

# Learning How Baptism Gives Identity to Christian Family







photos by Charlene Youngs, Director of Family Ministry

Our last Families in Christ session, Sunday, January 13, was a great experience for all involved! The Gospel reading was on the Baptism of the Lord. We learned that, upon his Baptism, Jesus revealed his identity and his mission: namely, that he is the eternal Son of the Father and his mission was to usher in the kingdom of God and bring about the salvation of the world.

Matt Laboda offered an insightful presentation that showed us how our baptism gives the Christian family our identity and mission: namely, the family is the domestic Church and our mission is to live out the universal call to holiness. To drive his point home, Matt presented the mission statements of well-known organizations: our parish mission statement, Disney, Whole Foods and Build a Bear. He pointed out that organizations are successful when they have a clear mission statement and a plan to live out their mission.

In the breakout sessions, each family crafted their own mission statement that listed the values they prize

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Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3 & 5 p.m. – Sunday: 7, 9, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5 p.m.

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### Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions

### **Requested by**

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			Vigil Masses	
3:00	PM	+	Rita Perrotta	Janet D'Addario
5:00	PM		Randy & Melanie Harrison	Anniversary Mass
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7:00		+	Robert Berg	Carolyn Berg
9:00	AM	+	Loretta Michel	Tennis Friends
11:15	AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15	PM	+	Mary Ann Morrison	Thomas & Rosalie Galvin
5:00		+	Dan McMullen	Roberta & Henry Hobaica
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8:00	AM	+	Robert Berg	Joe & Joan Berg
9:00	AM	+	Albino Morais	Family
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8:00	AM	+	Richard Russell	William Pease
9:00	AM	+	Nicholas Senatore	Rosalie, Debbie & Jodi
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9:00	AM	+	Cecilia & William Schultz	Joanie Schultz
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8:00	AM	+	Dolly Parker	Miller Family Children
9:00	AM	+	Fay Moots	Mark Moots Family
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8:00	AM	+	Charles Kosciusko	Mary & Frank Alberts
			Vigil Masses	
3:00	PM	+	Rita Perrotta	Violet Salwan
5:00	PM		Dennis Lozada, Jr.	Family
ebruary		5	Sunday	
7:00	AM	+	Rose & Vernon DeFrancesca	Peter DeFrancesca
9:00	AM	+	Joan & Al Moser	Children
11:15	AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15	PM	+	Agnes O'Brien	Mary & Frank Alberts
5:00	PM	+	Alice Morais	Family
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FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5 is 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 and 5:00 p.m. The nursery is located in the Parish Life Center, 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 Maureen Wurtz 593.0475

### SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, January 26, 2013 Ss. Timothy and Titus 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21

Vigil Masses Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Sunday, January 27, 2013 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday, January 28, 2013 St. Thomas Aquinas Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 29, 2013 Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 30, 2013 Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 31, 2013 St. John Bosco Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday, February 1, 2013 First Friday Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, February 2, 2013 The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; First Saturday; Groundhog Day Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Vigil Masses Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Sunday, February 3, 2013 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

This Week's Mass & Liturgy Schedule... SAINT JOHN *the* Evangelist Catholic Church •

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# Life Matters

was recently hospitalized — nothing to worry about, but a concern nonetheless because of one thing; the Advanced Directive, or Living Will, that more and more hospitals ask you to complete while you are there. In the wake of the Terry Schaivo case, this seems like a good thing to do. However, most standard Advanced Directives will tell your health care providers to do exactly what was done to Terry.

Here's how that works:

The Directive states that "my dying not be artificially prolonged under the circumstances set forth below...I have a terminal condition or I have an end-stage condition or I am in a persistent vegetative state...I direct that life-prolonging procedures be withheld or withdrawn, and that I be

permitted to die naturally with only ...comfort care or to alleviate pain".

Guess what? Food and hydration are not considered to be comfort care. In today's world, simple food and water are considered to be "artificial means to prolong life". When my aunt was in her final days, I was told any food or water was "contra-indicated" and violated her final wishes. I found a way to ease her dry mouth with swabs which she eagerly sucked on until the night before she left this earth.

# Naples Prayer Walk for Life

Bishop Frank J. Dewane will celebrate the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 13, at St. Ann Parish, 985 3rd St. South, in Naples to kick-off the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign. Following Mass, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Bishop Dewane will lead a Prayer Walk (under ½ mile) from U.S. 41 to the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood on Creech and Goodlette-Frank Roads in Naples to pray the rosary. Go to **www.40daysforlife.com/naples** for details or call 239.503.0295 or 941.441.1101. Let's say when you went into the hospital for tests, they found out you have a brain tumor that will eventually kill you. That is a terminal condition, and under the guidelines of the advanced directive, they could pull your food tray and your giant water bottle right off the table.

Contrast this with a CATHOLIC living will, which specifically states that food and hydration are

never extraordinary measures used to prolong life. In addition, it also provides for the care of an unborn child in the consideration of final decisions.

This space cannot do justice to the topic. I strongly urge everyone to compare both types of Advanced Directive before you have an

emergency. Then check with a priest, an attorney, or a trusted friend before you and your spouse sign this important paperwork.

Google "Catholic Living Will" for more information. Discuss all the implications. When you are checking into the hospital for simple tests, you will rest easier, knowing your wishes will be covered, regardless of the outcome.

article submitted by Loretta Judy, Respect Life

# 40 Days for Life Naples Spring Campaign

Looking for a Lenten sacrifice? Be a witness to moms and dads who think they have no choice but abortion. Take an hour to join others in prayer for an end to abortion during Lent from February 13 to March 24 outside Planned Parenthood in Naples daily (except Sunday) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For information and other details, go to www.40daysforlife. com/naples or call 239.503.0295.

# **Catholics Come Home Ads**

The Diocese of Venice will be running Catholics Come Home commercials on TV stations throughout the Diocese from January 28 - February 10. These commercials will be inviting fallen-away Catholics back to a full practice of their Catholic Faith.

Parishes are encouraged to make every effort to welcome those who are attending a Catholic Church for perhaps the first time in years. Please direct any questions about this campaign to the Office of Evangelization at 941.484.9543.

# Bishop Dewane Issues Precautions for Flu Season

Bishop Frank Dewane has issued guidelines for taking precautions during the flu season. All parishes/missions/chapels in the Diocese of Venice in Florida are asked to take the following precautions to help mitigate the spread and effects of the flu.

- The faithful is encouraged to share the Sign of Peace without touching hands. This can be done with meaningful eye contact, smiles and a bow of the head in reverence to one another.
- The Precious Blood is not to be shared with the faithful during Mass, neither from the Chalice, nor by way of intinction, until further notice.
- The faithful is encouraged not to hold hands during the reciting of the Our Father.

Once this health situation subsides, Bishop Dewane will re-visit these guidelines.

# PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Thomas Kelly	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

Administrative Assistant & Records Melanie Harrison: *Ext. 113* 

Assistant to the Pastor Martha Oram: *Ext. 123* 

**Pastoral Musician and Liturgist** Tom Oram: *Ext. 179* 

**Choir Director** Ellie Roberts: *682.5609* 

Sacristan Lorna Woonsam: Ext. 133

**Communications** Kathy Sims: *Ext. 128* 

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**Religious Boutique** Jackie Gibson: *325.2107* 

**Director of Maintenance** Marcos Burgoa: *Ext. 117* 

# Education Staff

**Director of Faith Formation** Margie Lynch: *514.2927* 

**Director of Youth Ministry** Bill Maguire: *566.8740, Ext. 177* 

**Director of RCIA** Margie Lynch: *514.2927* 

Family Ministry Charlene Youngs: 566.8740 Ext: 123

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. **St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church** 625 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Naples, FL 34108

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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 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@ saintjohntheevanglist.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 2013.

### *Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine* We have 2014 Mass availability and 2013 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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Hymns for the	Third	Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 26 & 27
Entrance Hymn:	534	We Are Called
Preparation Hymn:	414	Your Words Are Spirit and Life
Communion Hymn:	494	One Bread, One Body
	541	We Are Many Parts
Closing Hymn:	400	How Great Thou Art

# Choral Anthems at the 9 & 11:15 AM Masses

Before the Mass At Communion Thy Word Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant, arr. Jack Schrader In His Time Diane Ball

# Collection for the Church in Latin America This Weekend



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January, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church in Latin America is vibrant, diverse in culture, and grounded in deep faith. At the same time, She faces many challenges among which are the hardships of poverty and violence; a lack of priests and catechists to help the youth live their faith, just to mention a few.

The annual Collection for the Church in Latin America helps to fund pastoral projects in the areas of evangelization, formation of priests, religious, missionaries, lay people and catechists, with an emphasis in all their work on youth outreach. By funding these causes, we are able to ensure that our impact will be felt for years to come and will greatly assist the Church in Latin America.

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice will take up this Collection the weekend of January 26-27, 2013. Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Latin America as an encouragement to the youth of the region to live their faith. Your support will truly make a difference.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you my blessings in this New Year. Thank you and God bless you for your support of the Church in Latin America!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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most and included steps for honoring and practicing these values in their homes. The children decorated the mission statements, and each family brought their mission statement home to place in a place of prominence to remind them of their mission and identity. The families also created prayer pouches, including Popsicle sticks with different petitions to pray for on a daily basis.

The session concluded with a renewal of our Baptismal vows. Each family received a holy water bottle to bring home with them to be used as a reminder of the identity and mission they are called to live out together.

The next Families in Christ will be Sunday, February 10.

text by Bill McGuire, Director of Youth Ministry



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# **Mass of Remembrance February 11**

Family members of parishioners who died in 2012 will be remembered at a Mass of Remembrance on Monday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. If you wish to reserve a candle, please call Rita Spagnola at 514.1302.

When you come to the Memorial Mass on February 11 a candle will be given to you. When the name of your loved one is called, you will come forward to light the candle which will remain lit until the end of the service. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this memorial.

A reception will follow in the Parish Life Center for those attending the Mass.

# **Annual Day of Renewal February 2**

Come and be renewed at the annual Day of Renewal for Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Venice. Saturday, February 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Bob Hogan, BBD, is the featured speaker. Fr. Bob is an outstanding teacher and preacher. He currently serves as Chairman of the National Service Committee and as the Coordinator of Teaching and Outreach for the Catholic Center in San Antonio, TX. The theme for the renewal is "Living the Year of Faith."

The gathering will be held at Jesus the Worker Parish, 881 Nuna Ave, Fort Myers, FL. The cost is \$15.00 if registered by January 31, and \$22.00 after that date. To register, send checks to Stephanie Oefinger, at 716 Taplow Road, Venice FL 34293.

For additional information call Stephanie at 941.493.6354 or Lois and Gerry Mader at 239.267.2684

# St. Finbarr Day Sunday, March 3

All are invited to celebrate St Finbarr Day, which is the second anniversary of St. Finbarr Parish. The celebration will be held Sunday, March 3.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frank Dewane at 10:00 a.m. The social hour starts at 3:00 p.m. and dinner is at 4:00 p.m. St. Finbarr Parish is located at 13520 Tamiami Trail East in Naples.

Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be purchased at the St. Finbarr Parish Office or by calling Florence Garofalo Office at 239.417.2084.

# Group Support Series Begins February 12

Support for anyone suffering the loss of a loved one will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Claussen Center on the following Tuesdays: February 12, February 19, February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26.

Sharing your story with others who are also grieving helps you to realize you are not alone.

For additional information, call Carol at 992.4190 or Dee at 594.7193.



# Catholic/Jewish Dialogue of Collier County

# 2013 PROGRAM

This season the topic of discussion will be "The Role of Women in

Catholicism and Judaism"

Presented by a Panel of Professional and Community Leaders

Second Session

Sunday, February 3, 2013 at 2:00PM St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church Seminar Room - Claussen Center 625 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue N, Naples

Take this opportunity to come and learn more about your own faith as well as your neighbor's. The more we have in common, the more we are like one another.

**RSVP to Jewish Federation at 239-263-4205** 

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# St. John Youth Ministry

# What Can We Do to Put a Stop to Abortion?

This past Tuesday (January 22) marked the 40 year anniversary of Roe v. *Wade*, the tragic Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in America. This year's March for Life took place on Friday, January 25. It was a particularly sad occasion because for the first time since its inception Nellie Gray, who died earlier this year, did not lead the March. Nellie, a convert to Catholicism, was



**Bill Maguire** Director of Youth Ministry

a champion of the pro-life movement and was the founder of the March for Life.

After 40 years of legalized abortion, with close to 55 million unborn children murdered in the womb, it is vital for us to ask what we can do to put a stop to abortion. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provided a strong answer to this question by developing a strategic plan of prayer, penance, and sacrifice for this year: Feast of the Holy Family (December 30, 2012) – Feast of Christ the King (November 34, 2013).

The US bishops have invited us to join the movement for life, marriage, and religious liberty by practicing the following acts of prayer and penance:

- 1. Pray the Rosary daily for life, marriage and religious liberty.
- 2. Abstain from meat and fast on all Fridays.
- 3. Take part in a special monthly Holy Hour at parishes or cathedrals.
- 4. Participate in another Fortnight for Freedom in June and July.

Another way to promote the right to life is to be clear in the way we express the truth as it concerns human life. Frequently we hear even Catholics say: "I believe that human life begins at conception, but I can't impose my religious beliefs on those who do not share my religion." The problem with this position is that it is factually and demonstrably false. People are entitled to their own opinions, but not to their own facts. The question of when human life begins is *not* a religious or philosophical question — rather, it is a question of biology, a question of science.

The science of embryology has determined definitively the biological question of when human life begins: namely, human life begins at conception. At conception, the male gamete (sperm) and female gamete (egg) cease to exist. A new living entity comes into being. This new entity is a member of the human species and is fully alive. The new embryo its own unique and identifiable DNA, and therefore the embryo is not a part of the mother's body.

The scientific question about when human life begins is, therefore, no longer open to debate. To say that human life does not begin at conception is on the same level as saying the earth is flat. The only "open" question, then, is the theological and philosophical question: namely, does this human life deserve the protection of the law? Sadly, there are those who, in spite of being fully aware of the scientific fact that life begins at conception, who still advocate the philosophical/theological position that this class of human life does not deserve the protection of law.

Knowing the scientific facts may help us to convert those abortion advocates who are honestly ignorant about when human life begins. Hopefully, in this case, this knowledge will cause them to change their position. At the very least, we can insist that abortion advocates face the facts and openly acknowledge what they are, in fact, supporting: the murder of innocent human beings.

Bill Maguire, M.T.S bill@saintjohntheevangelist. com (office) 239.566.8740, ext 177 (mobile) 239.330.5955



High School Youth meets from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the ballroom Middle School Youth meets from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Claussen Center Seminar Room

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Altar Servers:	
Neal Borter	804.357.5712
Arts & Liturgica	l Environment:
Kay Sanfelippo	949.7122
Calling & Caring	g:
Deacon Al Groh	566.8740 ext. 125
Eucharistic Mini	stry
Ernest Woonsam	947.8618
Homebound	
Maureen Wurtz	593.0475
Greeters & Ushe	rs:
John Smith	598.2306
Jamaica Mission	:
Al & Ann Kerns	514.1553
Lectors:	
Victor Yepez	290.9090
Daily Mass Lecto	ors:
Rosemary Slevin	596.7057
Pastoral Council	:
Jack Kindsvater	jkinds@me.com
Prayer Group:	
Linda Reilly	821.8982
Respect Life:	
Rosemary Erickso	on 597.3941

Stewardship Council:

Bob Claussen naplesrgc@gmail.com

Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry. Develops programs for adults to grow as Catholics through activities such as retreats, small groups meetings, lectures, seminars, social action and workshops. Stephanie Wardein: 289.5541; Perpetualimagesofnaples@ gmail.com

*AGA (Alienated Grandparents Anonymous).* Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. First Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the library and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the PLC ballroom. aga-fl.org

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

*Al-Anon.* Monday 9 to 10 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 parishoners 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. Jennifer Grenardo: grenardo@comcast.net

**Bible Teaching.** Lectors and friends convene Saturdays, 10 a.m., 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.* Are you or a loved one affected by cancer? We are a support team who help, encourage, pray, listen, laugh and do whatever it takes to help each other. We don't meet on a regular basis, so please call 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. Loretta Judy: 596.2291

*Divine Gift Boutique. WINTER HOURS:* Saturday: 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Jackie Gibson: 325.2107

*Evangelization.* Designed to psychologically bring back individuals who have left the Catholic Church. Deacon Al: 566.8740, ext. 125

*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.* Starting Feb. 12 sessions will be held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in room 13 of the Claussen Center. Dee: 594.7193 or Carol: 992.4190

*Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.* Last Monday of every month: St. John K of C Officers. First Monday of every month. Regular meetings begin at 7 p.m. 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 7:30 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K John A. Fazackerley FN 495.5380

*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. Anne Orem: 566.9636

*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 Jan Sukay: 431.7376. If interested in joining, call Valerie Matulis: 390.3545

*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. Andy Sanfelippo: 949.7122

*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. MeetsWednesdays 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 & encourage one another through the joys & struggles of life, work & motherhood in Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7 - 9 p.m. Martha Oram: 566.8740, ext. 177

*Pinochle.* Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Angie Cornelius: 498.4512

**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 after 8:30 a.m., Mass in PLC. Bill Smart: 566.8740

*Sing-A-Long* at Nursing Facilities. Tuesday, Feb. 5 at Emeritus, Bonita Springs; Tuesday, Feb. 19 at Imperial Healthcare, Naples; both 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. We are currently studying the book "*Come and See The Gospel of St. Mark*" by Emmaus Road Publishing. You are welcome to join at any time. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

# **PRAYER GROUPS**

# **Cenacle of Life Praver 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.

# **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., Room 15 Claussen Center. Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m., Room 15, Claussen Center. Centering Prayer will meet in the Parish Library on Wednesday mornings following the 9:00 a.m. Mass (9:45 a.m.).

### **THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT**

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

Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army

S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force

**Ensign Stuart** Campbell U.S. Navy

**Bradley N. Chartier** U.S. Army

**BM2** Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)

Specialist Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army, serving in Ft Bragg, N.C

Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force

Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces

Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines

Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division \* LAV Recon

Cpl. Dylan Granza (Serving in Afghanistan)

Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer U.S. Marine Corp \* LAV Recon

**Specialist Douglas** Hennessy U.S. Army Marine Lt. Colonel **Brian Howlett** U.S. Marine Corp

**David Jensen** 

Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army

LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC) LCpl. Ryan D. Novak

(USMC) Ryan D. Novak

(USMC) Lt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army

1Lt. Robert Pedrigi U.S. Army

Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army

Lt. Gregory Spencer U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

**Houng Tran** U.S. Army

(USN) Deployed on US.S. Boxer

Dana Downs

**IT2 Jason E. Tydingco** 

**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

### 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.

### **Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet** of Divine Mercy

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

### 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: Victoria Dettman and Al Labarbara

### May they rest in eternal peace.

### Let us pray for the sick of the parish, especially:

Joan Abele Tom Abele Jacob Andrew Ed Barber Agatha Barczynski Jerry Barton Makayla Basile Jennifer Basile A.J. Becker Rick Becker Linda Berry Mary Bessner John Brooks John Calahan Christine Canapari Tiffany Baumann Cantelupe Kathleen Caputo Christine Cassara James Castaldi Rosalia Castro Senise Clairmont Members of the Claussen Family Paul Conte Tuck Coon Nick Crnkovich Edna D'Antuono Alice Daley Brian Davis Carol Dickeson Donna DiMaggio Alexandria Dolkas Douglas Donaldson Michael Dunlop Ann Marie Esposito Tiffany Feidler Jennifer Fletcher Thomas O. Flood Donna Flynn Bob Follese & Family Tara Follese Barbara Fuller Rick Greenwood Helen Gressers Tim Hagan Kathleen Hall Charlotte Hallohan William & Linda Hart Gerald Heyen Coleen Hill Mary Kay Hoban Karen Hohne Bob Homan Cheryl & Jeff Horkey Val Hunt Madeline Hurley Mario Incatasciato Florence John Cade Joslin Yvonne Keenan Sr. Margaret Ann Kelley Marita Kelly Michael & Colleen Kirkmaier Susan Koundalapis Toni Kosak Michael Kurzeja

Al LaRocco David Land Wayne Lee Mary Lenick William Line Victor & Marie Louise Lisabeth Mr. & Mrs. George Losure Catherine Lusk Shari Lussier Betty Maher Jeanne Majeske F. Mansfield Richard Maynard Judy Mazza Jean K. McCarthy Sharon McCarthy Bill McConnell Bob McEvoy Margaret McGinness Carolyn McNichols Melina Megaris Nancy Meleo John Miller Shirley Moran Ed Moriarty **Rich Moriarty** Rev. Richard Mueller Sebastian Nagy Louis Naumoff Loretta Necas Peter Nicoletta Tyler Ostos

Maryla Panagos Michael Paul Diana Pecaro Patty Pilkington Ginny Poon Angela Preuss David Pupo Linda & Tom Riley Don Robinson Jesse Sanchez Maria Scarcella Cathy Schloendorn Carol Seiffert Jane & Bob Shengulet Teresa Shengulet Annette Sholette Liam Sjostrom Kathleen Skahill Jean Smith Jeff Smith Ray Stankard Katie Sullivan Kay Sullivan Robert Sulski Pat Sutter Tara and Children Rita Taranto Patricia Trapnell **Dolores Varone** Jim Vinton Maureen Wilkinson Tom Wright Jeannie and Sara Zaykowski

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740, email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com, or complete the form below and return it to the parish office. Please add to the PRAYER LIST

Name Please print first and last name

**Requested by** 

Your Phone Number

Date

LET US PRAY... JANUARY 27, 2013 ~ THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Annual Contribution Statements were mailed out last week to all parishioners who contributed at least \$1.00 during the 2012 calendar year. The statements were mailed "first class" in order to eliminate any problems with the bulk rate mailing process. As you know, we have made great strides in the past several years to ensure that your statement is accurate. If

there is an error on your statement, please contact me as soon as possible so that I may research and rectify the situation. The following are examples of contributions that will NOT appear on your annual statement from St. John the Evangelist:

1) If you have been contributing to the Catholic Faith Appeal in the 2012 calendar year and have exceeded the IRS \$250.00 threshold, you will receive an acknowledgement directly from the Diocese of Venice. If you did not meet the \$250.00 threshold for CFA contributions in 2012, you will need to use cancelled checks for tax purposes.

2) If you made a contribution directly to the Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP), your gift will be recognized by JOP.

3) If you made a contribution to the St. Vincent De Paul Society (directly or through the parish,) your gift will be recognized by the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

4) If you deposited loose cash in the offertory and did not use an envelope, we have no record of the gift.

5) If you are not a registered parishioner, you will not receive a statement.

Thank you very much to all of our parishioners for your generous support in 2012. We would not be able to efficiently operate without your generosity.

Have you taken a look at the "Lest we Forget" Veteran's Memorial recently? We are in the process of installing travertine stone with marble insets at the base of the statue. In the next few weeks, we will install the travertine at the base of all benches. The next order of brick memorial pavers will be installed this coming week. For those who have been waiting for the engraving on the granite benches; all of the information has been submitted to the engraver and we optimistically hope to have them completed by this coming week. We have also removed the tree that was interfering with the flags at the memorial. Once we grind the stump, landscaping will be installed to the east of the memorial. We have placed an order for additional miniature replicas of the "Lest we Forget" statue and hope to have them by next week in the gift shop.

The fourth annual ministry parade will take place this weekend prior to every Mass. This involves representatives from all of our parish ministries processing into the church with their respective banners. For those who witnessed the parade in years past, it is a truly amazing sight. This will be an opportunity for those not involved in a ministry to peruse the choices.

After several years of hosting a black tie themed St. Patrick's Day Party, we are switching things up this year by returning to a more traditional party. On St. Patrick's Day (Sunday, March 17) we will host a party complete with corned beef and cabbage and green beer. We are still working on pricing and entertainment; however, rest assured that this event will be very affordable. We want to allow all of our parishioners the opportunity to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at St. John the Evangelist. The proceeds from the St. Patrick's Day Party will benefit the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

### Save the date:

I have had several calls regarding the Reverse Raffle and whether or not we will host again this year. I am happy to announce the Reverse Raffle will indeed take place on Saturday, April 6. Please see upcoming bulletins for more information.

It wasn't the match up many of us were hoping for but the San Francisco 49ers will play the Baltimore Ravens in Super Bowl XLVII. This game will feature the Harbaugh bothers in a first for the NFL. Never before have brothers coached against each other in the Super Bowl. Tickets are still available for our 15th annual Super Bowl Party to be held on Sunday, February 3 in the PLC Ballroom. I look forward to seeing everyone outside of Mass on the February 3 as we sell Super Bowl Squares for the big game. Proceeds from the Super Bowl Party will benefit our Youth Ministry program.

Have you submitted your email address? Exactly one year ago, we began using Constant Contact to distribute email to our parish family. This module has been extremely effective and is a great way to convey important information quickly to all of our parishioners. If you would like to be included, please submit your email address to me at scotts@ saintjohntheevangelist.com. There are still about 80 addresses that bounce back when we perform a mass email. If you submitted your email address and are not receiving email, your address may have changed or may be incorrect in our system.

Our new goal for the 2013 Catholic Faith Appeal has been calculated by the Diocese of Venice. Due to numerous credits issued for support of Diocesan approved entities, our goal increased only \$10,000.00 over last year, even though our assessable revenue increased substantially. We will see you in February for the annual CFA kickoff.

In His work together,

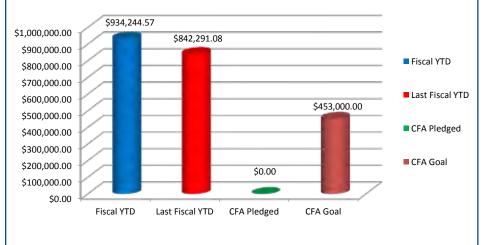
Scott Schlossberg, MBA, General Manager

# Scott's Corner...

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YTD/CFA Summary



**Diocese of Venice in Florida Prayer for the Year of Faith** 

O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your divine Son became man and died for



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our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths the holy Catholic Church teaches because You have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die.

We turn to you in humble supplication for ourselves and our Parish and Diocese in which we work, live, and pray, that

this Year of Faith may be a true source of renewal for each of us. May we be strengthened to live our faith in the midst of the world with joy and love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# Second Collection to Benefit Pius X Next Weekend

Poverty knows no season or recess at our sister parish in Kingston, Jamaica. The monies from next week's collection will keep the doors of St. Pius open and the programs there intact. We thank you for your support.

— Jamaica Outreach Program

# Ladies of St. John's Monthly Luncheon January 30 at Stonewood Restaurant

The Ladies of St. John's monthly luncheon will be on Wednesday, January 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the Stonewood Restaurant, 7935 Airport Road, Suite 20. We will order from the menu and pay with cash or credit card.

A free will offering for St. Vincent de Paul will be taken.

Call Barbara Fenn at 261.1894 by January 26 to reserve your spot.

Bonita Village Band FREE Concert Director Al Dalton Friday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Parish Life Center Donations accepted for music scholarships, elementary and high school students.

Questions - Call Pat Lampe 592-7845

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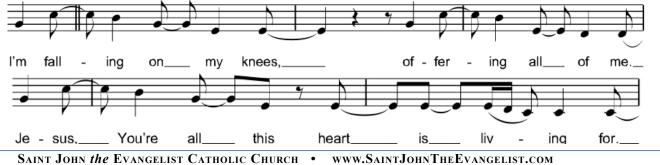
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# Communion Songs 494 One Bread, One Body John Foley

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*V.1)* Hungry I come to you for I know you satisfy I am empty but I know your love does not run dry And so I wait for you; so I wait for you (*chorus:*)

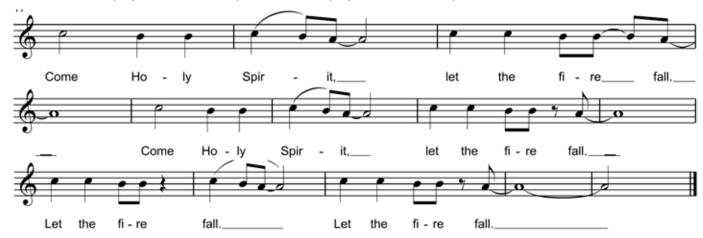
*V.2)* Broken I run to you for your arms are open wide I am weary, but I know your touch restores my life And so I wait for you; so I wait for you (*chorus*:)



# Closing Song Holy Spirit (Send Down the Fire) George Misulia

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*verse 1*) Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit), come with your Fire; Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit), come with your Fire Holy Spirit, come with your Fire! Holy Spirit, come with your Fire! (*to chorus, below*)



*verse 2*) Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit), purify my heart; Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit), purify my heart Holy Spirit, purify my heart! Holy Spirit, purify my heart! (*to chorus*)

*verse 3*) Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit), set my life on fire; Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit), set my life on fire Holy Spirit, set my life on fire! Holy Spirit, set my life on fire! (*to chorus!*)

# **Sacred Music In Sacred Spaces**

Our free monthly concert series, now in its second year of great music for the glory of God! Next FREE Concert: <u>3 PM THIS SUNDAY (Jan 27)</u>:





Come see our Adult Choir off as we share the music we will soon fill five Italian basilicas with! Italian baritone **Dino Valle** join St. John's favorite soprano, **Ellie Roberts**, mezzo **Jennine Fuentes**, & **Tom Oram** to fill our church with soul-stirring sacred music from everything from Verdi operas to gospel music! *This sacred program features selections from the works of* **Verdi, Mozart, Lauridsen, Oram, & more!** 



Upcoming Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM in the PLC Ballroom: **GOD & COUNTRY**, an evening with the Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus (note day fixed from brochure)

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm19:8, 9, 10, 15 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

# The Fulfillment of the Promise

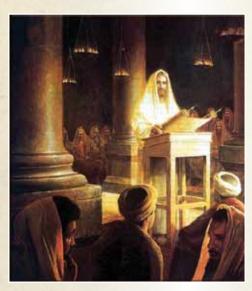
# **Reflection Questions**

- 1. How does Jesus' action of opening the scroll mirror what happens in the Liturgy of the Word?
- 2. What was Jesus anointed to do?
- 3. Who, from Isaiah's prophecy, are the people Jesus is called to save?
- 4. We are anointed in our baptism and confirmation. What does this anointing mean to me?
- 5. What things hold people captive?
- 6. What does it mean to bring recovery of sight to the blind?
- 7. Where does oppression exist?
- 8. Where do I stand in the midst of the needs of the world?
- 9. What am I called to do?
- 10. How can I bring the Lord's Word to fulfillment?

oday we hear Jesus proclaim that he is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah. Isaiah prophesied that a time would come when the Spirit would bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to those held captive, healing to those who were broken, and release to those oppressed. Can you imagine how powerful it was to experience such a revelation and see the very power of God unfold through the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth? Words would have been inadequate to express those first eyewitness accounts of such restoration to a kingdom already, but not yet. This preface to the ministry of Jesus communicates that God comes to dwell not in the midst of perfection, but in the midst of a world yearning to be healed, restored, and freed from captivity. The gospel of Luke provides the framework of Jesus' life-project and makes us aware that Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise made throughout the ages. When Jesus opens the scroll and declares its fulfillment, it is not a time for sadness and weeping, but a day of rejoicing for the whole of creation.

Throughout the gospels, there are numerous accounts of Jesus reaching out to those who were considered outside of the Jewish Law by the religious leaders. Jesus, who came to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, was himself one of the poor, who chose simple tradesmen (fishermen) and sinners (tax collectors) to follow him, making the kingdom of God known. *This scripture is also being fulfilled as we listen today.* When we humbly place ourselves before God with our failures and our sin—his presence is made known through Word and Sacrament. Christ forgives, removes our blindness, and frees us from our captivity through the sacrament of reconciliation. In our gathering for the Eucharist, Christ speaks to us in a new way, offering us eternal life. As we approach the altar of sacrifice, Jesus offers us his body and blood — blessed and broken for each one of us.

The realization of Isaiah's prophecy continues to unfold. Today we are invited, through our anointing at baptism and confirmation, to join Christ in his work to bring hope to those who are poor, blind, oppressed,



oppressed, with and captive. In the words of St. Paul, we are the Body of Christ, who must work together to give witness to the gospel. The fulfillment of God's promise is also birthed through the witness we give to Christ in bringing these attributes of mercy and compassion alive.

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

# Prayer

Lord, may we always give both our time and our treasures to those who are poor. May we offer new sight to those who allow their vision to be blurred by prejudice and narrow-mindedness. Enable us to become the voice of freedom for the people who are trapped by fear and injustice and encourage their liberation. May others find in us, a resting place of God's love. Amen!

# Voices of Faith The Hour of Promise

Rabbis and faith-filled people of Nazareth Gather amidst sacred walls of synagogue Where God speaks and humble man worships Sabbath day though it may be Jesus the Nazarene ushers in the hour of promise Knowledge of salvations dawning day is open and shared

With open scroll of Isaiah The Christ proclaims God's Word The Holy Spirit hovers over the son of the Carpenter The Spirit of the Lord is upon Him Sacred Anointing from on high brings forth Good News to the poor

Man is held captive no more Through the liberation of unconditional love Captive from fear more..... the kingdom of God builds Captive from sin no more..... the kingdom of God builds Captive from anger no more..... the kingdom of God builds Captive from past hurts no more..... the kingdom of God builds

Sacred Word proclaimed forth by Christ Opens the eyes of the world No longer blind to the shapes around him .....the blind man will see No longer blind to the world of sin..... the sinner goes free No longer blind to spiritual depth.....Jesus challenges man to open his eyes Blind no more.... Man walks from darkness into the Light of life! Image: Jesus Teaching in the Temple Source: catholiclane.com

Freedom is God's aim As he lets the oppressed go free Oppressed by foolish notions of the retribution of God Humanity is set free to become sons and daughters of God Oppressed by the violence of man's sinful desires Christ ushers forth the violence of love

This hour of promise Gives birth to the proclamation of a year Acceptable to the Lord Jesus brings man to the hour His presence brings forth the promise His sacrifice sets all men free

Humble ears listen to sacred utterances Brought forth from the mouth of God Fulfillment of hopes and dreams come about Humble prayers are answered The Messiah comes in humble form To reveal the power of God!

— "Peaceful Moments" - Fr. John J. Ludden

# **Faith Formation**



Jesus in the Synagogue

# Mark Your Calendar

# February 13

Ash Wednesday (NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES)

March 20 First Communion Activity Night

> March 28-31 Easter Triduum

May 3 First Holy Communion Rehearsal

May 4 First Holy Communion Ceremony

# **Faith Formation News**

**Ash Wednesday...**is on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. No Faith Formation classes are scheduled. However, families are encouraged to receive their ashes at the 7 p.m. evening Mass to remind ourselves and our children to turn away from sin, to be faithful to the Gospel, and to proclaim our Catholic Christian identity to others.

**First Communion Activity Night...**will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom, seminar room and classrooms. Banners will be made that will be hung in the church for the First Holy Communion Ceremony. All sacramental students must participate.

**Easter Triduum...**starts on the evening of Maundy Thursday and ends at Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Thus, the Triduum consists of three full days which begin and end in the evening.

**First Holy Communion Rehearsal...**will be on Friday, May 3, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom and the church. This will be the only rehearsal. Attendance is mandatory for all children receiving the sacrament.

**First Holy Communion Ceremony...** will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the church.

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# Faith Formation continued from page 16

# Scripture

**LESSON** 

# Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21 a blueprint for faith

In this Gospel story, Jesus gave us a plan for how we are to practice our faith.

First, Jesus entered the synagogue on the Sabbath according to his custom. He regularly took time to worship, demonstrating the importance of communal worship. It's not enough to just pray privately.

Second, Jesus read the scriptures, explained their meaning, and applied the scripture to a situation. That teaches us how to approach the Bible. Some Bible passages can be confusing. Explanation is important when we prayerfully read scripture. Applying the Gospel message to our lives is equally important. It is meant to be lived, not just read.

Third, Jesus asked his listeners to have faith in him. The passage he read from Isaiah was a prophecy of the Messiah. When Jesus said, *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing,"* he was revealing that he is the Messiah.

What can a parent do? Use this Gospel story to determine how your family will live your faith. Explain to children that, as followers of Jesus, we try to do just what he did.



Partners in Faith, January 2013, Success Publishing & Media, LLC

# REFLECTION

Jesus comes among us to fulfill our deepest longings. Jesus has greater hopes for us than our own best dreams. This is the message Jesus announces in his hometown when he says he fulfills the words of the prophet Isaiah. He announces a time of God's favor.

Favor is another name for God's grace or love or kindness. Jesus shows us God's favor by the way he heals the sick, welcomes children, includes outcasts among his friends, and pays attention to poor people.

Jesus calls us to pass on God's favor. We show God's favor and kindness when we reach out to other people around us. In this way we continue the time of God's favor that Jesus begins.

Gospel for All Ages, January 27, 2013, Good Ground Press and Pflaum Publishing Group

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

# **GRADE 1**

Life Question: Describe your neighborhood.

Gospel Question: What does Jesus' neighborhood look like?

# **GRADES 2-3**

Life Question: What dreams do you have for yourself?

Gospel Question: What good news does Jesus bring to our world?

# **GRADES 4-5**

Life Question: If you decide to write your life story, what stories will you tell?

**Gospel Question:** How do we bring people good news the way Jesus does?

### **GRADES 6-8**

Life Question: Who handed on to you the good news of Jesus?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus fulfill the words of the prophet Isaiah and bring the poor good news?

### **GRADES 9-12**

Life Question: What motivates you to work for justice in our world?

Gospel Question: How does your local Christian community continue Jesus' mission?

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# Safe Environment Training Classes Offered at St. John February 14 and 16

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment.

Report all abuses against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800.962.2873. To report abuse by Diocesan personnel or volunteers, call the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Barbara DiCocco at 941.416.6114.

Classes will be held at St. John the Evangelist on Thursday, February 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 16 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

To register for the classes at St. John, call the parish office during regular hours at 239.566.8740

For further information or to find other classes in the area, visit the Diocesan website at **www. dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment**. The next classes will be offered in the Summer/Fall 2013.

# Catholic Charities Will Celebrate 45 Years in Collier County Wednesday, January 30

Catholic Charities of Collier County, Diocese of Venice Inc. will celebrate 45 years of service to the community on Wednesday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Naples. This special event, which is free, will recognize the significant and lasting effect Catholic Charities has on the lives of thousands of children, individuals and families in Collier County. The goal of the agency is to fight poverty,

strengthen families and build communities through a myriad of programs and services that ensure human dignity and enhance the quality of life for all persons. Anyone interested in attending the 45th Anniversary Celebration may call Judy Sullivan at 261.3903 or email her at wilsonsullivan@comcast.net

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# 2013 Emerald Ball March 16

Catholic Charities of Collier County invites everyone to the 2013 Emerald Ball on March 16 at the Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort in Naples. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will be the host. Proceeds from the blacktie gala will benefit Catholic Charities programs and services in Collier County.

Evening includes a live auction, cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information contact: Michelle Doaz, 239.455.2655, michelle@catholicharitiescc.org, or Ruth Smith at 239.641.7955 or rms59@comcast.net.



Feresa Tomeo

Men & Women Are Invited! Pre-Payment Strongly Encouraged <u>SEATING IS LIMITED</u>

# BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE

Teresa Tomeo is an author, syndicated Catholic talk show host, and motivational speaker with more than 30 years of experience in TV, radio, and newspaper. Her daily morning radio program, Catholic Connection, is heard on over 200 Catholic stations nationwide. In her eye-opening presentation, Bringing America Back to Life, Teresa points out how the corruptive campaign promoting abortion, birth control, euthanasia, and sexual promiscuity is insidious. The media have crept into virtually every area of the culture and our lives. Teresa shows us the depth of this problem and how we can engage rather than give in to the culture of death.

# Wednesday, February 20, 2013 6:30pm to 8:30pm

St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom 625 111th Avenue North Naples, FL 34108

\$15/person Early Bird - \$20/person after 2/13/2013
(includes a glass of wine or beer and light dinner)

Register & Pre-Pay at www.faithandwine.com

OR mail a check payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." (include attendee name(s) and telephone number or email address) to:

> Mary Beth M. Clary Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, LLP 9132 Strada Place, 3rd Floor Naples, FL 34108

# Hosted by: Faith and Wine & Faith and Ale Naples

# **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** Understanding the Gospels

Presented by Deacon Hal Brenner

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is conducting a course on **Understanding the Gospels** which continues on consecutive Tuesdays. Classes are held from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Parish Life Center. The course will cover the four Gospels with background on when, why and to whom they were written, as well as the central themes of each Gospel. Also presented will be methods to read, understand and interpret the Bible.



# **Course Objective**

The objective of the course is to develop a richer understanding of God's message to us and to grow in our faith. All are welcome and there is no charge for the class. To register please call Deacon Hal Brenner at 566.8740, extension 174 and leave a message.

Class 4 - 1/29/13 The Bible — Inspiration, Revelation, and Gospels Solving the Mystery Class 5 - 2/5/13 How Do You Know? Matthew: The Bridge Class 9 - 3/5/13 Tools for Biblical Interpretation Luke's Good News of Mercy

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



Tickets \$15.00 per person available at the door, Includes five \$1.00 tickets to be used to purchase hot dogs, ice cream, cookies, beer, wine and soda.



Friday, February 1, 2013 6:30 - 10:00 PM MUSIC @ 7:00 featuring oldies of the 50's, 60's & 70's By Detroit Joe Turner

Join in the fun! Jitter Bug Contest - Best Dressed Couple 50/50 Raffel - Enjoy free popcorn

# Women's Bible Study to Reflect on the Gospel of St. Mark

Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. or on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. to study the Gospel of St. Mark. One of the authors has just appeared on EWTN "Bookmark" with Doug Keck. The other author is the Cardinal of the Netherlands. For more information, call Linda Reilly at 821.8982 or Maggie Miller at 687.0687. Join the women for fun and friendship and learn a lot.

# Apologetics Conference February 5

During this Year of Faith, learn about the Model of Faith, Our Blessed Mother! at the second annual Apologetics Conference Tuesday, February 5, from 8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m. The conference wll be held at Blessed Pope John XXIII, 13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers.

Register at: **www.dioceseofvenice.org/events**. For more information, call 941.484.9543 or email evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org

# Women's Conference February 16

The 2013 Diocese of Venice Women's Conference will be Saturday, February 16, at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. Celebrate the "Year of Faith" with other women. The keynote speaker is Teresa Tomeo, author, syndicated Catholic talk show host and motivational speaker. Also speaking is Sister Mary Gabriel of the Sisters of Life and Dr. Jennifer Morse.

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# Men's Conference March 2

The 2013 Diocese of Venice Men's Conference will be held Saturday, March 2, at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. Celebrate the "Year of Faith" with other men. The keynote speaker will be Scott Hahn, author, theologian and Catholic apologist. Also speaking at the conference is Dr. Peter Kleponis and Gus Lloyd.

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# **Remaining Big Band Dances** Thursday, **February 7**

Tuesday, February 19

> Tuesday, March 5

Tuesday, March 19

Tuesday, April 2

# To reserve a table of 8, call 239-394-0470

Singles Welcome

Menu

- Appetizer Display -Cheese & Flatbreads, Vegetable

Crudite, Fresh Fruit Display, Butler passed Gulf Shrimp Cocktail

- Salad Course -

Fresh garden salad with balsamic vinagrette, served with chef's bread assortment and sea salted butter.

- Entrée -

Chicken Napoli (Oak Fired Chicken

Breast with braised spinach, roasted

peppers, & chevre chaud), Whipped

Butter Bliss Potatoes, Herb Thyme

Green Beans

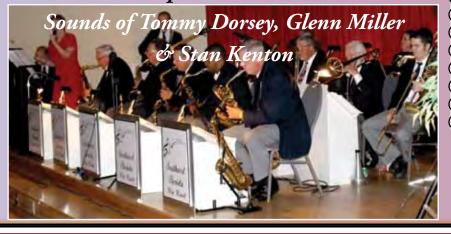
- Dessert -Chef's Tiramisu

We will attempt to meet any dietary needs.

# **BIG BAND DANCE** Next Dance of the Season

Thursday, February 7, 2013

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



# \$10.00 cash

Admission:

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.)

Sponsored by the Men's Club

The Knights of Columbus at St. John the Evangelist **Proudly Presents** The Valentine's Day Dance

Saturday, February 9

With Billy Dean and Dawn

6:00 - 9:30 p.m. (Entertainment and dinner begin at 6:30 p.m.)

# OPEN BAR

# Tickets: \$45 per person.

On sale after all weekend masses. No sales after February 3rd or at the door. Please make checks payable to: The Knights of Columbus.

For more information, please contact

Jim McDonald at 598-3789

# JACKETS

# REQUIRED.

Last year's event supported the following charities: Guadeloupe Social Services, Immokalee Pregnancy Center, Providence House, St. Joseph Food Pantry, St. Mathews House, St. Vincent DePaul, and Sunlight Home.



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# **Catholic Schools Week January 27 - February 2**

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atholic Schools Week provides an annual opportunity to share the good news about Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Venice. With predictions this year of more population growth in our part of Florida, there is a potential new audience that may be unfamiliar with Catholic schools in our Diocese. These newcomers, we are told, will be in various demographic groups. What might each like to know about our Catholic Schools?

Baby boomers coming to retire in our Diocese may be pleased to know that our Catholic schools value both tradition and innovation. Students learn, experience, and value the Faith as evidenced not only in their daily interactions, regular school Masses and numerous service projects, but also on their advanced scores on the national ACRE test (Assessments of Catechesis and Religious Education). Innovations such as "1:1 iPads," dual enrollment (high school and college), Mandarin Chinese language classes and videoteleconferencing enhance rather than replace foundational teaching. For retirees looking to visit, volunteer, or support effective and innovative classrooms, our Catholic schools welcome you.

Families with school age children moving to the area may also be interested in knowing that, in addition to providing a Catholic environment, schools in the Diocese of Venice demonstrate academic success by every measure. Schools follow the National Standards for Effective Catholic Schools (www.catholicschoolstandards.org) and use the "Common Core and More" curriculum standards. These take national subject area standards and infuse them with our Catholic identity.

It is a source of pride that Catholic schools in our Diocese have attracted families who have moved here from other countries. Our schools now boast of children from South Africa, Australia, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, Italy, South and Central America, Mexico, Korea and China. Parents choose these schools not only because of their academic reputations but because they know that their children will experience "instant community." With relatively small schools and an attitude of hospitality as part of the mission, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Venice are well suited to welcoming our brothers and sisters from other lands.

Newcomers to our Diocese should also know that our Catholic schools are not intended only for those of financial means. While parents do sacrifice to send their children to Catholic schools, there are scholarships, state programs, and other forms of tuition assistance to make a Catholic education accessible to all who want one.

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So to the new arrivals to our Diocese, our Catholic schools extend a warm welcome. Happy Catholic Schools Week to all!

Dr. Kathleen Schwartz, Diocese of Venice Director of Education, January 17, 2013

# Saint Ann Catholic School Open House Sunday, January 27

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated nationally and locally the week of January 27 to February 2. Saint Ann Catholic School will kick off the week with an all-school Open House on Sunday, January 27. All parishioners are invited to the Open House from 10:00 a.m. to1:00 p.m. in the Library. Guests can enjoy refreshments, take a tour of the campus and meet the faculty.

Saint Ann Catholic School is located at 542 Eighth Avenue South, Naples. For more information, contact Liz Simoes at 239.262.4110 ext. 300, or email her at lsimoes@stann.net

# St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School Open House Sunday, January 27

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School will host its Open House Sunday, January 27, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. There will be classroom tours, information and refreshments. New families receive \$100 off registration at Open House. St. Elizabeth Seton is located at 2730 53rd Terrace SW, Naples.

For more information, contact Mrs. Gina Groch, M.A., Assistant Principal at 239.455.2262. Visit the websie at www.saintelizabethseton.com

St. John's 15th Annual **SUPERBOWL PARTY** San Francisco 49ers vs. Baltimore Ravens Sunday, February 3, 2013 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 SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com