

Scott's Corner

I mentioned several weeks ago that my wife and I noticed a car carrier unloading what looked to be the vehicles of seasonal residents outside of the Meditterra community. Since that time, I have seen many more car carriers which solidifies my belief that our seasonal residents are indeed returning to "paradise." I have written more than once about the three exoduses which take place in the spring as our winter residents begin to leave town. As our seasonal parishioners now begin to trickle back into town, let us welcome them with open arms. These first few weeks of September could be termed the first "arrival" of our departed seasonal parishioners. Although many part timers will spend as many as six months or more in "paradise", many more will only reside here in the months of January through March. Whatever the length of your stay, please understand that we are thrilled to have you join us in celebrating Mass at St. John the Evangelist. For those that are just arriving, we sincerely hope that you appreciate the improvements that we are making in the church.

The new church carpet has arrived from the mill on time and it looks as though we have a decent shot at getting all of the work done in the sanctuary before the end of September. As a reminder, the church will soon be in a state of disarray with all of the improvements. Please accept our apologies.

A parishioner called me last week and suggested that I make the following proposal in order to help our brothers and sisters that are struggling to get by in this miserable economy. While you are out shopping for groceries at any of our local supermarkets, pick up a circular (generally located immediately inside the supermarket front doors) and locate the "buy one get one free" offers. Rather than using both items for yourself, bring the one you received free to the parish to be used by the St. Vincent De Paul Society in their food pantry. Although it may be difficult to believe, many of our neighbors are currently having difficulty keeping food on the table. If you are able, please take the extra time to bargain shop in the understanding that your time will help others in need.

As promised, please see the flyer in this week's bulletin for the final Glackin Classic Golf Tournament to be held on October 26th at Collier's Reserve.

Paul Todd Charities will host an Elegant Holiday Season Soiree' in the Ballroom of the Club at the Strand on November 2nd at 5:00 P.M. Your \$150 per person admission price includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a scrumptious dinner prepared by the Strand's Master Chef; wine service included with dinner and entertainment featuring the unique musical talent of Paul Todd. Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida and Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Southwest Florida will receive grants from the evening's proceeds. Tickets will be available outside of Mass beginning this weekend.

I am currently \$800 short of my goal for the 2008 New York City Marathon. Please see the text box below.

I am running in the 2008 New York City Marathon on November 2nd with my wife (Shelley) and was able to gain entry only by running for a charity. I have chosen to run for "Team for Kids." Below is a brief overview of what this organization does for children. Obviously childhood obesity has been in the news frequently as it is becoming a **nationwide** & worldwide epidemic.

Team for Kids members support acclaimed youth running programs that improve health, combat obesity and enhance personal development of children from low-income communities. Since 2002, Team for Kids members have raised more than \$8 million to fund NYRR Foundation programs now uplifting almost 50,000 children a week in more than 200 schools and community centers. Programs are transforming kid's lives in New York City and throughout the United States as well as the Cape Town region of South Africa.

If you are willing, I would ask that you make a donation towards my goal of \$2,500. If you would like to help my charity of choice, please login to the secure link below. My runner number is **227209** and I am running the full marathon. You may also write a check payable to the **New York Road Runners Foundation** and drop it in the collection basket or bring it by the parish office. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

<https://www.nyrrc.org/cgi-bin/start.cgi/mar-programs/nyrrf/team/2008/donations.htm>

In His work together,

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