

Scott's Corner

It is very rare that the first few days of fall in Naples are accompanied by cooler than normal temperatures. Due to a very strong area of low pressure off of the mid-Atlantic coast and **not** an early cold front, we recognized near record low temperatures and very comfortable high temperatures this past week. Although this is a taste of things to come, we normally do not see this kind of change until mid to late October. I hope everyone enjoyed this brief respite as we are now back to the heat and humidity for the new few weeks.

Bill Wright and I will be speaking at all of the Masses this weekend discussing the "State of St. John the Evangelist." Included in this bulletin are several pie charts and financial information for you to use for the purpose of our speech. We hope that you will find our presentation very informative.

This past Monday evening, a thunderstorm formed and literally "hovered" over St. John the Evangelist for several hours dropping copious amounts of rainfall in an incredibly short period of time. Why am I telling you this I am sure you are asking? I entered the sanctuary early Tuesday morning expecting to find standing water in front of the altar. Much to my surprise, there was not one drop off of water. As it turns out, although the skylight had a couple of small cracks that were repaired, the true culprit was the junction box that is responsible for the two up-lights that illuminate the cross on the highest portion of the roof. The gentleman that was working on repairing the lights last week explained that the water would fill the junction box, finding its way into the conduit and ultimately would enter the church ceiling. The water would then run down the track lighting and drop to the floor at the end of the track. So as it turns out, we now have two functional lights illuminating our beautiful cross as well as a water tight roof.

Tropical Storm Fay, Gustav, Hannah and Ike recently left a path of destruction in Haiti. Friends of the Orphans outreach programs serve over 30,000 Haitian children and adults each year. The pediatric hospital is free and also provides emergency and disaster relief. On Saturday, October 18th at 9:00 am in the Naples High School cafeteria, Friends of the Orphans with the Rotary Club of Naples will sponsor the project "Kids against Hunger." Friends of the Orphans is looking for approximately 285 volunteers to put together 80,000 meals of soy protein, dried vegetables, chicken flavoring and rice. The supplies for this project will cost \$10,000.00. They are looking for workers as well donations for this project. Your contribution may be made payable to the Rotary Club of Naples, Charitable Foundation Naples. Make sure you designate the funds for "Food for Haiti." You may bring your donation the day you volunteer or you may mail it to Mary Lou Hundt, 1816 Pondsides Lane, Naples, FL 34109. If you would like further information, please contact Mary Lou Hundt at 513-1340.

Parishioner spotlight – text provided by Jayne Potter

One might change the cliché "busy as a bee" to "busy as Dee" and many would recognize Dolores Donnelly McGrath. Dee came to Naples and St. John the Evangelist in 1994 after retiring from a successful teaching career in New Jersey. Just as her days were filled in her home state with teaching, music, theater and directing Girl Scout camp in the summers, so too are her days here in Naples.

Coming from a family of funeral directors, Dee chose to work with the Bereavement services, coordinating funeral receptions, grief support sessions (with Pam Giles) and the annual candlelight "Night of Remembrance" for loved members of St. John the Evangelist who passed away during that year. She is also a faithful Arimathean.

Dee was one of the first female Cross bearers and adult Altar Servers. She is a Eucharistic Minister including visits to the North Collier Hospital. She serves in Prison Ministry for the Diocese of Venice at Collier County Jail.

On St. John Council of Catholic Women, See served two terms as President, on several Commissions and as a valued advisor. She and her husband Bill (who she married seven years ago at St. John the Evangelist) prepare a monthly newsletter for the CCW called The Chronicle. For the Southern Deanery Council of Catholic Women, she has served as Director and in officer positions and commissions. Currently for the Diocese of Venice Council of Catholic Women, she serves as a board member and Family Commissioner.

She served as teacher's aid at her grandchildren's school and she and Bill attend the Friday night football games.

Her interests here at St. John the Evangelist are the centering prayer and bible study groups. She is a staunch member of the Faith/Justice committee.

On the second weekend of each month, Dee with her compassion for the poor sells "Fair Trade Coffee" after each Mass. Stop and buy a pound and thank her for her devotion to the Lord and St. John the Evangelist.

In His work together,

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