



# The Mustard Seed

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Office of the Bishop

Bishop Frank J. Dewane announces the following clergy appointments:

**Reverend Edward Gibbons** appointed Parochial Vicar of Incarnation Parish, Sarasota, effective February 15, 2007.

**Reverend Thomas A. Heck** appointed Administrator of Saint Finbarr Mission, Naples, effective March 1, 2007, at the same time relieved of his appointment as Parochial Vicar of St. Andrew Parish, Cape Coral.

**Reverend Philip Joly** appointed Parochial Vicar of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Bradenton, effective March 1, 2007, at the same time relieved of his appointment as Parochial Vicar of San Antonio Parish, Port Charlotte.

**Reverend Dominik Szabajkowicz** appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Andrew Parish, Cape Coral, effective March 1, 2007, at the same time relieved of his appointment as Parochial Vicar of Incarnation Parish, Sarasota.

**Reverend Piotr Zugaj** appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Bradenton, effective March 1, 2007, at the same time relieved of his appointment as Parochial Vicar of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Sarasota.

**Reverend Nicholas Mcloughlin** appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Avon Park, Florida, effective March 8, 2007, at the same time relieved of his assignment to Graduate Studies.

**Reverend John Patrick Boyhan, M.S.A.**, appointed Parochial Vicar, Protempore, of Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, Fort Myers, Florida, effective March 1, 2007, at the same time relieved of his assistance to San Marco Parish, Marco Island, Florida.

### **Retirement:**

**Reverend Gerald P. Grogan** retired as Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Avon Park, Florida, effective March 8, 2007.

**Holy Week:** Please find a letter to the priests pertaining to Holy Week enclosed in the mailed version.

**Conference for clergy** – “Cybersex and the Christian Community,” presented by the St. John Vianney Center and speakers Dr. David Delmonico and Elizabeth Griffin, M.A., will be Friday, April 27, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Hotel, Tampa.

The conference, open to all clergy and church leaders, will provide an understanding of cybersex; its various venues; the power and influence the internet has over cybersex users; the “Cybersex Model” and how it can be applied to assessment, evaluation and treatment; and the unique problems of the Christian community and their use of the internet.

For information, contact Karen Wood at 610-269-2600 or [kwood@sjvcenter.org](mailto:kwood@sjvcenter.org).

### Department of Education

**To all parish priests:** The Diocesan Education Department would like to invite you and your associate(s) to come, as our guest, to the annual diocesan **Education Conference on Friday, March 23, 7:45-3:15 p.m. at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers.** The day will begin with a continental breakfast. Rev. Ronald Nuzzi, Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, ACE Leadership Program, will be the keynote presenter. You can meet more than 30 exhibitors, both religious and secular, participate in breakout sessions, enjoy lunch and perhaps win a raffle prize. Please call Betty Halpern, 941-484-9543 x3038, at the Diocesan Education Department to place your reservation.



### Internal Financial Services Department

**Non-Profit Credit for Federal Telephone Excise Tax Paid refund** – The IRS form 990T is now available on their Web site. You will file form 8913 with 990T. You will be using line 44f on form 990T for this purpose. The IRS has provided an example on its Web site as to ‘how to calculate,’ the alternative method of applying for the refund. Alternatively, you may add up all of the 41 months of telephone billings’ actual excise tax paid on long-distance service. There is a cap of 2% of total telephone expenses for the period after Feb. 28, 2003 and before Aug. 1, 2006. (If your phone service has already provided a refund for this period, no further refund is due). If you need help with this refund or do not have access to the internet, please contact Eydie D’Arcangelo or Ellen Prince at the diocese, 941-484-9543. If you do not have access to the internet, please note, the new Policies & Procedures manual is available. Alternatively, copies can be obtained by copying the pastor’s copy recently sent.

### Respect Life Department

The April 2007 edition of the **Word of Life** series provided by the USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities is available on the Internet at: <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/WOLApril2007Eng.pdf>. WOL features *Intercessions for Life* and *Bulletin Briefs*. The Spanish version is at: <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/WOLApril2007SP.pdf>.



### Office of Stewardship and Development

Stewardship and Development Office, Mary Campo, Director, 941-441-1117

Our CFA is off to a great start. Second mailings to those parishioners who have not yet given to the CFA will be sent before Easter. Remember to keep your approach to the appeal positive and uplifting.

“**The Broadcast Team**” is a company that arranges automated calls to your parishioner base with a pre-recorded message. This can be used for fundraising, such as, “*Hi, this is Father Joe calling to remind you we are still working to reach our goal for the CFA. If you have already made your gift, thank you! If not, I hope you will send your pledge card today!*,” or for reminders of other events such as a parish picnic, pancake breakfast, etc. They charge a set-up fee of \$125, and 11 cents per **delivered** message. To hear a demo call: 800-850-7656.

**Increased offertory program** – The diocesan agreement to cover half the cost of an increased offertory program is still available. You could increase your weekly offertory by as much as 15-30%. Please call Mary Campo for more information.

**Interested in promoting stewardship** to a greater degree in your parish? Mary Campo is available to work with parish committees to help with resources and planning.



### Worship and Ministries Department

**Chrism Mass** – The annual Holy Chrism Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane **Tuesday, April 3, at 10:30 a.m.**, at Epiphany Cathedral, Venice. During the Mass, the bishop will bless the oils of the holy chrism which are used for liturgical celebrations including the sacraments of holy orders, anointing the sick, and confirmation. All priests attending will recommit themselves to the promises they made at ordination and Bishop Dewane will honor those priests and deacons who are celebrating their 25th or 50th anniversary of ordination during 2007.

## Liturgical Reminders:

**Holy Oils:** After you receive your new oil from the Chrism Mass, be sure to dispose of the old oil by burning or burying it. Do not mix it with the new oil.

**Penance Services:** At your Penance Services, remember that each person, after their individual confessions, must be given individual penances and individual absolution as you read in the Bishop's questions and answers sheet and in the reconciliation booklet you received last year.

**Water in Chalices:** Be sure to place water in each chalice at Mass. If you still use a carafe that is brought up at the Preparation of the Gifts, be sure to add water to them before placing the wine into the individual chalices. If they are prepared before the Mass, add water to each chalice before Mass. The priest's chalice is prepared at the altar during the Preparation of the Gifts as usual.



## Catholic Charities

**Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc.** asks that parishes with their own Web site create a link to the Catholic Charities Web site. Catholic Charities served more than 40,000 people in 2006 in the Diocese of Venice and wants to make every opportunity available to all people in our communities of Southwest Florida to be aware of the assistance provided at their various agencies. The Web address for Catholic Charities is: [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org). For more information, please contact Judy Bokorney at 941-921-2829 or [judyb@catholiccharitiesdov.org](mailto:judyb@catholiccharitiesdov.org).



## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please publish the following in your parish bulletins:*

### **Respect Life Department**

Struggling after abortion? **Project Rachel**, a confidential healing ministry for women and men who have been touched by abortion, can help. Call Project Rachel in Florida toll-free at 877-908-1212 or e-mail [project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org).

**Did You Know?** In their statement *A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death*, the U.S. Catholic bishops write: "When the state, in our names and with our taxes, ends a human life despite having non-lethal alternatives, it suggests that society can overcome violence with violence." The entire statement may be found online at: <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/national/penaltyofdeath.pdf>. For further information, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 1-941-484-9543.

### **NORTHERN DEANERY**

The monthly **Gabriel Project Hour of Prayer for Life** will be Wednesday, April 4, 3-4 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Siesta Key/Sarasota. Eucharistic adoration will be followed by benediction and will be observed every first Wednesday of the month. Everyone is invited to pray for the development of Gabriel Project, a one-on-one mentoring program for women in stressful pregnancies. For information, call the Sarasota Gabriel helpline, 941-735-5758.

**SUNCOAST PEOPLE ON THE GO (SpotGO)**, a group for Persons with Physical Disabilities between the ages of 21-40, has been formed in collaboration with the Diocese of Venice. The organization combines social, spiritual, sharing and support in a way that meets the needs of the members. Those interested should call Laurel or Barb at 941-727-4327 for additional information.

### **SOUTHERN DEANERY**

**Now is the time to learn what you need to know about making moral medical decisions. "Decisions for Living"** will be presented by Mary Stegman, M.D. Dr. Stegman is the medical director of HOPE Hospice of Southwest Florida, Inc., Fort Myers, and the End of Life Issues chairman for the Diocese of Venice Respect Life Department. With wisdom and wit, Dr. Stegman will cover such topics as pain management, nutrition and hydration, living wills, health care surrogates, physician-assisted suicide, individual and family concerns. Bring your questions. You will also have an opportunity to complete your Advance Directives. **Wednesday, March 21, 9:15 a.m.** in the San Marco Parish Center, 851 San Marco Road, Marco Island. For more information, call Mary Ann Hansen, 239-394-2864.



### Worship and Ministries Department

**Feast of St. Joseph - *La Festa di San Giuseppe*** – The seventh annual Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated **Monday, March 19, at 12:30 p.m.**, at Epiphany Cathedral, Venice. There will be the traditional blessing of the bread which will be distributed to the congregation at the end of Mass. Everyone is invited to attend this celebration honoring the foster father of Jesus and patron of the Universal Church.

**The Separated and Divorced Ministry** will be holding a workshop, “*A Day of Healing: Beyond Divorce,*” at Epiphany Cathedral Parish, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on March 24. Marianne Skrobiak, M.S., M.A., LPC, a well-known author, retreat director, inspirational speaker and spiritual mentor will be the presenter. Come and find spiritual nourishment, identify excess baggage, name your losses, reconnect with God, self and others – get rebalanced and recharged. The cost for the program is \$25 per person and will include continental breakfast and lunch. For information and/or reservations please call Louise or Betty K in the Family Life Office 941-484-9543.

### Catholic Charities

**The Diocesan Amateur Radio Network (DARN)** is looking for **volunteer licensed radio operators** to assist Catholic Charities in the aftermath of a disaster. The network needs UHF/VHF radio operators to man any of the five Catholic Charities radio base stations and/or operate from a home-based radio station. Catholic Charities also is seeking radio operators with UHF/VHF equipped personal vehicles to serve mobile needs. Anyone interested in volunteering for the radio network can contact Bob Sullenberger at 941-497-5422 via phone or by email at [bob.sullenberger@verizon.net](mailto:bob.sullenberger@verizon.net).



### Out and About the Diocese

**Bishop's Eucharist Series scheduled for broadcast on Relevant Radio** – Relevant Radio and the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate have produced a national radio series on the Holy Eucharist with eight participating bishops. This series will be aired on Relevant Radio (1410 AM Venice and 1660 AM Naples) each weekend during Lent of 2007 at 9-10 a.m. (CST).

**Meet our new bishop, Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, on Relevant Radio** with host, Patty Gedra. Tune in to 1410 AM (Venice-Fort Myers) or 1660 AM (Naples-Marco Island) to learn about our new bishop. Providing questions from all ages from around our diocese. You won't want to miss it! The three-part show will air Fridays at 10 a.m. with rebroadcasts on Saturdays at 1 p.m. The schedule is as follows: Part 1, March 23 and 24, Part 2, March 30 and 31, and Part 3, April 6 and 7. For the latest events in our area, visit [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com) and go to local stations, then 1410 AM or 1660AM Southwest Florida and then the community calendar.

**“Music for Everyone” 2006-2007 Concert Series** – St. Thomas More Parish, Sarasota, is hosting a concert series featuring a variety of performances. For tickets, call 941-923-1691. No tickets will be sold at the door. La Musica International Chamber Music Festival: Outstanding musicians from Europe and the Americas will present five concerts to illustrate the theme, “*Bridges across the Atlantic: The Sarasota Connection.*” A highlight will be the celebration of Stravinsky's 125<sup>th</sup> birthday. Performances April 10, 13, 16, 20, and 22, at 8 p.m.



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