestry goals for the 2018 program year. We are implementing a new organizational structure that will hopefully engage more people in ministry in our parish, and will lift up and empower new ministry leaders. It has been a fast-paced, joyful, encouraging, and incredible time of new ministry at St. Monica's. Your energy, passion, commitment, and joy for ministry, and God's Spirit enlivening us all to new possibilities and new hope, has kept us all asking, "What if we fly?"

So what is next? I facilitated a retreat with the vestry on March 17th, and during that incredible meeting, we established four "specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time limited" goals for the remainder of 2018. Those goals are as follows:

Organize for Mission and Ministry

1. Implement fully the "SWEEPPS" organizational structure.

- Increase two-way communications, connectedness, common mission, and collaboration.
- Develop leadership for every ministry within the new structure.
- Increase the mission and ministry commitment of every parishioner.
- Organize every room within our physical plant by increasing efficiency, flexibility, and appeal.

2. Intentional Stewardship for Financial Health

- Build up our operating reserves to ensure mission and ministry sustainability and flexibility.
- Utilizing diocesan program resources, develop a stewardship ministry team charged to focus first on the 2018-2019 stewardship program, beginning in August 2018.
- Develop a plan for 2018-2019 and beyond, focusing on "year-round" stewardship," by developing new parishioner's stewardship participation, following up with non-participants, and collaborating with the finance committee to measure the program's effectiveness.

3. Commitment to become a "Church for All Ages"

- Re-establish a comprehensive Christian formation program for all ages (nursery-age to adulthood)
- Develop and implement a program year Christian formation program that includes multiple courses and instructors (including the Rector) for all ages.
- Call a "Youth Christian Formation Minister (Lay)" to establish curriculum, recruit and lead lay teachers/



St. Monica's Mission Statement

"To engage, equip and empower one another to live our baptismal promises."

instructors, develop and implement a Middle and High School Youth Program to include formation, local mission initiatives, participation in diocesan youth camps and programs, and mission trips.

4. Re-Planting St. Monica's Latino Ministry

- Support the work of the *Vestry Latino Task Force* to “re-plant” a Latino ministry at St. Monica's.
- Focus on community development: fellowship, bible study, and local mission.
- Focus on leadership development from within an emerging community itself.
- **FUTURE:** Begin imagining what future God has in store for a re-imagined Latino community at St. Monica's.

The work toward these goals has already begun. Currently, the vestry and I have been working on implementing a new organizational structure used by many Episcopal Churches throughout the nation. “SWEEPPS” is a non-hierarchical collaborative structure that supports better communication, increased collaboration, and improved resource management. The icon you see at the beginning of this article shows how each of these areas of ministry connect together, all to support God's mission both in our parish, and in our work loving our neighbors beyond our four walls. “SWEEPPS” focuses on relationships, connectedness and collaboration in the following areas of parish ministry: **SERVICE, WORSHIP, EDUCATION, EVANGELISM, PASTORAL CARE, PARISH LIFE, and STEWARDSHIP.** “SWEEPPS” begins with the Rector and Vestry whereas, each member of the vestry is charged with overseeing, supporting, mentoring, coaching, and providing resources for each of the different commissions.

Working with each commission chair are the existing leaders of St. Monica's, who are already leading established ministries of the parish. These leaders will continue their current work, but together we will focus on expanding ministry vocation by recruiting, training, scheduling, and supporting ministers in the following areas:

- Outreach and local mission
- Worship (chalice bearers, readers, acolytes, ushers)
- Youth and Adult Christian formation/education
- The newly forming evangelism team (radical welcome and internal/external communications)
- The newly forming Parish Life (coffee hour, Kitchen team, special events); the many ministries
- The Pastoral Care (Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Stephen Ministers, Healing Team)
- The newly forming Stewardship Team (Annual Stewardship, financial management, audit, etc.)

In the next two weeks, be on the lookout for a bulletin insert along with an update to our website, which will more fully explain “SWEEPPS,” and provide the contact information for all of our ministry team leaders. Now is the time for each of us to begin praying about how God is calling each of us to find our own ministry. Now is the time to ask, “**What if we fly?**”

So you may be asking, “What else is next?” We must begin dreaming about and planning for **GROWTH!** We need to first grow spiritually by growing in a deeper love and commitment to Our Lord Jesus Christ. Through renewed and expanding Christian formation for Youth and Adults we all will grow spiritually. **We need to grow by inviting new people to experience Christ's love at St. Monica's, by being be a lighthouse to our neighbors!** Through our new “Radical Welcome” ministry each one of us can invite, engage, and empower new people to “Find their place at St. Monica's.” **We need to grow in the Stewardship of the resources God has given each of us!** Through the work of our new Stewardship Commission Chair and his team, we will begin focusing our efforts to grow our financial reserves to empower, fund, and support the many ministries and local mission work of St. Monica's. **We need to grow missionally!** Through the work of our new **SERVICE/LOCAL MISSION** commission and the many local mission teams in place now, and through the expansion of our local mission work in our neighborhood, we will continue to serve as Christ's hands and feet in the world.

My sisters and brothers, we have just begun a new chapter in the life of our mutual ministry together. God is gifting us with momentum, joy, and expectation. With God's help, we will continue the good work already begun here. Please pray and discern about your calling at St. Monica's. Please pray and seek God's call on your life. Please pray that as we move forward we will all continue to ask, “**What if we fly?**”

Love, blessings, and peace,
Fr. Eric+



From Our Junior Warden. . .

As I prepare for our departure to New Hampshire for the summer months, I have been very busy these last two months finalizing the projects that I had on my agenda for St. Monica's for 2018. Let me summarize the list.

Gardens: As you all can see when entering the church, our gardens that we planted last Easter are flourishing. Everything is maturing and blooming and adding beauty to our worship space. The two planting pots to the sides of our entrance, which was a generous gift from the Endowment Fund, has been changing with the seasons. At Christmas we placed holly bushes in each pot and surrounded the hollies with beautiful New Guinea impatiens. Easter brought another arrangement of dipladenia and annuals. The hollies which we removed from the pots were placed in the garden with the hibiscus trees. Thank you to Jill Ducatman for helping with all the floral arrangements and to Dr. Steve Ducatman for his consultation.

I urge you all to visit our courtyard in the back of the parish hall. Through donations made by Jill and Steve Ducatman and Donna and Tom Cote' we have planted bougainvillea, crotons, blue daze, and Ti plants. Two garden pots will be placed outside our new kitchen for the purpose of growing herbs for cooking. Please take some time during coffee hour to visit the courtyard.

A special thanks goes out to Jeff Gault and Bill McCown for assisting me in putting down 50 bags of bark mulch around our campus. A savings of \$3,000.00 was realized from last year when we had our landscape company do it.

A memorial donation has been presented to the Beautification Fund by the Wilcox and Beaupre families. At their request, we have planted a magnolia tree in the front of our parish hall. More plantings will be added in the family's honor when they are selected.

Memorial Garden: We have had to replace the podocarpus bushes which surround the perimeter of the Memorial Garden due to disease. We have replaced them with colusia which are more hardy and fast growing. The podocarpus was warranted so our cost was minimal for the replacement.

I am looking for people who will act as caretakers for the Memorial Garden. Some of the responsibilities of the caretaker will be to monitor the conditions of the grass, hedges and fountain. The caretakers may also be asked to help in making arrangement with families wishing to place the ashes of their loved one in the Garden. Please talk to Linda Flores or myself if interested.

Kitchen: We have seen progress in the completion of our kitchen project. Through your generous donations to the "Blue Cup" program we were able to purchase a commercial refrigerator and freezer, an ice machine, coffee maker, toaster, microwave and a commercial gas stove. They have all been installed with the exception of the stove. At first we were going to have a propane gas tank placed into the ground. We then found out that the project happening at the corner of Immokalee Rd. and Logan Blvd. was being hooked up to a natural gas line coming from Collier Blvd. The gas company was very interested in making us part of the project and has been promising us hookup for the past 10 weeks. The initial project has met with delays, therefore delaying our hookup. The cost benefits of having natural gas vs. propane keeps us content and willing to wait.

In the meantime we have seen many benefits of having the appropriate commercial grade kitchen appliances for our use at functions. Jill Ducatman has taken over the responsibility of being the "kitchen witch" in charge of all operations. Thank you, Jill. Also thanks goes out to the Women's Group who had a Pampered Chef party at their last function. The items that you bought gave us enough points to outfit our kitchen with appropriate utensils. Nice



From Our Junior Warden cont'd. . . .

going!

Thermostats: In our attempt to decrease our energy usage and costs we have installed WiFi thermostats throughout our parish hall building. Considering all the scheduled groups who meet in the Parish Hall, the Heavenly Day Pre-school and our office hours, we are able to program the cooling and heating schedules for each day of the week.

Building Repairs: Father Eric and I have done a campus walk around to identify building improvements and to put together a priority list. Some of our immediate needs are roof repairs that accrued at the end of rainy season last year. The other necessity is the replacement of three of our entrance doors due to metal rot. These issues will be dealt with as soon as possible.

We continue to paint the exterior of our buildings - a project that will be resumed after rainy season.

Blue Cup: I want to thank all of you who have contributed to Blue Cup and urge all parishioners to support this initiative. Fill those blue cups and return them to church full of change, dollar bills or checks.. Your loose change can help defray the cost of upgrades to our Church and Parish Hall. Blue cups can be picked up at the entrance of our office.

I wish all of you a pleasant summer, and I will look forward in seeing you all in September.

Tom Coté
Junior Warden



From Our Vestry...

In the future, as the SWEEPPS program becomes fully implemented, expect to see reports on the ministries in this space. At this point, we are at the very beginning of getting organized and engaged in our assignments so reports may not yet be appropriate.

The organization of the SWEEPPS program for 2018 - 2019 is given below.



Vestry Commission Chairs

Service	Ligia Rodriguez: (2019)	lrodriguez@stmonicasnaples.org	813-546-0135
Worship	Fr. Eric Cooter	fr-eric@stmonicasnaples.org	239-272-6131
Evangelism	Jesus Prado(2020)	jprado@stmonicasnaples.org	239-250-5343
	Stuart Wisnom (2019)	swisnom@stmonicasnaples.org	
Education	Betsy Smith (2021)	esmith@stmonicasnaples.org	239-292-5763
Parish Life	Matt Devlin	mdevlin@stmonicasnaples.org	239-450-6229
	Mike Kennedy (2020)	mkennedy@stmonicasnaples.org	239-262-8466
Pastoral Care	Carol Hedman (2021)	chedman@stmonicasnaples.org	239-948-5290
Stewardship	Doug Ball (2021)	dball@stmonicasnaples.org	239-514-4299

PLANNING YEAR ROUND FOR STEWARDSHIP AT ST. MONICA'S

“The Stewardship Commission is charged with the intentional stewardship of St. Monica’s to insure our financial health, to build up the operating reserves, to insure the mission and ministry sustainability, and insure budgetary flexibility for the mission of St. Monica’s.” This is the mandate for our church, and **we are starting early this church year.**

The Commission consists of the Stewardship Ministry Team, The Endowment Committee, chaired by Steve Borchers, the Legacy of Light, the future Building Campaign, and the Financial Management Group consisting of Financial Management and the new Finance Committee, both headed by Janet Ross, the Treasurer, and the Annual Audit Team, headed by Fred Swendeman.

This commission reports to both the Rector and the Vestry, and it will coordinate with the Evangelism Commission and the Office Staff to support the annual stewardship campaign.

So far, Fr. Eric and I have been in contact with the Rev. Canon Chris Gray, Canon for Development in The Diocese of Southwest Florida, for a meeting mid May to see how the Diocese can assist in developing a year-round stewardship program by utilizing diocesan program resources.

Secondly, I will start building a Stewardship Ministry Team of parishioners who have a desire to work in strengthening the areas of time, talent and treasure. Much of this involves asking the questions—who has the aptitude for working in an aspect of stewardship; who has a little more time to help the commission, and who likes to talk about money, for the church that is.

This endeavor will follow the examples that Jesus taught in the use one’s gifts (and money) for God’s people.

Doug Ball, Chair, Stewardship Commission

EDUCATION UPDATE

There is an enthusiastic group looking at our education program for children and youth. The first meeting will occur at the same time that this newsletter is published, so stay tuned for updates on our program for the fall. Good things are going to happen!

The adult program will remain the same for the fall, with the addition of an offering on Thursday evenings. Specific information about that will be in the Sunday Messenger as it becomes available. Join us for one of the classes - your spiritual journey will be enhanced!

Betsy Smith, Education Commission

Endowment News...

ST. MONICA'S ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE AS OF APRIL 30, 2018

Your Endowment Committee thanks all new and repeat members of the Endowment Birthday Club who donated in 2018:*

Joan Blessing	Frank Dowd	Sean King
Jeri Borchers	Cindy Gault	Margaret Miano
Cooper Dearborn	Islay Hedger	Ralph Miano
Lisa Dearborn	Charles Kalwinsky	Sydney Richards

Your contributions to the Birthday Club have helped to increase St. Monica's Endowment Fund to \$57,134 as of March 31, 2018. We hope you will consider becoming part of this most generous group. *If you contributed to the Birthday Club during the first four months of this year and your name is not listed, please let me know so the Committee can make sure you are recognized for your gift. My email is s.borchers@aol.com.

Friends of St. Monica's Endowment Fund

The following individuals have contributed to the Fund in 2018 outside of the Birthday Club.

Jack Baumgartner III Islay Hedger

St. Monica's Legacy Society Members (those who have included St. Monica's in their estate plans or donated \$5,000 or more to the Endowment Fund) include:

Jeri & Steve Borchers	Susan & Tom Gibson	Tammi Raye Pittaro
Dr. Ron Doiron	Marjorie Keenoy	Hal & Kathy Schillreff
Jill & Steve Ducatman	Barbara Metcalfe	Bill & Betsy Smith
William A. & Ann James Frazer	Margaret & Ralph Miano	Helen M. Strong
Betty Gamel		Fred & Lynn Swendeman

Please consider a Legacy Planned Gift to our Endowment Fund in 2018. Leaving a planned gift to St. Monica's will help assure that our mission continues and reminds the next generation of our enduring faith. For more information on Planned Giving, please see St. Monica's website under Giving Ministry/Endowment Fund or contact any member of the Endowment Committee listed below.

Steve Borchers - Chairman s.borchers@aol.com
Tom Gibson - tohdov3@gmail.com

Bob Des Jardin - djbigtop@comcast.net
Bill Richards - bill.richards@fastradios.com

Fred Swendeman - fswend@aol.com



Liturgically Speaking...

A GUIDE TO PENTECOST AND THE REST OF THE SUMMER

Pentecost -- May 19 and 20

This is the last day of the Easter Season! It is a major feast day of the Church - the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' followers. It is often called the birthday of the church. It is because those early disciples burst out of that upper room that we are here today. They told the story and that story has been retold for 2000+ years. Now we are living and telling the story.

Join us at church. Wear **RED**.

Trinity Sunday - May 26 and 27

The Sunday after Pentecost is called **Trinity Sunday**. It is the day we commemorate the mystery of the Trinity - God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We know God as creator and Father of all. We know God, Son, through whom all things were made. We know God as the Holy Spirit, the comforter and advocate, guiding, prodding, leading, correcting. Thanks be to God!

The color for Trinity Sunday is white. We will begin using a different Eucharistic prayer, and the confession will return as a part of each service.

Ordinary Time - starts in June and ends when Advent starts

The **Season after Pentecost** is also called ordinary time. Its color is green - think growth. We will be back in the gospel of Mark. Our Old Testament lessons will primarily come from the prophets and Wisdom literature. Our New Testament lessons will come from the letters to the Ephesians James and Romans.



From Our Music Director...

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

As we finish our 2017-2018 season, I want to thank all who have been involved in our Music Ministry Program for sharing their talents with our Parish. This has been another wonderful year for me at St. Monica's and a source of continual blessing in my life! The uplifting music offered by our choirs and singing congregation inspire me every week. A special Thank You to all our parishioners for their support of our Music Ministry program!

Please consider joining us during the summer months for "Summer Choir" (dates to be announced) or joining us this next fall for another great season of Music Ministry. Weekly rehearsals begin again on Wednesday, September 5 - 5:45 p.m. for handbells and 7:00 p.m. for choir. Remember: **All are invited to participate! Seasonal singers are always welcome.** All you need is a willingness to rehearse and participate as we experience incredible joy serving the liturgy and our parish through our shared music ministry. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact me any time at the church office. Have a blest summer!

Dr. Ronald Doiron
Director of Music Ministries
drdoiron@aol.com
rdoiron@stmonicasnaples.org

MUSIC MINISTRY APPRECIATION

At this time, we once again recognize all those who make St. Monica's Music Ministry possible. We thank all our singers, ringers, and instrumentalists who dedicate time and talent to lead us, inspire us, and enhance our worship experience each week. We also thank our *Friends of Music* who assist us with financial support each year, thus allowing us to include instrumental accompaniment to our festival services and offer special concert programs to the parish and greater north Naples community. We thank you, St. Monica's Music Ministry and *Friends of Music*, you are a blessing to our parish and our community!

St. Monica's Music Ministry

Dr. Ronald E. Doiron, Director of Music Ministries - Organist/Choirmaster
Sue Lemons - Minister of Music Library and Vestments
Jill Ducatman - Minister of Choir Logistics
Wally Hedman - Minister of Sound System

St. Monica's Choir

Sue Baker	Frank Knuettel*
Braden Brown+	Daniel Koryck
Frances Bussing+	Joan Lazarus
Marilynn Dessauer	Sue Lemons
Jill Ducatman	Margaret Miano*
Sam Eash+	Ralph Miano*
Muriel Fishman	Herb Newman
Linda Flores	Janet Ortenzo+
Constance Gaynor	Joan Poulter*
Michael Gaynor	Richard Rumpf*
Carol Hedman	Jacque Sakraida
Wally Hedman	Priscilla Sandler
Craig Hooker	Bill Shafer
Raub Johnson	Frank Shrewsbury
Neil Kelly	David West

+ Denotes section leader

* Denotes seasonal singer

St. Monica's Handbell Choir

Sue Baker	Fran Marta
Suzanne Bodley	Sarah Meador
Marge Gower	Susan McFarland
Ann Hoffman	Janet Ortenzo
Donna Hunter	Betsy Smith
Joan Lazarus	Jenny Wise
Sue Lemons	Stuart Wisnom

St. Monica's Instrumentalists

Gabriel Chalick, Trumpet
Sarah Meador, Flute
Stuart Wisnom, Bass



More From Our Music Director...

ST. MONICA'S 2017 - 2018 FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Support
Joy Patrick
Priscilla Sandler

Benefactor Underwriters

Phil and Sue Baker
Marilynn Dessauer
Dr. Ronald Doiron
Stephen and Jill Ducatman
Tom and Susan Gibson
Wally and Carol Hedman
Sandra Kilmon
Raymond and Sharon LaPierre
Jim and Sue Lemons
Susan McFarland and Steven Stafford

Benefactors

Doug Ball and Frank Dowd
The Rev. Michael and Jill Basden
Bob and Carol Boyden
Robert DesJardin
Matt Devlin and Betty Gamel
Hugh and Marge Gower
Neil and Janet Kelly
Frank and Marie Knuettel
Kenneth and Fran Marta
Gwendolyn McLaughlin
Barbara Metcalfe
Fred and Joan Poulter
Bill Shafer
Bill and Betsy Smith
Fred and Lynn Swendeman
Ralph and Ruthann Turley

Angels

Steve and Debbie Corey
Bill and Susan Docimo
The Rev. Hipolito and Lilian Fernandez
Ann Hoffman
Don McCleary and Mike O'Connell
Chuck and Charla McHenry
Ralph and Margret Miano
James and Joann Sarconi
Ann Tabrizchi
Mary Wisnom

ANNOUNCING OUR 2018 - 2019 *FRIENDS OF MUSIC* PROGRAM! JOIN ST. MONICA'S *FRIENDS OF MUSIC* TODAY!

About *Friends of Music*...

Designed as an outreach to the parish and the greater Naples community, our *Friends of Music* provide a means of supporting new choral and instrumental music programs presented in *St. Monica's Concert Series* and for enhancing special Sunday and holiday services with guest soloists and instrumentalists. In addition to memorial donations to the music fund, offerings received at future concerts, and the continued support of St. Monica's parishioners, our *Friends of Music* program is supported by specific tax-deductible donations throughout the year.

How to join *Friends of Music*...

We always appreciate your support for our special programs through your attendance and any contributions in memory or in honor of loved ones to our Music Fund. However, we hope that you will also consider supporting plans for our 2018-2019 Concert Series by becoming a St. Monica's *Friend of Music*! **Your tax-deductible donation for 2018-2019 begins July 1, 2017, and includes the following benefits:**

\$50-\$99- *Friend of Music Support*

- Preferred seating and listing of your name in all special concert and worship programs.
- Although gladly accepted, there is no sense of obligation to make additional contributions when attending special concert programs.

\$100-\$199 - *Friend of Music Angel*

- In addition to the benefits above, with your approval, your name will be listed as a *Friend of Music Angel* in all concert series programs and you will be recognized publicly in the *Messenger* at the end of the season.

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- Invitation to purchase tickets to attend a private champagne reception at the end of the season (details to be announced).

\$200 or more - *Friend of Music Benefactor*

- In addition to the benefits above, you and a spouse or guest are welcome to attend a private champagne reception in April, 2019, without charge (details to be announced).

\$500 or more - *Friend of Music Benefactor Underwriter*

- In addition to the benefits above, you and your spouse or guest will be invited to attend a special dinner (details to be announced).

If you are ready now to join us as a 2018-2019 *Friend of Music*, please mail your tax deductible donation to:

St. Monica's Friends of Music
7070 Immokalee Road
Naples, Florida 34119

OR

You may contact the office and charge your donation to a credit card if you wish.

Your questions or suggestions are greatly appreciated - please contact Dr. Doiron at the church office. We look forward having you join us this year!

2018-2019 ST. MONICA'S *FRIENDS OF MUSIC* CONCERT SERIES

Our 2018-2019 Concert Series will include:

Advent Concert: *A Service of Lessons and Carols*

Performances by our Choir and Soloists

A Unique Concert by *Flute Cocktail*

A Farewell Performance by the Junior and Senior

High School students in *The Stewart*

Advanced String Ensemble prior to their European Tour

Dates and Times To Be Announced Soon!



This and That ...

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)

Education for Ministry (EfM) has been part of the culture of St. Monica's for more than 17 years. A very good question is why. Why has this group continued without a break for so long? Who decides to take this 4-year program? Why are they attracted to it? What keeps them coming? After all, there is homework. Yes - homework, but no tests!!!!

EfM is much more than an educational opportunity. Besides reading and learning about the Bible, the history of the Christian Church, and some modern-day theologians, the class offers the chance to be part of a group of fellow travelers who are all looking to progress on their faith journeys. EfM offers a *safe* place to ask questions, express doubts, and marvel at wonders. It is a place where you become very aware that God is everywhere in your day-to-day life.

Everyone is welcome to join EfM. We have had members as young as 17 and as old as 80-something! If making a 4-year commitment seems too daunting, think of it as a 1-year commitment which you can make 4 times if you wish. There is a cost, but don't let that dissuade you. Contact Father Eric or Betsy Smith to find out about scholarships which are available. As Pat Kearns said in a recent class - "It is never too late!" If you would like to know more, talk to someone who has taken it or to Betsy Smith, Doug Ball, or Father Eric. Consider joining us in the fall.

Betsy Smith

ELECTIONS UPDATE

Precinct 303 Polling Place—Our Parish Hall!

Two election days are approaching on August 28th and November 6th. We have a very experienced crew of election workers, all of whom donate their paychecks to St. Monica's. We are also paid for the use of the parish hall. This is a significant fundraiser.

Our workers are: Jill Ducatman, Clerk; Jeri Borchers, EVID Specialist; Don Fugge, Deputy; Marge Gower, Inspector; Ginger Shepherd, Ballot Specialist; Ruthann Turley, Inspector; Jim Lemons, Inspector; Suzanne Lemons, Inspector; Colleen Rossomando, Inspector;

Steve Borchers, Inspector; Kathy Crevier, Inspector; Linda Duffy, Inspector. If you happen to see these volunteers on campus, please stop to thank them.

The training for election workers is very effective. New volunteer workers are always welcomed and training is available now. If you want to experience democracy in action, if you want to see how well our county elections run, or if you are curious about how protected our votes are, volunteer to work these two elections. Call Jill Ducatman at 239-293-0256 for more information about the job requirements or upcoming training sessions.

Please contact Jill Ducatman, the Clerk for 303, at jsducatman@mac.com or 239-293-0256 with your questions and we'll get you signed up for your training.

Jill Ducatman

RADICAL WELCOMING

Each of us at St. Monica's is using our God-given gifts of love and fellowship to further our mission: *Bring all people into unity with God and each other in Christ.* As a result of that love, St. Monica's is seeing real impact from our actions to welcome new visitors to St. Monica's. The Spirit is truly moving through our ministry as we do his will to "make disciples of all nations."

It is wonderful to witness the ambassadorship that is making each visitor feel welcome when they enter our sanctuary. The Radical Welcoming team will continue to grow with your help and ideas. With a program rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ, we will surely shape a culture of effective newcomer ministry! One simple action will ensure we are always on course: see Christ in each newcomer and let them see Christ in you!

Sarah Meador



This and That...

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Graduates:

Jeanette Asbed proudly announces the graduation of her two grandsons: Kevin Coakley from Harvard College, and Reilly Keating from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Pat Kearns proudly announces the graduation of her grandson, David John Ruppert, from Kent Island High School in Maryland. He will be attending Towson University.

Stacey and Scott McCurdy proudly announce the graduation of their daughter, Molly, from Florida State University. She will be attending dental school at University of North Carolina.

Chuck & Charla McHenry proudly announce the graduation of their daughter, Emma, from Gulf Coast High School. She will be attending the United States Air Force Academy.

Carole and Ashan Nabbie proudly announce the graduation of their daughters, Caroline and Emma, from Gulf Coast High School. Caroline will be attending the University of South Florida, and Emma will be attending the University of Florida.

Barbara and Jerry Reiss proudly announce the graduation of their grandson, Daniel Reiss, from the Community School of Naples. He will be attending the University of Denver.

Lynn and Fred Swendeman proudly announce the graduation of their granddaughter, Paige Honecker, from Gulf Coast High School. She will be attending Lorenzo Walker.

Lori and Paul Votapek proudly announce the graduation of their son, Stephen, from Gulf Coast High School, and their daughter, Marissa, from Florida State University. Stephen will be attending Berry College, and Marissa will be attending Indiana University for a Master's Degree in violin performance.

Victoria Welch has completed a graduate program in Construction Management.

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The 75+ Lunch Bunch is expanding to include anyone who is available to come to lunch on the first Wednesday of each month. We'll call it St. Monica's Lunch Club until someone comes up with a snappier name. Father Eric will join us, as well as some of St. Monica's leadership team. The next Lunch Club will be on Wednesday, June 6, from 12:30 - 2 pm. Come early for the Wednesday noon Eucharist in the Chapel and then lunch, or at 12:30 just for lunch. An offering of \$5-\$10 covers the cost of the food, and includes lunch, dessert and beverages.

Anyone interested in helping out in the (newly equipped) kitchen to make the lunch can call Jill Ducatman at 239-293-0256. The clean up crew gets to take home leftovers!



OTHER ENDOWMENT FUND NEWS

St. Monica's Legacy Society Annual Recognition Event
Fourteen members of St. Monica's attended the annual St. Monica's Legacy Society Event with lunch and a private tour of the Naples Botanical Garden. Legacy Society members are honored and thanked each Spring with a unique recognition event. This year's event got rave reviews and was enjoyed by all who attended. For more information about how to become a member of the Legacy Society before next year's event, contact any member of the Endowment Committee.

Steve Borchers



Life at St. Monica's...



Easter Vigil



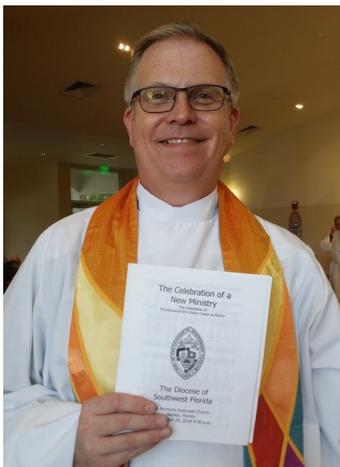
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Services

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:45, 9:30 a.m.

Christian Formation

Sunday: on hiatus for the summer, will restart
in September
Thursday: at 7 p.m.

Weekday Services

Wednesday:
11:00 a.m. Contemplative Prayer
12:00 noon Contemplative Holy
Eucharist with Healing Prayers



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PASTORAL CARE AND EMERGENCIES

In the case of any pastoral need or emergency,
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon