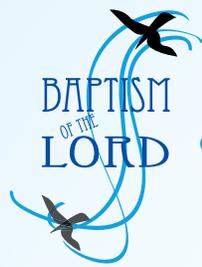


January 12, 2014
The Baptism of the Lord

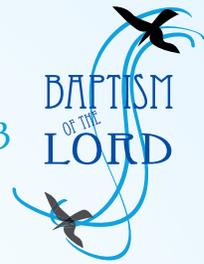


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Saint John Celebrates 37 Newly Baptized



The Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist,
along with our Clergy and Baptism Team,
celebrate with our newest baptized members from 2013
on this special Feast Day of The Baptism of the Lord.
God Bless you all and welcome to our parish family!



Landon William Ansley
Shania Abigail Bien-Aime
Collier Bowen
Angela Naomi Bravery
Dalton Patrick Bresnahan
Myles Andrew Bringardner
Gabriel William Carkhuff
Beau Santiago B. Castillo
Logan James Daniels
Karys Zen Falany
Donna Faulconer
Brianna Forbes
Boston Christian Galt
Benjamin Charles Geraghty

Randy Dwayne Harrison II
Thomas Hecker
Bob Hill
Isabella Holmes
Sophie Thuy Khuc
Landon Matthew Knott
John Aiden Kozowyk
Nicholas Alexander Kozowyk
Gabriel Christopher McDonnell
Randy McNichols
Ryan McNichols
Ellanor Hope Minerva
Susannah Marshall Oram
Meredith Rose Pincombe-Welker

Dillon Richard Rivero
Cecilia Ann Rook
Jada Adriana Schloendorn
Jase William Sindledecker
Elliot Joseph Slenn
Ethan Michael Tesniarz
Devin Greyson Tran
Kenneth Thanh Tran
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Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. – Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5:00 p.m.

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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions**Requested by**

January 11, 2014	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Nicholas Persichetti	Paul & June Bilardo
		Sunday Vigil Mass	
3:00 PM	+	Mary Bernice Dunne	Josephine & Sebastian Nagy
5:00 PM	+	Mary Esposito	John Martin
January 12, 2014	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Dick Lydon	Marian Haley
9:00 AM	+	John Uebelhart	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Plazzon
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Concetto & Grace Pellegrino	Tim & Irene Pellegrino
5:00 PM	+	Samuel Callahan	Paul & Louise Charlebois
January 13, 2014	Monday		
8:00 AM	+	Samuel Callahan	Paul & Louise Charlebois
9:00 AM	+	Bernard Arcese	David & Sally Russell
January 14, 2014	Tuesday		
8:00 AM	+	Bernadette Marks	Paul & Karen Truono
9:00 AM	+	Gerald Behm	Alice Fagnan
11:00 AM	+	Paul Cosimano (at Emeritus at Naples)	William Pease
January 15, 2014	Wednesday		
8:00 AM	+	Ramy Garrido	Elita Gil
9:00 AM	+	McNulty Family	Anne McNulty
10:00 AM	+	Jim Casorio (at Bentley Village)	Bill & Genny Sjostrom
January 16, 2014	Thursday		
8:00 AM	+	Cliff Dickens	AnnMarie
9:00 AM	+	Warren D. Parsons	Nora Parsons
January 17, 2014	Friday		
8:00 AM	+	Col. Al LaBarbara	Jeff Thinner
9:00 AM	+	Raymond Szulik	Jane & John Shuey
10:00 AM	+	Dr. Steve Conway (at Juniper Village)	Kathleen Hein-Hansen
January 18, 2014	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Edith lanotta	Randy & Sheila Studer
		Sunday Vigil Mass	
3:00 PM	+	Cecila & William Schultz	Schultz Family
5:00 PM	+	Diane Esteves	Ann Mullally
January 19, 2014	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Ann Basher	Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM	+	Steven Tauko	Debora & Benito Tauro
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Keith & Margaret Hutchinson	Tim & Irene Pellegrino
5:00 PM	+	M. John Uebelhart	Daughters - Kristy, Missy & Heather
		Altar Flowers in Memory of James J. Mullally, Sr. -Requested by Ann Mullally	

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, January 11, 2014**

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Vigil Mass

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Sunday, January 12, 2014**The Baptism of the Lord**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Monday, January 13, 2014**First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary**

1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 16, 2014

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;

Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 17, 2014**St. Anthony**

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 18, 2014**Blessed Virgin Mary; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins**

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;

Mk 2:13-17

Vigil Mass

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday, January 19, 2014**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time;***Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)*

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;

Jn 1:29-34

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5 available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.

Homebound: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at any time to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Contact the office: 566.8740

MASS INTENTIONS...SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH • WWW.SAINTJOHNTHEEVANGELIST.COM

Hymns for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 11 & 12

Readings:	631	Year A
Entrance Hymn:	201	Baptized In the Jordan River
Preparation Hymn:	364	Come To the Water
Communion Hymn:	238	Taste and See
	412	Open My Eyes
Closing Hymn:	100	Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Choral Anthems at the 9:00 & 11:15 Masses

Before the Mass	Baptized In Water, O My Soul	Tom Silvia, arr. Tom Oram
Communion	There Is a River	Tim Manion, S.J., arr. Tom Oram



Faith and Wine

Father Dennis Cooney

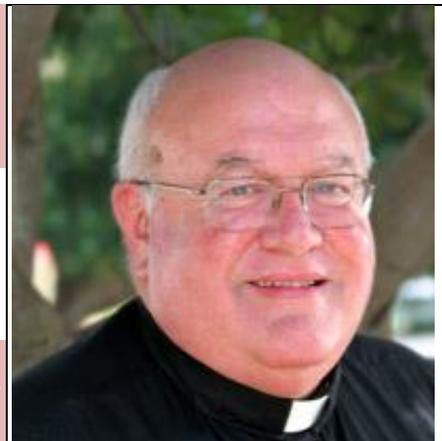
Thursday, January 16, 2014

Please join us on January 16, as we welcome Father Dennis Cooney, Pastor of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Lehigh Acres. Father Cooney will be speaking to us on "Mother Teresa and the Dark Night of the Soul"

6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom
(625 111th Avenue North, Naples)

For almost the entire 50 years that Mother Teresa devoted to her Missionaries of Charity, she suffered the "dark night of the soul": a sense of loss, abandonment, and the absence of God. Father Cooney will discuss her spiritual struggles and interior darkness so that we may better understand this soon-to-be saint.



\$20 prepay/\$30 at the door
(includes light dinner, glass of wine or other beverage, and the speaker)

Please pre-pay for this event no later than noon on January 14th by going to www.faithandwine.com and clicking on "Registration for Events". Or you can mail (post-marked before January 9th) or drop off (no later than noon on January 14th) your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." to Mary Beth Clary, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP (in The Mercato), 9132 Strada Place, 3rd Floor, Naples, Florida 34108. Bring a friend or make new ones!

Faith and Wine is a group of diverse women who seek fellowship with each other and a greater understanding of their Catholic faith in order to enrich their lives and help them cope with the ever-changing challenges presented by today's society. For more information, please visit our website at www.faithandwine.com.

Don't forget to pick up your 2014 Saint John the Evangelist calendar.

available in the Narthex, at the church entrances and in the parish office

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Rob Chalhoub	
Deacon Frank Paniccia	
Deacon Forrest Wallace	
Deacon Al Groh	Senior Status

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism

The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. Classes are offered once a month and baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 1:15 p.m. Mass. Please call the parish office to register for a class. Upon completion of the class and fulfillment of the godparent requirements, parents may schedule a baptism date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice.

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements

Call the parish office 566.8740. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business Office is located in the PLC (behind the Church)

All Administrative Staff
239.566.8740

General Manager

Scott Schlossberg: 566.1678
Fax: 239.325.2100

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Family Ministry

Call the Office: 566.8740

email staff members at:

info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: saintjohntheevangelist.com Click on the **Welcome** tab on the top left side and scroll down to **Forms**. Return to office.

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Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
(until all are heard)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the front office at 239.566.8740 or email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com
Thank you!

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Please submit all ordinary time submission requests by Thursday at 10:00 a.m. **10 days prior** to the Sunday publication you are requesting. You can e-mail: kathys@saintjohntheevangelist.com or drop your submission off in the parish office.

Mass Cards

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

We are currently accepting intentions for 2014.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2015 Mass availability and 2014 wine and host and flowers availability. Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

MISSION STATEMENT

The spirit-filled community of St. John the Evangelist is committed to following the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church through stewardship and serving its parishioners, the community and those most in need.

PARISH INFORMATION...

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ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, January 13: Monday in the First Week of Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated,
whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison:
Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (2) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 36 (35): 10*

With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life,
and in your light we see light.

Tuesday, January 14: Tuesday in the First Week of Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated,
whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison:
Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (see 1) My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Jn 10: 10*

I have come that they may have life,
and have it more abundantly, says the Lord.

Wednesday, January 15: Wednesday in the First Week of Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated,
whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison:
Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (8a and 9a) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 36 (35): 10*

With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life,
and in your light we see light.

Thursday, January 16: Thursday in the First Week of Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated,
whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison:
Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (27b) Redeem us, Lord, because of your mercy.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Jn 10: 10*

I have come that they may have life,
and have it more abundantly, says the Lord.

Friday, January 17: Memorial of Saint Anthony, abbot

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 92 (91): 13-14*

The just will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar,
planted in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (2) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Mt 19: 21*

If you would be perfect,
go, sell what you have, give to the poor, and follow me, says the Lord.

Saturday, January 18: Saturday in the First Week of Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated,
whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison:
Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (2a) Lord, in your strength the king is glad.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 36 (35): 10*

With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life,
and in your light we see light.

***Everyone Is Invited to Sister Carmella's Retirement
Open House Sunday, January 19***

Sister Carmella DeCosty has announced her resignation from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center, effective December 31, 2013, after 18 years of dedicated service.

***An Open House to Honor Sister Carmella
is being held:***

***Sunday January 19, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1301 Center Road, Venice***

***Please come and share your memories, show your appreciation
and gratitude for her friendship and dedication.***

RSVP by January 12, 2014 either by calling the OLPH Retreat Center at 941.486.0233 or e-mail olphretreat@gmail.com

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Jamaica Outreach Program

Hosts Needed for Kevin Williams and the Jamaican Choir: Can You Help?

Once again, Kevin Williams will be bringing his talented group of singers to Naples to celebrate a weekend of liturgies with us Saturday, February 1 and Sunday, February 2. The visiting choir will sing at the 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. vigil Masses and the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Masses. They come annually as an act of thanksgiving for our support of the poor in Jamaica. Kevin and his choir are due in Naples on January 31 and will be with us until noon time on Monday, February 3.

Eleven Jamaicans including Father Thomas will need housing, sustenance, and transportation while in Naples during that time. To that end the Jamaica Outreach Program has put out the call for volunteer hosts to welcome our guests into their homes for that duration. **Past hosts have never regretted the opportunity to meet and house this wonderful group of people who always bring joy and delight, good cheer and warm tidings wherever they go.**

For more information contact Martha Mador at 992.2646 or email her at martha@madors.net



Special Book-signing Event January 14

You are invited to a special book-signing event featuring the narrative memoir, *A Lucky Boy from Buffalo*, by author and JOP supporter Patrick Blewett. A portion of the book sales from this event will be donated to the Jamaica Outreach Program.

A Lucky Boy from Buffalo tells the story of a young boy who could not stay in school but could look beyond childhood mistakes, steadfastly love his hard-working family, forge fast friendships, win back the girl he once rejected and capitalize on the uncanny call to challenge – wherever he found it.

Wine & Cheese Reception Tuesday, January 14, 2014 | 6:30 PM

St. John the Evangelist Claussen Center — 625 111th Ave North, Naples, FL 34108

There is no cost to attend, but space is limited. To RSVP please contact Jeanne Stamant at jbstamant@gmail.com or call 239.514.0290.

“To parents of a rowdy son or an impetuous daughter, this tale will provoke smiles. To youthful readers who march to their own drummer, this book will offer hope.” - Patrick Blewett

Thank you for your support of our ministry to help the poor in Jamaica.

article and photos submitted by Martha Mador, JOP

(Clockwise): Kevin Williams and choir in action at a weekend Mass last year. Members of the Jamaican choir, Locksley, Jacqueline, Kristen, and Denise, serenade their hosts during a farewell dinner last year. Hosts Roger and Barbara Brandt and their guests, Fabian and Ramone, pose for one last picture before saying good bye.

2014 Men's Conference Will Be Held Saturday, March 1 at Bishop Verot High School

There is an opportunity for men to deepen their knowledge and love for the Catholic Faith by attending the 2014 Diocese of Venice Men's Conference! This year's conference will be on Saturday, March 1 at Bishop Verot High School. Featured speakers this year include well known author and apologist Peter Kreeft, John Bergsma and Msgr. Stuart W. Swetland. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast and vendors available. The Conference will start at 9:00 a.m. and concludes with a Mass at 2:00 p.m., celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane. Lunch will be provided.

Online Registration is available at www.dioceseofvenice.org/events. Questions? Call 941.484.9543 or email evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org.

Mah Jongg Cards Orders Due by January 27

Orders for 2014 MAH JONGG CARDS (standard \$8.00/ large \$9.00) will be taken through January 27, 2014. Place your name, address and telephone number, plus the number of cards you want to order, on a slip of paper. Enclose the paper with a CHECK (payable to Joan Scariati) or CASH in the total amount of order PLUS 50 cents (stamp or cash) per card in an envelope addressed to MAH JONGG.

Drop off your order at the receptionist desk in the PLC. Your order will be shipped directly from the Mah Jongg League to your designated address by April 1.

A donation of \$1.25 from each paid Mah Jongg card ordered will be donated to the St. John Habitat for Humanity on behalf of the Mah Jongg League.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mysteries of Our Faith

Presented by Deacon Hal Brenner

St. John the Evangelist will be conducting a series of 10 classes to explore various aspects of our Catholic faith, called **Mysteries of Our Faith**. Each of the 10 classes will cover topics on Baptism, Eucharist, Church, Grace, Tradition, Incarnation, Salvation, Trinity, Reconciliation, and Vocation. The objective of this course is to grow in our faith and develop a deeper relationship with God. We will also explore how God is present and active in the world and in our lives today.



Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Parish Life Center. Classes, which began Tuesday, January 7 begin with a short video followed by questions/answers/group discussion.

Come learn and share your faith. There is no charge and all are welcome. To register or for more information call Deacon Hal at 566.8740 ext. 3926 and please leave a message.

Course Objective

The objective of this course is to grow in our faith and develop a deeper relationship with God. We will also explore how God is present and active in the world and in our lives today.

Course Description

This series of classes will explore various aspects of our Catholic faith. Each topic/class is self-contained. The opening video is designed to awaken our faith and stir the Holy Spirit which dwells within each one of us. Then as a group we will let the Spirit lead us in our discussion to explore our lives of faith and deepen our relationship with God.

REMAINING CLASSES:

Class 2 - 1/14/14	Eucharist
Class 3 - 1/21/14	Church
Class 4 - 1/28/14	Grace
Class 5 - 2/4/14	Tradition
Class 6 - 2/11/14	Incarnation
Class 7 - 2/18/14	Salvation
Class 8 - 2/25/14	Trinity
Class 9 - 3/4/14	Reconciliation
Class 10 - 3/11/14	Vocation

Magnificat Breakfast Saturday, January 25 at Holiday Inn Airport, Fort Myers

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women. The breakfast will be held Saturday, January 25, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers.

The speaker is Ronda Bogani Ayala. Ronda was raised in the Protestant faith, but studied Catholicism and joined RCIA. She was confirmed at the age of 33 and found her calling working with teens preparing for Confirmation. She is a Registered Nurse and was the Regional Coordinator for Mom's Club in the Southeast United States. Years later, Ronda wrote medical articles for Parenting Plus Magazine. She has a story to tell of fear, anger, courage and, ultimately, faith and communication with her Lord that seems unbelievable. He has called her to serve Him in ways that she never could foresee and she believes that if He chose her, then everyone must be chosen and we only have to listen to hear His calling.

Advanced registration is required by mail. Seating is limited; no walk-ins. Please send a \$20 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Joanne Tarantino, 3315 Bermuda Isle Circle, Unit 128, Naples, FL 34109, 239.887.0060 or Shirley Ruehl, 11451 Pembroke Run, Estero, FL 33928, 239.949.7015.

Requests must be postmarked by Friday, January 17.

Ladies of St. John's Monthly Luncheon Wednesday, January 22 at Worthington Country Club in Bonita

The Ladies of St. John's monthly luncheon will be on Wednesday, January 22 at the Worthington Country Club at 11:30 a.m. To make a reservation, mail a check for \$17.00 payable to Marianne Brooks to Marianne Brooks, 10140 Regent Circle, Naples, FL 34109, by Monday, January 20.

Please bring any toileteries you may have collected in your travels and we will donate them to a home for abused women; sample cosmetics are also welcome.

Worthington Country Club is east of interstate 75 off Bonita Beach Road. Turn right at Bonita Grande and gate house is on the left.

The luncheon is open to all women of the parish, so come and make new friends.

Don't be late!
It's a very important date!

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party and Purse Bingo
Saturday, February 8, 2014
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$35.00

Refreshments
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Bingo Cards
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Contact Bev Gervasi at 239-280-8392 or
Email: bev@leosmasonry.com
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Bob Claussen naplesrgc@gmail.com

Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.

Offers adult education programming for continued growth in our faith through such activities as retreats, Bible & Catechism studies, lectures, seminars, social action opportunities and workshops. Margie Lynch: 228.3909; margie@saintjohntheevangelist.com

AGA (Alienated Grandparents

Anonymous). Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. Third Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the PLC ballroom. Jan. 16 Speaker: Elizabeth Vagnoni aga-fl.org

AA. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. PLC.

Al-Anon. Monday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday - beginners, 11:30 a.m.; and noon - discussion; all in PLC. Carol: 804.306.5323

Ala-Teen. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. PLC.

Arimatheans. A group of caring parishioners who support parishioners by attending funerals as representation of our faith community. Virginia: 597.7687

Bible Story Time. Bible stories, crafts, prayer and fun Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m., in PLC preschool classroom. Parents and children ages 0-5 years old welcome. Mary Chalhoub: 414.791.9363

Bible Teaching. Lectors and friends convene Saturdays, 10 a.m. in the Claussen Center for relevant Bible teaching and retelling of the Scriptures. Join us in acquiring greater understanding of the weekly readings and growing in faith with us. Victor: 290.9090

Choirs:**Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Residents and seasonals welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:25 p.m. Grades 1-5. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Circle of Comfort. If you have cancer, or are taking care of someone who does, you may be facing challenges that may leave you feeling overwhelmed, frightened, alone and in need of comfort. Let us share our experience of faith, strength and prayer with you. We help each other live one day at a time through encouragement, prayer, laughter or whatever it takes to bring comfort to each other. Jim or Darlene 495.9741

Cursillistas. Third Tuesday monthly at 7:30 p.m. The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas and visitors welcome. Robyn DeVille: 253.6275 or robyndeville@earthlink.net

Divine Gift Boutique (located across from the ladies restroom). Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If interested in volunteering in the gift shop on Sunday contact Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

Faith Chat. Wednesdays at 5:45 - 7:30 p.m. in Library. Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687

Families Helping Families. Mondays at 3 p.m. For families with a member who has a problem with alcohol &/or drugs. This is a small caring group to talk & answer questions. Bill: 732.5979

Grief Support. Sessions will be on the following Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in room 1 of the Claussen Center: October 8, October 15, October 22, October 29, November 12, November 19 and November 26. Dec: 594.7193

Job Skills Search & Support. Mondays 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the library. Free. Carol Marlow: 948.0050

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281. Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6 p.m.; business meeting at 7 p.m. Social meeting last Monday of the month. Visiting Knights are welcome. Paul Barrus, Grand Knight: 609.741.4593

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meeting are third Tuesday of every month at Noon in the Seminar Room of the Claussen

Center. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K Bill Wright FN 593.5965

Knitting & Crocheting. Tuesdays from 10 - Noon: Want to learn? We are a service group that knits & crochets to benefit those in need: blankets for soldiers, hats for cancer patients, baby hats & booties & prayer shawls. Mary Chalhoub: 414.791.9363

Ladies of Charity. Meets the second Friday of every month, volunteers in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank and visits local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. For friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound, call Dianne Pesce at 630.571.0707. If interested in joining, call MarieElaina Mullin: 273.1702.

Mah Jong. Wednesday, Noon - 3 p.m. Beginners welcome. Joan Scariotti: 594.0994

Men's Club. Group of dedicated men (with the superb assistance from their ladies) who assist the Pastor and the parish. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month, 2-3 p.m.. New members welcome. Joe Lichwalla: 348.1828

Gospel Forum. Group of men who join together to discuss the following Sunday's gospel and its application to everyday life. Prayer and casual discussion of various spiritual writings follows. Pizza and soft drinks offered. Meets Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in PLC. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

Narcotics Anonymous. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8 p.m. PLC.

Philothea. Women ages 20-45 meet to support and encourage one another through the joys and struggles of life, work and motherhood in Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7 - 9 p.m. Martha Oram: 407.615.9017 or mjr.oram@gmail.com

Pinochle. Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Joseph DeJesus: 598.9865

Respect Life. A group of parishioners committed to protecting the sanctity of life in all of its stages. They coordinate all respect life activities within the parish as well as outreach to the community. Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Claussen Center. Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941

Sewing Group. Meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in room 1 of the PLC. New members are invited. Nancy Cote: 514.0410

St. Vincent de Paul. Meets first and third Tuesdays in the PLC after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Bill Smart: 566.8740

Sing-A-Long. Tuesday, Jan. 21 at Harbor Memory Care, Naples and Tuesday, February 18 at Imperial Healthcare, Naples - at 2 p.m. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites. Phyllis Gryskiewicz, 566.7307

Women's Bible Study. Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Library and Monday evenings in Room 3 and 4 in the PLC. Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687 or maggnana@comcast.net or Linda Reilly, 821.8982

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

We pray in the Church every morning except Sunday. We begin 45 minutes before Mass. Please join us. *(We have printed guides with the prayers.)*

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

Blessed John Paul II said "a great prayer for Life is urgently needed!" Cenacle participants pray for an end to the Culture of Death every Tuesday evening, 6:00 to 6:45 p.m., in the Adoration Chapel. In the powerful presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we offer 10 mysteries of the rosary and related prayers and we fast one day a week on our own. All are welcome! Please call the parish office for the Chapel code.

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military:

Lcpl. Francisco Alvarenga U.S. Marines	Specialist Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army
Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army	Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett U.S. Marine Corp
S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force	AT3 Corinne MacFarlane U.S. Navy
Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy	Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army
Bradley N. Chartier U.S. Army	LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)
BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	LCpl. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Adam Decker U.S. Air Force	Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Nicholas Detloff U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Daniel Palmer U.S. Army
Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army,(Afghanistan)	Cpt. John Palmer U.S. Army
Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	1Lt. Robert Pedrigo U.S. Army
Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines	Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army
Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	Lt. Gregory Spencer U.S. Army, (Afghanistan)
Cpl. Dylan Granza U.S. Army Ranger	Lt. Kelly Spencer U.S. Air Force
Specialist Shelby Granza U.S. Army	Houng Tran U.S. Army
S. Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer U.S. Marine Corp * LAV Recon (Afghanistan)	IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)
	Co. Glenn Yeck U.S. Navy (Afghanistan)

Divine Will Prayer Group

Are you hungering and thirsting for the Lord. Come. Grow in the knowledge of his most adorable will where you will be filled to overflowing with his love. The group meets on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. in the Claussen Center, room 15. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

Forty-five minutes of peaceful, silent and beautiful prayer and contemplation. Only your quiet presence is needed. Mondays: 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays 6 p.m. in Room 15 Claussen Center. Following the morning

Mass, every Wednesday, Wednesday Centering Prayer will meet in the Parish Library.

Liturgy of the Hours

Members of the third order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites pray the Morning Prayer after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

St. John Charismatic Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

Prayer group meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in cry room. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

John Dovi, Gracie Harrison, Phyllis Jaworski and Frances Todd

May they rest in eternal peace.

Let us pray for the sick of the parish, especially

Carmela Abbate	Patty Dillow	Mary Jane Leake	Mary Rossi
Thomas Abell	Connie Dimucci	Pattie Leiner	Betsy Russo
Deacon Al	Alexandria Dolkas	Lindsay Levery	Francisco Saigos
Maureen Alonso	John Dovi	Becky Locke	Anneliese Salamon
Marie Amont	Margaret Dudley	Josh & Carl Locke	Kathleen Salvi
Jim Amont	Michael Dunlop	Kevin Locke	Edna Sanvidge
Jacob Andrew	Trudy Eddy	Alex Magiera	Reagan Scacchetti
Agatha Barczynski	Nancy Ellert	Mary Jo Magner	Cynthia Scariati
Jennifer Basile	Ellen Enright	Ann & Ray Maniuszko	Michael Scheidemann
Bev Basler	Ann Marie Esposito	Sharon McCarthy	Cathy Schloendorn
Molly Bayer	Edith Esposito	Michael McCormack	Joanne Scimone
Margie Benefico	Claire Febrezio	Carolyn McDonald	Douglas Scott
Linda Berry	Troy Feidler	Dr. Martin McKenna & Family	Walter Scott
Mary Bessner	Tiffany Fiedler	McKee Family	Mary Seeger
Lucretia Biasi	Thomas O. Flood	Stanislav Met	Carol Seiffert
Anthony Bonavita	Edward Gaynor	Dodd Millard	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Marge Bond	Stephen Gibson	Tom Middlemiss	Teresa Shengulet
Vicki Brenner	Veronica Glennon	Ed Moriarity	Jean Smith
Genevieve Brown	Dick Goepel	Mary Ann Myslewic	Jeff Smith
Pat Brothy	Stephen Golia	Mark Nichols	Winnie Smith
Frank Caccavo Jr.	Rich Greenwood	Peter Nicoletta	Inga Sovia
Joe Carpino	Diana Gust	Ed O'Brien	Margaret Stovich
Robert Carnevale	Harry Hammond	Honey O'Connell	Pat Sutter
Christine Cassara	Barbara Hanson	Jim Orlando	Joanmarie Switalski
James Castaldi	Frank Harris	Tyler Ostos	Tara & Family
Diane Centenaro	Jerry Heyen	Maryla Panagos	Rita Taranto
Joanne Chalhoub	H.J.	James Patton	Patricia Trapnell
Drew and Kanema Clark	Jack Hodges	Irene Pires	Gabe Vale
Richard Clark	Ann Hogg	Patricia Poczatek	Pat & Eloisa Velasquez
Claussen Family	Karen Hohne	Joe Pohrer	Larry Watson
Fred Costsello	Charlotte Hollohan	Kimberly Porter	Lucy Westman
Arthur Cuellar	Peggy Hooper	Katherine Prince	Don and Lucille Wilson
Susan Cusick	Val Hunt	William Pulte	Aimme Witcoff
Edna D' Antuono	Chester T. Kauffman	Radel Family	John Yotis
Alice Daley	Colleen Kirkmaier	Joe Reid	Mary Yotis
Brian Davis	Robert Kroupa	Esther Riley	
James Diamante	Anna LaGrasta		
Julie Dieter	Lampert Family		
	Diane Leahy		

LET US PRAY...

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740, or email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com

JANUARY 12, 2014 ~ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sanctity of Human Life

Pray for an end to abortion as we commemorate the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court's decisions that legalized abortion.

Over 56 million babies have been destroyed by abortion in the United States since January 22, 1973.

The nine days surrounding the January 22 anniversary of the Supreme Court abortion decisions are special opportunities to pray for an end to abortion. To participate in a "Novena Marking the 41st Anniversary of

Roe v Wade" from January 18-26 prepared by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, go to www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife



Bishop Dewane to Celebrate Couples Wedding Anniversary Mass February 15 and March 8

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to special Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: February 15 at Epiphany Parish in Venice and March 8 at St. Leo's Parish in Bonita Springs. Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. Please call the parish office for reservations no later than a week before the event you choose to attend.

Women's Conference Saturday, February 8 at Bishop Verot H. S.

The 2014 Diocese of Venice Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 8 at Bishop Verot High School. Featured speakers include the popular author and radio host Sonja Corbitt, Lisa Hendey, and Mary Jo Anderson. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast and vendors available. The Conference will start at 9:00 a.m. and concludes with a Mass at 2:00 p.m., celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane.

Lunch will be provided. Online Registration is available at www.dioceseofvenice.org/events. Questions? Call 941.484.9543 or email evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org.



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Venice continues to be blessed with vocations to the priesthood, evidenced by the three new priests ordained this past year, and 17 seminarians. Your support of the Annual Seminary Collection is crucial, now more than ever, as challenges increase for a proper environment for the formation and education of our future priests in the Diocese of Venice.

Recently St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach began a Capital Campaign. The seven arch/dioceses in Florida, including the Diocese of Venice, are proportional stakeholders in the Seminary. While Pope Francis has reminded us that "... vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit," adequate facilities and funds are needed for the education and formation of our future priests. The St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary presently needs renovation and expansion of outdated buildings and assurances for stability in the future.

To address these issues, I first kindly ask all to pray for priestly and religious vocations in the Church as well as for our seminarians. Further, I ask that you give to the financial support of the Seminary through this Annual Seminary Collection for the building up of a facility allowing for the education and formation of priests for the future.

The Seminary Collection will take place in all parishes of the Diocese the weekend of January 11 and 12, 2014. I thank you for your generosity as regards this important undertaking for the future of the Church in Florida. May God continue to bless you for your dedication to Holy Mother Church and for your support to the workers in the vineyard.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

SCOTT'S CORNER... WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK.

st. john the evangelist youth ministry

SPOTLIGHT ON...Alumni!

Tiana Ferrante

Freshman, Elizabethtown (PA) College

Tiana Ferrante, we miss you! Whether singing at the 5 PM Mass, or helping with Vacation Bible School, or standing up for Pro-life—her presence is missed. For these and for her many services to youth ministry at St. John she was co-recipient of the 2nd annual **John Joseph Ludden Award** (along with **Anthony Dina**), an award named for Fr. John's own father, and given to the graduating senior(s) who have contributed the most to youth ministry. We caught up with her at school to see how she's keeping the faith while staying busy:



What are you liking best about college so far? At Elizabethtown College, I really enjoy editing and writing for the newspaper, and it has been thrilling for me to deejay at the radio station. (see pic above!)

What's proven the most challenging thing? Many of the aspects of college life, like making good friends and getting used to college coursework, were stressing me out before I left Florida; thankfully, my worries were eliminated shortly after the semester began. At the moment, the most challenging thing about being here in Pennsylvania is living over 1,000 miles away from the support of my family.

Has it been easy to practice your faith at EC? How so? I have been open about my beliefs from the beginning of the semester, and I am supported by several of my college friends; sometimes, though, I find it tiring to deal with the others who constantly mock my beliefs. At that point, my perspective needs to be refreshed, and I get that rejuvenation by attending the Newman Club.

How is the Catholic community there? What's it like, etc. One aspect of the Catholic group on campus that I like is the frequency of its events. There are different meetings almost every day of the week; we have the rosary meeting on Mondays, faith discussions on Tuesdays, a Bible study on Thursdays, etc. There's a small church a few blocks away, and students will sometimes walk to daily Mass together; it's very convenient that we have Sunday Mass on our campus.



What are your fondest memories of youth ministry at St. John? I continue to think about and pray for my friends; they made each event, such as the snorkeling trip, memorable for me. I've had some of my deepest spiritual conversations with friends at youth group, even when Sunday meetings were just game nights or potlucks. We often discussed profound religious topics, whether or not they were introduced and explained by the youth minister beforehand.

What advice would you give to high school students about keeping the faith? When I feel that my faith in God is threatened, I remind myself that, while many people attempt to dissect and drain the beauty of faith, there are plenty of people who support it; when one faith-scoring side of academics is represented in the classroom, it's helpful for me to enrich myself in academic works of theology and like-minded people once in a while. They uphold my values and explain them in a way that makes sense. It's easy to forget the good parts of faith if a condemnation of faith is all a student hears, so it's important to compensate for a one-sided curriculum or community by seeking the other side as well.

**Middle School youth meet Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7, in the Youth Room.
High School teens meet Sundays, 6 to 8, in the Seminar Room.**

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, January 12, 2014:

the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Prelude **Baptized In Water, O My Soul** Tom Silvia

Opening Song **Holy Is the Lord** Chris Tomlin CCLI Song #4158039. ©2003 worshiptogether.com songs / sixsteps Music. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. CCLI License #2008891.

Verse) We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.

We bow down and worship him now; how great, how awesome is he! And together we sing, ev'ryone sing:

Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y. The earth
is filled with His glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord
God Al - might - y. The earth is filled with His glo -
ry. The earth is filled with His glo - ry.

Kyrie & Gloria • *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

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Response (cf. v11b)

The Lord will bless his peo-ple with pe - ace, The Lord will bless his peo-ple with peace.

Gospel Acclamation *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

Preparation Song **364 Come To the Water** John Foley, S.J.

Sanctus • Memorial Acclamation (B) • Great Amen • *The Glendalough Mass* (worship aid in pew)

The Lord's Prayer • *chanted* Agnus Dei • *The Glendalough Mass*

Communion Songs **238 Taste and See** James E. Moore

Refrain

There is a riv-er, a great flow-ing riv-er, and it makes glad
 the cit-y of God. Broad are its wa-ters, and deep are its
 voic-es. Its songs are of peace in the house of the Lord.

Verses

1. What shall we fear, though na-tions may trem-ble,
 2. What shall we fear? The bow shall be bro-ken,
 1. and _ dark-ness may rise _____ to trou-ble the sun?
 2. ♪ the spear shall be shat-tered, _ and war-ring shall cease.
 1. The king-dom is near, the rem-nants as-sem-ble,
 2. The king-dom is near, the word has been spo-ken,
 1. and _ lift up their eyes _____ to a day just be-gun. *to Refrain*

Closing Song

Let the River Flow

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Verse

Let the poor man say, "I am rich in him."
 Let the lost man say, "I am found in him."
 Oh, let the river flow!
 Let the blind man say, "I can see again."
 Let the dead man say, "I am born again."
 Oh, let the river flow! Oh, let the river flow—

Chorus

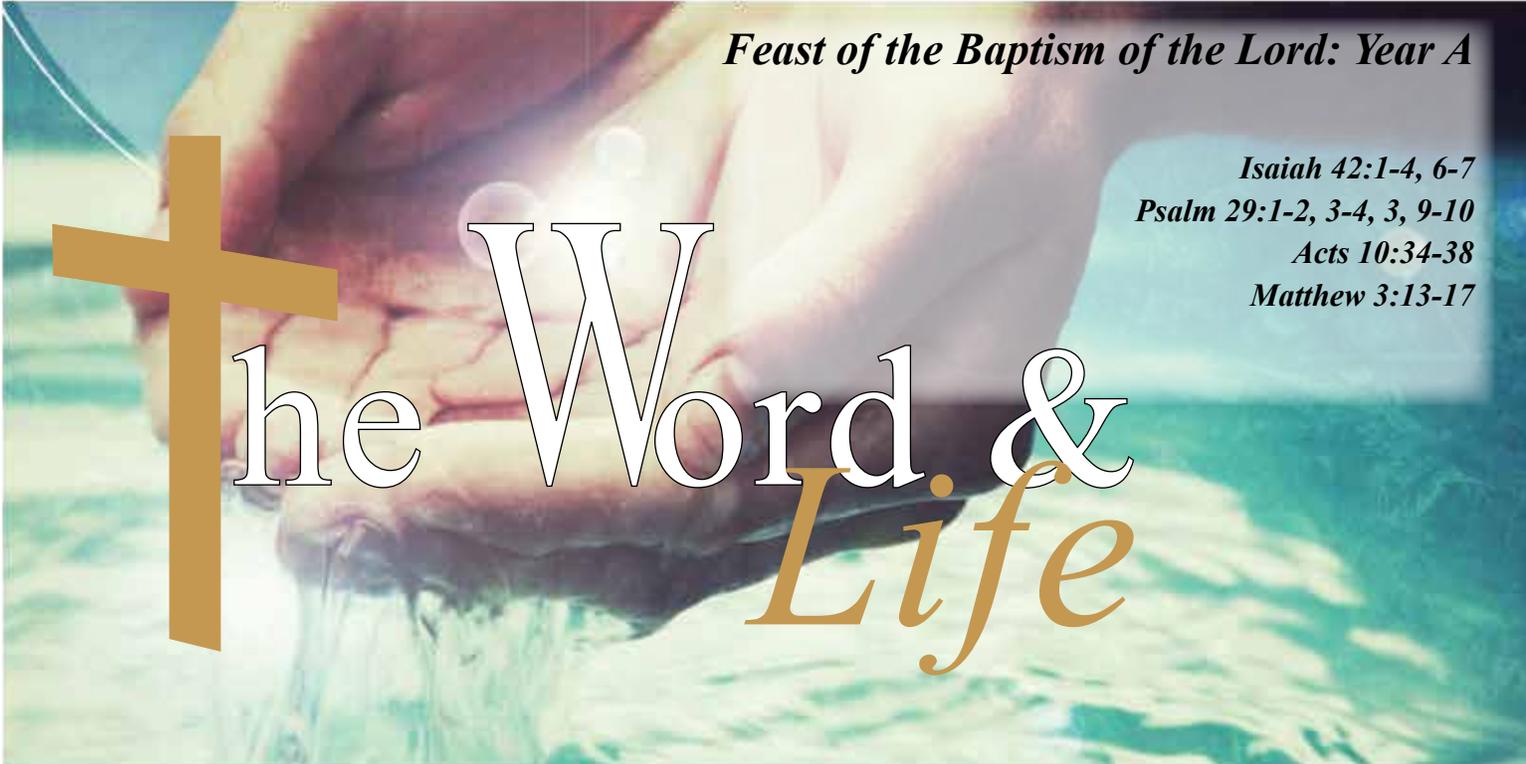
Let the river flow, let the river flow
 Holy Spirit, come, move in power
 Let the river flow (let the river flow)
 Let the river flow (let the river flow)
 Let the river flow (let the river flow)
 Let the river flow!

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Acts 10:34-38

Matthew 3:13-17



The Word & Life

Baptism of the Lord

*A*s we reflect upon the gospel today we could simply say that Jesus' baptism was the beginning of his public ministry. However, the action of Jesus' descent into the waters of the Jordan has profound significance within salvation history. The very act of Jesus presenting himself to John the Baptist is a statement of God to us. In immersing himself into the baptismal waters of repentance,

Jesus is telling us that he wants to stand with us in our human condition. If Jesus is to truly redeem the human condition, he has to first enter into the world of sin. On the day of Jesus' baptism the Spirit of God descended upon him and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This was the validation of Jesus of Nazareth, driven by the Holy Spirit to set the world on fire with the revolution of love.

Today's feast marks the beginning of Ordinary Time in the Church, reminding us that Jesus stands with us in our every day experience as we continue to journey through the events of a new year. It is also a reminder that we have been given a new opportunity through our baptism to turn away from sin and begin a new life of goodness. The Spirit that descended upon Jesus is the same Spirit that dwells within the temple of our bodies, urging us to follow the gospel in every choice that we have to make. Such is the life of grace. God freely bestows the

Reflection Questions

1. Why was it necessary for Jesus to be baptized?
2. What does baptism represent to you?
3. How are you called to live God's mercy?
4. In what ways do you exercise charity in your life?
5. Are you willing to live the prophetic office of your baptism today?
6. How do you discern and respond to God's will?
7. Define the kingdom of God for you personally?
8. What does it mean to be a disciple of the kingdom?

gift of the Spirit to blow where it wills – a gift that can transform society through our efforts and our prayers.

On the day of baptism, the Christian is immersed into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Once we are plunged into such redemptive waters, we are called to fall in love with the God we cannot see. We are also anointed with sacred chrism, a blessed oil with a sweet aroma, as people of charity, discerners of the way, and heirs to kingdom. Our inheritance is not one of silver or gold, but the treasure of God embracing us, and us embracing God. When God calls us one day to that kingdom – it is then that we can experience true peace and true freedom. It is a place where boundaries are no more and where we recognize the divine image engraved upon our souls. This is the promise of baptism gifted to us – something that the Church asks us to ponder today.

Reflecting on the Sunday Readings with Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor



Prayer

Lord, walk with us as we live our lives. Help us to celebrate the true gift the good news. As we embrace the message of the gospel, may you embrace us. May we be committed to immersing ourselves into the life of baptism which will ultimately lead all of us to the gift of eternal life. Amen!

Wisdom of the Fathers

“The word ‘Baptism’ literally means ‘immersion’, and in fact this Sacrament constitutes a true spiritual immersion in the death of Christ, from which one rises with Him like a new creation (cf. Rom 6:4). It is the washing of regeneration and of illumination. Regeneration because it actuates that birth by water and the Spirit without which no one may enter the Kingdom of Heaven (cf. Jn 3:5). Illumination because through Baptism the human person becomes filled with the grace of Christ, ‘the true light that enlightens every man’ (Jn 1:9) and dispels the shadows of



sin. That is why in the ceremony of Baptism the parents are given a lit candle, to signify this illumination; Baptism illuminates us from within with the light of Jesus. In virtue of this gift the baptized are called to become themselves ‘light’ — the light of the faith they have received — for their brothers, especially for those who are in darkness and see no glimmer of light on the horizon of their lives...

...Baptism gives strength and it gives light. Do you feel enlightened, with that light that comes from Christ? Are you a man or woman of light? Or are you a dark person, without the light of Jesus? We need to take the grace of Baptism, which is a gift, and become a light for all people!

...With Baptism the door to an effectively new life is opened, one which is not burdened by the weight of a negative past, but rather already feels the beauty and the goodness of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is the powerful intervention of God’s mercy in our lives, to save us. This saving intervention does not take away our human nature and its weakness — we are all weak and we are all sinners — and it does not take from us our responsibility to ask for forgiveness every time we err! I cannot be baptized many times, but I can go to Confession and by doing so renew the grace of Baptism. It is as though I were being baptized for a second time. The Lord Jesus is very very good and never tires of forgiving us. Even when the door that Baptism opens to us in order to enter the Church is a little closed, due to our weaknesses and our sins. Confession reopens it, precisely because it is a second Baptism that forgives us of everything and illuminates us to go forward with the light of the Lord. Let us go forward in this way, joyfully, because life should be lived with the joy of Jesus Christ; and this is a grace of the Lord.

— Pope Francis, General Audience, November 13, 2013

Image: Pope Francis addresses the crowd during his general audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican November 13, 2013. (CNS photo/Paul Haring) (Nov. 13, 2013)

Faith Formation



Baptism of Jesus

Mark Your Calendar

January 12

Sunday Classes Resume

January 15

First Communion Parent Meeting

January 22

Families in Christ

February 19

First Communion Parent Meeting

February 22

Families in Christ

Faith Formation News

Sunday Classes Resume...on January 12, 2014 after the Christmas break.

First Communion Parent Meeting...will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the seminar room in the Claussen Center. All parents who have children making their First Eucharist in May 2014 need to attend this meeting.

Families in Christ...will take place on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the ballroom.

First Communion Parent Meeting...will be on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the seminar room in the Claussen Center. All parents who have children making their First Eucharist in May 2014 need to attend this meeting.

Families in Christ...will take place on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the ballroom.

Faith Formation continues on page 17

REFLECTION

Baptism makes us members of God's family. Jesus' baptism shows us his family relationships. Jesus is God's Son. The Spirit of God fills him. In his baptism we see the Father and Spirit supporting Jesus with their power. Jesus is truly human, one of us. Jesus is also truly God, bringing God's love and creative power.

The Sacrament of Baptism brings us into the family circle of the Trinity and welcomes us among the family of Jesus' followers on earth – the Christian community. The parish is the Christian community to which our families belong. The parish is a mini-version of the whole Church.

Jesus' baptism is the beginning of his ministry of preaching the good news. The Father and Holy Spirit join in Jesus' ministry.

Gospel for All Ages, Good Ground Press and Pflaum Publishing Group



By Kathleen M. Carroll

THE HOME CHURCH

Reading has always been a big part of my family's life. For years, the only TV in the house was a venerable portable that flickered many evenings against a crowd of children with their noses buried in books.

When my oldest got an award at school for all his extracurricular reading, he presented it at the kitchen table with a, "Ta-da! How much do you love me now?"

The younger three all looked anxiously for my answer, doubtless thinking they'd have some catching-up to do. It took a lot of explaining to make it clear that love was not something awarded for good behavior or withheld for bad behavior. It was just always going to be there.

Though we recognize this in our own families, somehow we can still be surprised to discover God's faithful love. Our loved ones can remind us that, whatever our failings, we are loved—deeply, unconditionally, eternally.

Bringing Home the Word, January 12, 2014, Franciscan Media

PRAYER

Our Father, you say to us as you said to Jesus,
"You are my beloved son; you are my beloved daughter.
In you I am well pleased."

May we always know in our hearts this deep love you have
for us and live our lives so they reflect your face to the
world.
Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: Where were you baptized?

Gospel Question: Who baptized Jesus?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: When and where were you baptized?

Gospel Question: What happens at Baptism?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: What is your work today?

Gospel Question: Who helps Jesus begin his work of preaching God's good news?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: When have you brought peace to your family? When have you brought conflict?

Gospel Question: When have you experienced being beloved by God or filled with God's Spirit?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: Who pressures you positively or negatively in your life?

Gospel Question: When have you experienced being beloved by God?

ADULTS

Life Question: What marked or celebrated the beginning of your adult life?

Gospel Question: For what purpose does God's favor rest on you?

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Pro-Life - Chili Supper, Contest and Social



Sponsored by St. John Council
Knights of Columbus



Monday, January, 27, 2014

6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Life Center

Cost: A Good Will Offering for the benefit of local Pro-Life organizations

This is an open invitation to all parishioners to participate in a combination "chili contest", supper and pro-life fundraiser. The Knights of Columbus are conducting a chili contest. Several variations of chili will be available along with cornbread and dessert. Soft drinks, beer and wine will be available for a nominal price.

You must reserve your seat by calling Jerry Detloff at 239-821-9395 or Paul Barrus at 609-741-4593.

Do you have a favorite chili recipe you want to enter? Call Jerry or Paul

This is a project in coordination with the West Coast "Run for Life", Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus. The 2014 run will begin on Saturday, March 1 at Marco Island and end 360 miles later at St. Augustine on Sunday, March 9. The purpose of the run is to make communities aware that the Knights are pro-life and to accept sponsor donations that will be dedicated to help local pro-life service providers.



The recipients' include:

Community Pregnancy Clinics – Naples & Fort Myers
Immokalee Pregnancy Center, Inc – Immokalee
Our Mother's Home of SW Florida, Inc – Estero
Providence House, Inc – Naples
Sunlight Home Collier County, Inc – Naples

Representatives from these organizations will be in attendance to enlighten you on their mission statements and the special services they offer.

**Come, partake of some great chili,
help to select a "winner"
and support this helping life project.**



Florida K of C Charities, Inc / Helping
Life Fund is a 501 C 3 non-profit

St. John's 16th Annual
SUPERBOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 2, 2014

Doors Open & Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.

Game Time - TBA

\$25 PER PERSON INCLUDES:

**Pork Loin Sandwiches, Chicken Wings,
Sausage, Salads, Cheese Trays, Chips,
Popcorn and Cake**

****BEER & WINE INCLUDED AT NO EXTRA CHARGE**

****BYOB—MIXERS PROVIDED**

**WATCH THE GAME ON OUR
FOUR 12' SCREENS**

while enjoying the best Superbowl deal in town

*(Ask those who have attended in the past
and understand why this is true.)*

Tickets are available in Parish Office

Reserved tables for parties of 8 or more

Games of Chance Available

BET A BUCK — WIN A BUNDLE

Claim Lost and Found Items by January 31

Please check the Lost and Found area in the Electrical Room to the right of the ladies restroom for any items you may have lost. More expensive items are locked up. See Lorna Woonsam, head sacristan, before or after Mass, or call her and leave a message at 566.8740, ext. 3912.

Any items not claimed by Friday, January 31, 2014, will be donated to the farm workers.

Pilgrimage and Performance Tour to Ireland

September 9-18, 2014.

Parish Contact: tom@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Oh Lord, how precious is your Love, we seek your Holy Will.

The Ladies of Charity Annual Christmas Food Drive for our local soup kitchens

Extended through: **January, 2014**



- A tree is in the Narthex with ornaments on it.
- Parishioners are encouraged to take an ornament and generously donate a check to St. John the Evangelist with "Food Drive" written in the memo line. Your checks can be placed in the collection baskets passed during Mass or taken to the church office.

NO FOOD PLEASE! We are requesting checks only.

- The organizations that will benefit are Casa Maria, St. Matthews House and the St. Vincent de Paul Council.
- The Ladies of Charity will present a check to each in April for the SUMMER PANTRIES. Please find it in your heart to make a donation for our neighbors in need.

Thank you for helping us stock the soup kitchens.

The Knights of Columbus at St. John the Evangelist

Proudly Presents

The Valentine's Day Dance

Thursday, February 13, 2014

With Billy Dean and Dawn

6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

(Entertainment and dinner begin at 6:30 p.m.)

OPEN BAR

Tickets: \$50 per person.

On sale after all weekend masses beginning January 11. No sales after February 9th or at the door.

Please make checks payable to: The Knights of Columbus.

For more information, please contact

Jim McDonald at 598-3789 or Co-chairman, Tim Pellegrino (908)-400-0598.



JACKETS REQUIRED.

Music

Dancing

50/50

Frisco's Catering



BIG BAND DANCE

EVERYONE WELCOME!

First Dance of the Season

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist PLC

Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era

*Featuring the Live Southwest Florida 16-piece Orchestra
Sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller & Stan Kenton*



Big Band
Dance
Schedule

Tuesday,
January 14

Tuesday,
January 28

Tuesday,
February 11

Tuesday,
February 25

Tuesday,
March 11

Tuesday,
March 25

Tuesday,
April 8

Admission:

\$10.00 cash
only at the door
~ includes snacks

Cash Bar: Water
and Soda ~ \$1.00

- Beer ~ \$2.00
per 12 oz. cup;
\$7.00 per 60 oz.
pitcher

- Wine and
Mixed Drinks
~ \$3.00

Dress: Country
Club Casual
(No shorts please.)

Singles Welcome

*Sponsored by
the Men's Club*

Jamaica Outreach Program

Jammin' for Jamaica Festival

Very Casual Attire Dinner/Dance

Friday February 7, 2014

5:30 p.m. St. John the Evangelist Ballroom

\$50 per person

Complimentary Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing,
Auctions and Treasure Chest



Mail checks payable to Jamaica Outreach, P.O. Box 110581, Naples, FL 34108-1929

Or, call Jeanne Stamtant 514-0290 for credit card and telephone orders .

Or, buy online at www.JamaicaOutreach.ORG

Telephone and mail ordered tickets will be mailed to you .

Please let us know who you want to be seated with.

St. John the Evangelist Men's Club
625 111th Ave No., Naples

SOCK HOP

Friday, January 31, 2014
6:30 - 10:00 PM



**MUSIC @ 7:00 featuring
oldies of the 50's, 60's & 70's**

Tickets \$15.00 per person **cash only** at the door.
Includes five \$1.00 tickets to be used to purchase
hot dogs, popcorn, beer, wine, soda and mixed drinks

Join in the fun

50/50 Raffle

Contests for:

Best dressed couple

Best dressed woman

Best dressed man

NOTE:

If you wish to reserve a table
for 8, call Joe @ 248-877-3332
no later than January 14.

Payment must be made to hold
your table.

NOTE: If you own a classic auto and would like to display
it at the entrance area, we will provide you free admission.
Please call Joe @ 248-877-3332