



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN

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This Sunday we will celebrate the 111th Annual Dinner-Dance of our parish, and we will honor three wonderful Catholics and friends of Mt. Carmel.

Mike Piazza: Most people know Mike as a Hall of Fame baseball player who led the Mets for many years and is one of the all-time best catchers / hitters in the major leagues. But that's not why we are honoring him as a parish. I'm blessed to call Mike a friend and we honor him for being a dedicated Catholic who loves God above all things, loves his Church, and is doing his best to live his life according to God's plan. He and his wife and children are dedicating their time, energy, and resources to make our culture more Christian and more human. Mike also loves his Italian heritage. In fact, he recently purchased and is managing a soccer team in Reggio Emilia, Italy, not far from his family's roots, there in southern Italy. We are honored that Mike would accept this invitation and travel from Florida to be with us this weekend.

Richard and Barbara Naclerio: Most people know Richard and Barbara as business leaders and philanthropists. I'm blessed to call them friends and to have witnessed how they put their faith in action every day. I am especially grateful to them for the way they guided and supported us in the renovation of the church. Richard has worked in construction most of his life and he helped me hold our contractors' feet to the fire in order to keep the quality high and the cost low. They deserve this honor because they too are an example to all of us of people who make God's priorities their own.

**God Bless,
Father Jonathan**

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