

January 8, 2012  
*The Epiphany of the Lord*



the  
**EVANGELIST**  
 SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Bible Story Time Celebrates the Epiphany** 



Candy canes, balls and glue sticks were just a few of the gifts the young children wanted to give Baby Jesus during Bible Story Time Monday, January 2, when parents and children celebrated the Epiphany by listening to stories about the Three Kings, Jesus' birth and Christmas gifts. Participants sang "We Three Kings" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" to celebrate the feast. Children also made crowns, gift boxes and stars to lead them to Baby Jesus just as the Three Kings did. They "traveled" to the church and presented their gifts to Baby Jesus in the manger. The journey ended by singing "Happy Birthday" to Baby Jesus.

*Clockwise: Children present their gifts to Baby Jesus. Bible Story Time celebrates the Three Kings. Children sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus. Bonnie creates a giftbox for Jesus.*



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

**January 7, 2012 Saturday**

8:00 AM Lloyd Duncan Lenora and George Ferdinand

**Vigil Services**

3:00 PM + Margaret Harkulich Mr. & Mrs. John Skubick  
5:00 PM + Captain Stephen J. Belli (U.S. Army) Parents

**January 8, 2012 Sunday**

7:00 AM Patrick Dolan Phil and Mary Cronan  
9:00 AM + Vincenza Masotti Mary and Jimmy Ventura  
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners  
1:15 PM + Vincenza Masotti Mr. & Mrs. Vincenzo Perrotta  
5:00 PM + Christina Klein The Biada Family

**January 9, 2012 Monday**

8:00 AM Gertrude Trapp Loretta & Marty Sullivan  
9:00 AM + Balind Bognar Elizabeth & Family

**January 10, 2012 Tuesday**

8:00 AM + Fr. Al McPartland Lois and Dick Finucane  
9:00 AM + Lynn Dembicki Arlene & Frank Rosenthal

**January 11, 2012 Wednesday**

8:00 AM + Kenneth Bond Foiles Family  
9:00 AM + Terrance J. O'Connor Paul & Mary Coleman

**January 12, 2012 Thursday**

8:00 AM + David Deacy Mary O'Neill  
9:00 AM + Edward W. Lewis Eileen & Bob Ruesch

**January 13, 2012 Friday**

8:00 AM + Margaret & Jim Tartarilla Vizidi Family  
9:00 AM + William Englehart Foiles Family

**January 14, 2012 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Gustavo Jose Lopez Dorothy Fletcher

**Vigil Services**

3:00 PM Albano Morais Family  
5:00 PM + Lynette Stephens Dennis & Denise Edson

**January 15, 2012 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Robert Marten Ginny Marten  
9:00 AM + Nan Groh Al Groh  
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners  
1:15 PM + Lambert & Louise Abell Kathy Sims  
5:00 PM + Henry Kryszewski Barbara

*Flowers in Memory of Wendy Murphy Burke ~ Requested by The Family*

*Wine and Host in Memory of Richard Thomas Smith ~ Requested by Richard & Judy Mattera*

**Homebound:** Eucharistic Ministers 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 7, 2012**

St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday; Julian Calendar Christmas  
1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11

**Vigil Services**

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Monday, January 9, 2012**

The Baptism of the Lord; National Vocation Awareness Week  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday, January 10, 2012**

First Week in Ordinary Time begins  
1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 11, 2012**

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 12, 2012**

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday, January 13, 2012**

St. Hilary  
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 14, 2012**

Blessed Virgin Mary  
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

**Vigil Services**

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**Sunday, January 15, 2012**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

# Jamaica Outreach Program

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### *Understanding the Old Testament*

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church will be conducting a course on *Understanding the Old Testament* beginning on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, and continuing for fourteen consecutive Tuesdays. Classes will be held from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the library in the Parish Life Center. Instructor Deacon Hal Brenner will lead an examination of the major books of the Old Testament and present methods to read, understand and interpret the Bible. An historical overview, along with an analysis of how the Old Testament was written, will be presented.

### Course Objective

The objectives of the course are to develop a richer understanding of God's message to us and to grow in our faith. To register please call Deacon Hal at St. John at 566.8740 ext. 174 and leave a message. There is no charge for the class. All are welcome.

**Class 1 - 1/10/12** Introductions, Format and Course Description

**Old Testament Introduction**

**Class 2 - 1/17/12** Genesis and Covenant  
Some Important Terms

**Genesis Chapters 1-11**

**Class 3 - 1/24/12** The Bible — Why Was It Written?

**Abraham**

**Class 4 - 1/31/12** The Bible — Inspiration and Revelation

**The Patriarchs**

## Preparation for Annual Food Drive

Preparations for the JOP Food Drive will be held on Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish library. A list of food items approved by the Jamaican Customs Office will be stapled to shopping bags which will then be distributed after Masses on the weekend of January 14-15. Volunteers are asked to bring their own staplers, a smile and a chuckle!

## Annual Food Drive January 21-22

We are starting our annual Food Drive for St Pius X in Kingston, Jamaica. During the weekend of January 14-15 we will pass out food bags at all Masses with a requested list of foods. (We are restricted to these items due to Custom Regulations.) We request that the bags be returned with food at the following weekend Masses (or any time during the week to the Church or PLC.)

We will have a sorting and packing operation during the weekend of January 21-22. We will have an ocean-going container in the church parking lot for packing. Anyone who wishes to participate in any phase of these activities should call Bill O'Connell at 239.594.943.

## Magnificat Breakfast Saturday, January 28

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women. The breakfast will be held Saturday, January 28, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at our new location, the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. Our speaker, Jane Hanzel, grew up in a very strict German Lutheran family during the Great Depression. Later in life she became Catholic. Through many changes in her life, one thing remained constant – The Lord's loving presence was always available and unchanging. Come and hear her story of how the Lord desires to become real in all of us, if we only seek Him (Matthew 7:7-11).

Advanced registration required by mail. Seating is limited; no walk-ins. Please send a \$20 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Joanne Tarantino, 16550 Heron Coach Way #206, Fort Myers, FL 33908, 481.6967, or Rose Ann Manzoni, 3660 Stone Way, Estero, FL 33928, 498.5494. Requests must be postmarked by January 21.

## Hymns for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 7 & 8, 2012

Entrance Hymn:	<b>228</b>	We Three Kings
Preparation Hymn:	<b>227</b>	The First Nowell
Communion Hymn:	<b>495</b>	Bread of Life ( <i>Christmas Verses</i> )
	<b>219</b>	Of the Father's Love Begotten
Closing Hymn:	<b>231</b>	Angels, From the Realms of Glory

## PARISH CLERGY



**Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor**

Fr. Len Gioeli Associate  
Fr. Thomas Kelly Associate  
Fr. George Hazler Weekend Associate  
Deacon Hal Brenner  
Deacon Rob Chalhoub  
Deacon Frank Paniccia  
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 1:00 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**  
Natalie Campbell: Ext. 134

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

**Choir Director**  
Ellie VanderMeuse: 682.5609

**Sacristan**  
Lorna Woonsam: Ext. 133

**Communications**  
Kathy Sims: Ext. 128

**Memorial Garden**  
Scott Schlossberg: Ext. 114

**Religious Boutique**  
Marianne Brooks: 591.4668

### *Education Staff*

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

**Administrative Assistant to the Director of Faith Formation**  
Tiffany Moody: 514.2927

**Director of Youth Ministry**  
Brendan Budlong: 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**

## St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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Naples, FL 34108

*Phone:* 239.566.8740

*Fax:* 239.566.9117

**[www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com](http://www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com)**

### **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.

### **Contemporary Sunday Mass:**

5:00 p.m.

## 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 2013.

### **Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine**

We have 2012 & 2013 availability. Call or visit the 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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# Catholic/Jewish Dialogue of Collier County

2012 PROGRAM SERIES

## "Differences in Religious Practices"

**First Session: Sunday, January 8, 2012**

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island

991 Winterberry Drive Marco Island

2:00 PM

### **"Living With Two Faiths" When Jews and Catholics Marry**

Rabbi Edward Maline, Jewish Congregation of Marco Island

Fr. George Ratzmann, Pastor, St. William Catholic Church

Including a Panel of Interfaith Couples

**Second Session: Sunday, February 5, 2011**

St. William Catholic Church Ministry Center

750 Seagate Drive Naples

2:00 PM

### **"Finding One's Faith" Inspired by the Book, Turbulent Souls reprinted as Choosing My Religion, by Stephen J. Dubner, New York Times Editor and Writer**

**Discussion led by the Catholic Jewish Dialogue Readers and Thinkers**

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**

### ***Statues Have Arrived; Few Available for Sale***

The statues have finally arrived and they will be for sale in the parish office for \$35.00 per statue. We have statues of St. John the Evangelist, Blessed Virgin Mary, as well as our crucifix.

Those who have preordered and/or prepaid for their statues may also pick them up in the parish office. We have a record of those who have prepaid. Quantities are limited.



*St. John the Evangelist Statue*

### **Memorial Mass for Marian Duncan**



Parishioners are invited to a 10:00 a.m. Memorial Mass on Friday, January 20 for Marian Duncan, recently deceased member of St. John the Evangelist and dedicated member of the Ladies of Charity.

Marian coordinated the monthly Mass said at the Memory Care Harbor Chase and she also coordinated visits for homebound parishioners.

The Ladies of Charity will host a reception in the library following the Memorial Mass.

### **Order 2012 Mah Jongg Cards Through January 20**

Orders for 2012 MAH JONGG CARDS (standard \$7.00/ large \$8.00) will be taken through January 20, 2012. A donation of \$1.25 (per card ordered) will be forwarded to St. John's Habitat for Humanity by the Mah Jongg League.

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 44 cents (stamp or cash) per card in an envelope addressed to MAH JONGG. Drop off your order at the receptionist desk in the Parish Life Center. Your order will be shipped directly to your home address by April 1, 2012.

### **Workshop to Provide Education About Addictions**

The National Catholic Council on Addictions (NCCA) will hold a workshop at the Diamond Head Resort, Fort Myers Beach on January 19 to provide education about the disease of addiction, treatment and intervention. The workshop is open to all those either battling or affected by addictions and will feature experts in the field of treatment and recovery. For further information regarding this event, please contact Rev. Paul White at 815.943.6466 or Denise Bertin-Epp at 248.391.4445 ext. 1228.

## PRAYER GROUPS

### Centering Prayer / Lectio Divina

The Centering Prayer group meets weekly on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in room 15 of the Claussen Center. On Tuesday mornings, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass (9:45 a.m.) Centering Prayer will be held in the Parish Library. Following Centering Prayer, both groups pray Lectio Divina. Everyone is welcome. (Brochures are available in the foyer.)

### Divine Will Prayer Group

The Divine Will Prayer Group studies the writings of Servant of God Louisa Piccarreta. The group meets on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. in the Claussen Center, room 15. Please join us. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

### Liturgy of the Hours

Members of the third order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites pray the Liturgy of the Hours 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 available.)*

### St. John Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

St. John prayer group meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

## THROUGH THE DARKNESS

### BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

#### Bradley N. Chartier

U.S. Army

#### Sgt. Chris Counts

U.S. Marine Corp

#### James Cunningham

#### BM3 Charley Davidson

U.S. Navy

#### Specialist Anthony J. Diamante

U.S. Army, serving in Ft Bragg, N.C

#### Joshua Emmons

U.S. Air Force

#### Lt. Joseph Gilig

1st Marine Division \* LAV Recon

#### Ssgt. Patrick H. Hammer

U.S. Marine Corp \* LAV Recon

#### Spec. Adam C. Janes

U.S. Army, Ft. Bragg, NC

#### Lt. John Meyers

U.S. Army

#### LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)

#### PFC. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)

#### Lt. Martin Palmer

U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

#### Capt. Oliver Schrang

U.S. Army

#### Lt. Joseph Schafer

U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

#### Houng Tran

U.S. Army

#### IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)

Deployed on U.S.S. Boxer

## PRAYER LIST

*We remember those who have died recently, especially:*

Rafael Gonzalez-Dietz

*May they rest in eternal peace.*

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

Tom Abele	Catherine Haffey	Nicholas Pearo
Marilyn Adams	Thomas Hartsell	Susan Peterson
Peter Allard	Judy Herzog	Carol Petrone
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Allard	Gerald Heyen	Joe Pohrer
Jacob Andrew	Scott Hoban	Angela Preuss
Jennifer Basile	Karen Hohne	Betty & Howard Preuss
Makayla Basile	Mary Charlotte Hollohan	Peggy Prosch
Linda Berry	Val Hunt	Timothy Ray
Matt Brown	Mario Incatasciato	Lonnie Raycox
Mary Buros and infants	Skip Johnson	Dale Reynolds
Greg Camp	Cade Joslin	Jason Reynolds
Christine Cassara	Dawn June	Alicia Rodriguez
James Castaldi	Peggy Keener	Bonnie Rowe
Jordan Cole	Ruth Lisser	Joseph Ryan
Eunice Chowdry	Anita & Laura Lombardi	Daniel Schoenbauer
Thomas Cress	Ray M.	Christopher Serna
Virginia D'Agostino	Mary Jo Magner	Patricia Shannahan
Owen Destino	Gerry Magyar	Leonard Sbrocco
Maurice DeVito	Jeanne Majeske	Mary Siesky
Donna DiIorio	Robert Mangiante	Jean Smith
Donna DiMaggio	Josephine Markow	Jeffrey Smith
Ed Duff	Peggy and Gennaro Marino	Derek Stender
John Duffey	Josephine Markow	Andrew and Christian Suarez
Amy Durante	Brad Martin	Betty Sundstrom
Rita and Carl Edward	Judy Mazza	Margaret Sweikert
Sue Ells	Erin McMullen	Theresa
Elsa Everstijn	Eileen Merszerowski	Marie Trucco
William Farhet	Alex Moody	Conchita Turros
Jim Fargo	Joe Moran	Tony Vastola
Dr. Stephen Ferrante	Rev. Richard Mueller	Pat & Eloisa Velasquez
William Fine	Marjorie Nelson	Carmella Weeks
Jim Fitzgerald	Peter Nicolleta	Herm Weinberger
Donna Flynn	John Nicolais	Allison White and infants
Carol Fox	Dennis Noone	Francis Whitlock
Christina Gable	Honey O'Connell	Don Wilson
Bobbie & Joe Gasparri	Tyler Ostos	Thomas Wood
Arleen Glavonavich	Maryla Panagos	Patricia Woodrich
Rachel Glayan	Tracy Paponetti	Amy Young
Deacon Al Groh	Dolly Parker	Richard Zonas
Jack Haag		

**To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740,  
email: [info@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto: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...

# National Author to Speak at AGA Event January 19

AGA (Alienated Grandparents Anonymous) will host Anne Kathryn Killinger, a national author, as a Special Guest Speaker January 19. She is the author of **A Son Is a Son: How Toxic Daughters-in-Law Destroy Families.**

Anne Kathryn Killinger has been a concert pianist, a college professor, a church organist, a photographer's model, the mother of two sons and the wife of a prominent minister and theologian. She has lived in Nashville, Birmingham, New York, Los Angeles, Paris, and Oxford. In addition to her groundbreaking book **A Son Is a Son: How Toxic Daughters-in-Law Destroy Families**, she is the author of **An Inner Journey to Christmas**, **An Inner Journey to Easter**, and two novels, **Pendleton Farm** and **Rachel Remembers**. She has also contributed chapters to several collections of women's devotional material. She and her husband

John (a minister) now live in Warrenton, Virginia, a few miles from the nation's capital.

"I applaud the work of AGA," she said. "Only other grandparents who are not allowed to spend time with their grandchildren have any conception of the unnatural stress this places on our lives. My husband and I have four grandchildren we can't visit, two of whom we have never once laid eyes upon. To a mother's heart, this is one of the most unbearable psychological burdens imaginable."

AGA (Alienated Grandparents Anonymous) focuses on the struggle so many grandparents have in being part of their grandchildren's lives. Grandparents who attend will remain anonymous so that everyone will feel free to openly share their feelings and perceptions.

Alienation is a willful intimidation. It is

considered a severe form of child abuse. It is an epidemic affecting families and has no socio-economic boundary. With support, the trauma is minimized.

At each meeting, one of our participating consultants will provide knowledge in their field of expertise. [www.aga-fl.org](http://www.aga-fl.org) About Us Consultants will also offer strategies to help relieve the pressure, and heal relationships with your children. They will present coping skills to help manage your emotional pain. This will be followed by an interactive discussion, and then small group discussions facilitated by several participating consultants.

AGA intends to offer support and understanding and to help validate the feelings of those suffering with the different degrees of alienation. AGA will work toward bringing alienated grandparents, parents, and grandchildren together.

For more information, contact: [www.aga-fl.org](http://www.aga-fl.org) or email: [aga\\_fl@yahoo.com](mailto:aga_fl@yahoo.com)

AGA meets at St. John the Evangelist the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Library and the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the ballroom.



Ave Maria University President H. James Towey presents  
"A Walk with Mother Teresa"

Thursday, January 12, 2012 ~ 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom

Mr. Towey came to Ave Maria after serving as president of Saint Vincent College from 2006-2010. Under his leadership, records were set for national rankings, enrollment and fundraising. He also launched successful service learning and study abroad programs. Prior to leading Saint Vincent, Mr. Towey served as an Assistant to the President of the United States. He was a member of President George W. Bush's senior staff and attended meetings of his Cabinet. As director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives from 2002 to 2006, Mr. Towey oversaw billions of dollars in federal grants that were awarded annually to faith-based charities serving the poor. His bipartisan collaborations led more than 30 governors to open offices to assist religious charities in their states.

At the urging of Mother Teresa, Mr. Towey founded Aging with Dignity, a non-profit organization that helps families plan for and discuss end-of-life care. Inspired by his experiences caring for the dying in one of Mother Teresa's home for people with AIDS, he created the widely-popular advance directive Five Wishes, which has sold over 14 million copies. Aging with Dignity has become the nation's leading advocate for the rights of those facing serious illness.

**We encourage you to pre-pay for this event** by going to [www.faithandwine.com](http://www.faithandwine.com) and click on "Registration for Events". Or you can simply sign up and drop off your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." at the St. John office. The cost is \$10 if you prepay before the early bird deadline of January 10, 2012 and \$15 after that date.

Faith and Wine is a group of diverse women, all at different places along their faith journey, 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. Sponsorship opportunities are available – please e-mail Mary Beth Clary at [mbclary@porterwright.com](mailto:mbclary@porterwright.com) for more information. Join us and find out why more than 200 women have been attending Faith and Wine events!

**Collection  
for  
Vocations  
and  
Seminarian  
Education  
Weekend  
of January  
7 and 8**

<b>Altar Servers:</b>	
Neal Borter	804.357.5712
<b>Arimatheans:</b>	
Virginia D'Agostino	597.7687
<b>Arts &amp; Liturgical Environment:</b>	
Kay Sanfelippo	949.7122
<b>Calling &amp; Caring:</b>	
Deacon Al Groh	566.8740 ext. 125
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	
Dennis Powers	591.0593
<b>Homebound</b>	
Maureen Wurtz	593.0475
<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers:</b>	
John Smith	598.2306
<b>Grief Support:</b>	
Dee Donnelly	594.7193
<b>Jamaica Mission:</b>	
Al & Ann Kerns	514.1553
<b>Knights of Columbus:</b>	
<b>St. John Council 11281</b>	
Jim Follese	495.9741
<b>Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308</b>	
Rudy Kamennick	248.1853
<b>Ladies of Charity:</b>	
Jan Sukay	431.7376
<b>Lectors:</b>	
Victor Yopez	290.9090
<b>Daily Mass Lectors:</b>	
Rosemary Slevin	596.7057
<b>Men's Club:</b>	
Andy Sanfelippo	949.7122
<b>Prayer Group:</b>	
Linda Reilly	821.8982
<b>Respect Life:</b>	
Rosemary Erickson	597.3941
<b>St. Vincent de Paul:</b>	
Bill Smart	566.8740

**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 1:00

p.m. in the Library; third Thursdays 7:00 p.m. in the ballroom. [www.aga-fl.org](http://www.aga-fl.org)

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

**Al-Anon.** Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. PLC.

**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, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., in PLC pre-school classroom. Parents and children ages 0-5 years old welcome. Jennifer Grenardo: [grenardo@comcast.net](mailto: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 5:00 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 PM: The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas are welcome including visitors. Loretta Judy: 596.2291

**Evangelization.** Designed to help people leaving the church. Deacon Al 566.8740, ext. 125.9090

**Families Helping Families.** Mondays at 6 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: 498.7523

**Grief Support.** Sessions on the second and fourth Wednesdays monthly at 10:00 a.m. in room 13 of the Claussen Center. Dee Donnelly: 594.7193

**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 7:00 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited to join our Council meeting. 495.9741

**Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308.** Meetings are the day after the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Visiting Sir Knights are

invited. Rudy Kamenick, FN, 248.1853

**Knitting & Crocheting.** Tuesdays from 10:00-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 2nd 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. Also friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound. Jan Sukay. 431.7376

**Mah Jong.** Wednesday, 12-3 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 held the 2nd Thursday of the month, 2-3:00. 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. Meets Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in PLC. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

**Narcotics Anonymous.** Wednesday, Thursday, Sturday, 8:00 p.m. PLC.

**Philothea.** Women ages 20-45 meet to support & encourage one another through the joys & struggles of life, work and motherhood in a Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Ruth Wardein: 398.4428, [redhedded28@yahoo.com](mailto:redhedded28@yahoo.com)

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

**Religious Gift Shop.** Open Saturday and Sunday and after daily Mass. The shop will be closed. The gift shop is in need of volunteers after Mass on Wednesdays. 591.4668

**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 welcome. Nancy Cote: 514.0410

**Sing-A-Long** at Nursing Facilities. Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Harbor Memory Care in Naples at 2:00 p.m. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

**St. John Choir.** Rehearsals: Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites.** Phyllis Gryskiewicz, 566-7307

**Women's Bible Study.** Thursday, 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m., Library. The new bible study resumes January 12. Linda Reilly, 821.8982

## St. John Welcomes the Newly Baptized Into Parish Family

*The Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist, along with our Clergy and Baptism Team, celebrate with our newest baptized members of 2011. God Bless you all and welcome to our parish family!*

Liam Stone Anderson-Williams  
David Ignatius Pio Baier  
Hudson Edward Beaudet  
Emily Michelle Born  
Virginia Anne Borter  
Hayden Elizabeth Bresnahan  
Charlotte Jane Bringardner  
Reese Patiricia Cavaliere  
Roberta Cavallo  
Lucy Ann Di Rocco  
Bradley Joseph Donahue, Jr.  
Gwyneth Olivia Espineta  
Vincent Charles Fusco  
Evelyn Anne Garcia  
Cameron James Getner

Victoria Micaela Giammarco  
Jordyn Elizabeth Green  
Jacksen Kasbi  
Eliza Kasbi  
Peyton Joseph Kocinski  
Nicholas Alexander Lichtlin  
Jaxon Christopher Luckenbill  
Nora Maria Manderschied  
Trenton Mankiewicz  
Katelyn Elizabeth Mays  
Anna McDonough  
Hannah Margaret Pezzuti  
Bridget Therese Plumley  
Sasha Rose Richard  
Chloe Riley

Roberto Enrique Rodriquez  
James Allen Rook  
Ella Anne Schlossberg  
Mia Bridges Schlossberg  
Nathaniel Charles Schlossberg  
Ella Patricia Sindledecker  
Abigail Rose Spiker  
Ashton Cole Styles  
Andrew Dat Tran  
Lily Tuyet Tran  
Johnathan David Veller  
Clara Mary Elizabeth Wardein  
Jude Alexander Wardein  
Riley Elizabeth Williams

### **DON'T FORGET VALENTINE'S DAY IS SOON!!**



Join us for the St. John Knights of Columbus Annual

### **VALENTINE'S DINNER/DANCE**

*Make Your Sweetheart Happy...  
Celebrate Valentine's Day  
at St. John*

Featuring the music of the popular

**BILLY DEAN & DAWN**

**Friday, February 10, 2012**

**6:00 – 10:00 PM in the PLC**

Great Dinner & Open Bar – Great Entertainment  
**GREAT VALUE**

*Catered by Cappelli's*

**Tickets: \$45 per person**

*Available in the parish office beginning Wednesday, January 11.*

*Tables of 8 suggested  
Jackets Requested*





After my recent comments complaining about the warmer than average weather, mother nature sent a quick shot of arctic air our way. Although temperatures hovered around the freezing mark in inland areas, it looks as though we dodged a bullet on campus. A light breeze kept any frost from forming on our tender vegetation. In addition, we took precautions and covered all of the annuals. There still may be some ancillary damage as the temperatures transitioned from warm to COLD in a very short period of time. I guess this is a lesson learned in that “you have to be careful what you wish for.” Let’s hope that jack frost remains up north for the rest of winter. Seasonal temperatures will certainly be welcomed from here on out!

The miniature statues of St. John the Evangelist, the Blessed Mother and the crucifix have finally arrived. I say this as the original delivery date was September, but there were a plethora of issues getting the items shipped from Thailand. We have placed samples of the miniatures in the narthex for you to see at your convenience. The statues may be purchased in the Religious Gift Shop or in the parish office at a cost of \$35.00 each. The final product is absolutely beautiful and worth the wait as far as I am concerned. We hope that you agree.

January 19 is the 80th birthday of Bishop Emeritus John J. Nevins. A Mass celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane and concelebrated by the priests of the Diocese of Venice will be held on that same day at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Bishop Frank Dewane will celebrate Mass for married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 50+ years). The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 3 right here at St. John the Evangelist at 11:15 a.m. Following Mass, there will be a wonderful catered lunch in the ballroom. Please see Melanie in the parish office to register.

The Notre Dame Undertones will perform on Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ballroom with open seating. The Undertones are a twelve-man a cappella group from the University of Notre Dame. The Undertones have a strong heritage of touring the United States with and independent of the Notre Dame Glee Club. The Undertones sing a cappella arrangements of popular songs

of many genres. Tickets are \$10 per person payable at the door to support Naples Club Scholarships and Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Faith Appeal. Contact Jim Raley with the number attending at jimralley@earthlink.net or 239.353.8909 and leave a voice mail message.

On Sunday, February 5, we will host our 14th Annual Super Bowl Party in the ballroom of the Parish Life Center. This party has received much acclaim over its 13 year run, and this year will be no different. Tickets are available in the parish office for \$25 each. We will sell a maximum of 300 tickets, and due to the increasing popularity of this annual event, I strongly suggest buying yours early. This year we will be using our new audio visual system for the game. Rather than having one large screen to watch the game, we will have four large screens which will provide an amazing viewing experience. We hope to see you there. Please see the flyer in this bulletin for further details.

It looks as though we will have to start a new streak in 2012 with regards to the Catholic Faith Appeal. We have yet to receive the final results, however, even with a strong finish, I believe that we missed the mark. I would like to wholeheartedly thank all of our parishioners who gave so generously in an effort to reach our goal. We will do our very best in 2012 to meet with success. We are planning to host a few additional fundraisers this year that will assist our efforts.

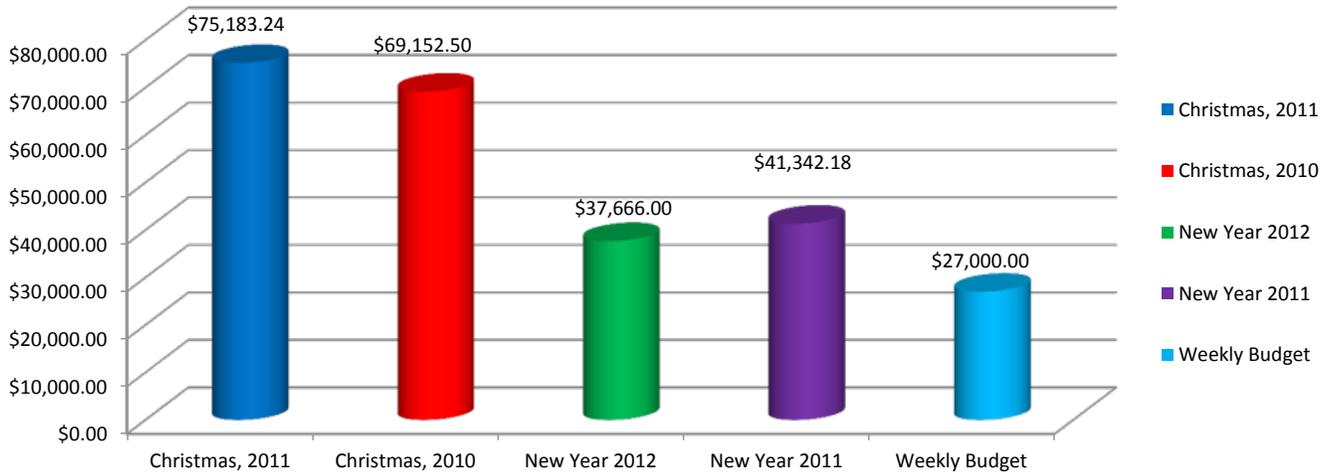
There will be a Memorial Mass to Celebrate the life of Msgr. Lou Piermarini on Saturday, February 4 at 1:00 p.m. Msgr. Lou was the pastor of St. Roch’s Parish in Oxford, Massachusetts, and assisted the clergy at St. John the Evangelist when he was in town. Msgr. Lou was loved by those who knew him within our parish. He died on Sunday, June 26 after an illness. Fr. John will celebrate this Mass.

As a reminder, the Ministry Fair will take place on Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29. This is your opportunity to meet with representatives from our parish ministries and join if you like. We hope to see you there.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA  
General Manager

## Collection Summary



## YTD/CFA Summary



### J.O.Y. Club's Next Event Thursday, January 19

Hapy New Year, Senior Citizens! The January J.O.Y. Club monthly get-together will be Thursday, January 19 in the ballroom at 11:30 a.m. Those who plan to attend should call the office at 566.8740 during office hours to make reservations. Start the new year right by bringing along a friend.

This month we will play BINGO and serve a special dessert. There will also be a prize for the best New Year resolution. Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.

### 10th Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal

The Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal runs through January 31. The appeal provides help and creates hope for individuals and families seeking assistance. This year's goal is to raise \$450,000. A gift will provide funding for the many Catholic Charities programs and services available throughout Southwest Florida and enable Catholic Charities to help those in need all year long. Please consider a gift to the Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal by sending a donation to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., 5824 Bee Ridge Road, PMB #409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065. For more information call 941.488.5581.

### Ladies of St. John's Luncheon Thursday, January 26 at Cypress Woods Country Club

The Ladies of St. John's monthly luncheon will be Thursday, January 26 at 11:30 a.m. at the Cypress Woods Country Club. The club may be reached by turning at the light at the intersection of Immokalee Road and Northbrooke Drive. This is between I-75 and Huntington Lakes. The club house is located at 3525 Northbrooke Drive, approximately three miles from Immokalee Road.

Reservations with a check for \$16.00 should be sent to Dolores C. Donnelly, 7794 Emerald Circle, A104, Naples, FL 34109. For more information call 594.7193.

# 5 PM Contemporary Mass Music Worship Aid

## Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>: the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Prelude	<b>My Glorious</b>	Martin Smith / Delirious?	
Opening Song	<b>228 We Three Kings</b>	John H. Hopkins, Jr.	
Kyrie & Gloria	•	<i>The Mass of St. John the Evangelist</i>	(please see worship aid in pew)

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Lord, ev' - ry na - tion on earth will a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ you.

Gospel Acclamation • *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist* (please see worship aid in pew)

Preparation Song **227 The First Nowell** Traditional

Sanctus • *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist* (please see worship aid in pew)

Memorial Acclamation (B) • *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist*

Great Amen • *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist*

Agnus Dei • *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist*

Communion Song **Behold the Lamb of God** Matt Maher CCLI Song No. 4669755. © 2005

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*Verse*



You are my Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ It's you I a - dore. \_\_\_\_\_

5  
— Nothing on earth \_\_\_\_\_ could e - ver take \_\_\_\_\_ your place. \_\_\_\_\_ Your might humbles ev - 'ry \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

11  
— The highest of hea - vens \_\_\_\_\_ bow. \_\_\_\_\_ Nothing on earth \_\_\_\_\_ could e - ver take \_\_\_\_\_ your place. \_\_\_\_\_ And

*Pre-chorus*  
now we see your sac - ri - fice, the great - est gift, our great - est prize! Be -

*Chorus*  
hold the Lamb of God! Be - hold the Lamb of God who takes a-way the sins of the world!

*Bridge*) We will not forget, we will stay awake... We will not abandon the promise that you made

# Meditation

# Give Us Clean Hands

Charlie Hall

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5 We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; O Spi rit, come make us hum ble.

9 We turn our eyes from e vil things; O Lord, we cast down our i dols. Give us clean hands,  
— give us pure hearts. — Let us not lift our souls to a no ther. — Give us clean hands.

13 — give us pure hearts, — let us not lift our souls to a no ther. — O God, let us be —

17 — a gen er a tion that seeks, — that seeks your face, — O God of Ja cob. — O God, let us be —

21 — a gen er a tion that seeks, — that seeks your face, — O God of Ja cob. —

# Closing Song In the Light

Charlie Peacock

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Verse 1) I keep trying to find a life  
on my own apart from you  
I am the king of excuses:  
I've got one for every selfish thing I do

Verse 2) The disease of "self" runs through my blood  
It's a cancer fatal to my soul  
Every attempt on my behalf has failed  
to bring this sickness under control

Tell me, what's go-ing on in - side of me? I des - pise my own be - hav -

4 - ior. — This on-ly serves — to con-firm my sus-pic-ions that I'm still some-one in need of a

8 sav - ior. I want-to be in the light, as you are in the light. I want to shine like the stars in the

12 hea - vens. — O Lord, be my light, and be my sal-va-tion, 'cause all I want is to be in the

16 light. — All I want is to be in the light. —

## The Epiphany of the Lord: Year B

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

*Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.*

*Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

*Matthew 2:1-12*

# The Word & Life

## *A Celebration of the Universe*

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word “Epiphany” means manifestation — something revealed and made known. The magi were totally immersed in this epiphany. These men read the constellations, interpreted the prophets and discerned what the rising of the star meant. They set out on a journey of discovery which led them to a destination where the dream of God had become a reality for the world. In this great event the world of science and the world of faith collide, giving birth to the dawn of our salvation. It is hard to imagine how these magi felt when the Lord was made manifest before them. The experience was so powerful that they had no hesitation in offering their treasures to a child born in the midst of poverty whose birth was heralded by a star. The magi paid homage and prostrated themselves before the infant child and his parents, knowing that the ground of an animal stable had become the holy ground of God’s presence.

Scholars are at odds as to who the magi were. There are some who argue that they were people of nobility, perhaps kings. Others offer the suggestion that since they were observing the stars in the cosmos that they were astronomers. There are still others who suggest that they were philosophers (wise men). As to the number of the magi, no one knows how many there were. All we know is that three gifts were offered to the Holy Family. Do all of these details matter? Not really. What matters is that in the coming of Jesus, the whole of creation rejoiced. Even a star shone brightly in the cosmos leading people from a strange land to come and pay homage to our savior.

Even today, this feast reminds us that we should constantly discern Jesus’ presence in our lives and in the world. The magi found Jesus in an unlikely place. If we are truly open to God’s Spirit, then we will ultimately find Christ amid the struggles, tragedies, joys and celebrations of our own lives. The manifestation of God is constantly evolving and calling us to recognize His presence in the people of every nation, language and way of life. Once we experience the Lord’s presence, we are invited to share our treasures. The event of the Epiphany also reminds us that we live in a material and spiritual world — the world of science and the world of faith. One does not contradict the other. Rather, both reveal the splendor of God and the immensity of his power. We are asked to discern God’s will in the midst of conventional wisdom and technology and never forget His purpose.

## Reflection Questions

1. How has God manifested himself in my life?
2. What experiences of life have led me to God?
3. What three gifts can I offer to Jesus Christ?
4. Where do I see myself going in life?
5. What is my purpose?
6. What is my ultimate goal?
7. How will I achieve this goal and purpose?
8. How can the world of science and the world of faith entwine with my witness to faith in Jesus?
9. How is God manifesting his presence in the world today?

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



## Prayer

*We Pray: Help us to read the signs that lead us to you and understand your purpose. Today, we remember how the magi set out on a journey to find a new ruler. Once they found him, they offered their treasures freely. As we go through this New Year, may we will always allow you, O Lord, to rule our lives. May our journey lead us closer to you and to one another. When we encounter you in the needs of others, enable us to freely hand over the treasures that you have gifted to us. Amen.*

## Wisdom of the Fathers

“During the solemnity of the Epiphany the Church continues to contemplate and to celebrate the mystery of the birth of Jesus the Savior. In particular, today’s feast underlines the destiny and universal meaning of this birth. Becoming man in the womb of Mary, the Son of God came not only for the people of Israel, represented by the shepherds of Bethlehem, but also for the whole of humanity, represented by the Magi. And it is precisely on the Magi and on their journey in search of the Messiah (cf. Matthew 2:1-12) that the Church invites us today to meditate and to pray. In the Gospel we heard that they, arriving in Jerusalem from the East, asked, “Where is he who is born, the king of the Jews? We saw his star arise and we have come to adore him” (v. 2). What kind of persons were they and what kind of star was that? They were probably wise men who scrutinized the sky but not to try to “read” the future in the stars, eventually to extract some gain; rather, they were men “in search” of something more, in search of the true light, which would be able to indicate the way to follow in life. They were persons who were certain that in creation there is what we could define as the “signature” of God, a signature that man can and must try to

discover and decipher. Perhaps the way to know these Magi better and to take up their desire to let themselves be guided by God’s signs is to pause to consider what they found, on their way, in the great city of Jerusalem.

...a last important element of the event of the Magi appears very clear to us: the language of creation enables us to follow a good portion of the way to God, but it does not give us the definitive light. In the end, for the Magi it was indispensable to hear the voice of the Sacred Scriptures: they alone could indicate the way to them. It is the Word of God that is the true star, that, in the uncertainty of human discourses, offers us the immense splendor of the divine truth. Dear brothers and sisters, let us allow ourselves to be guided by the star, which is the Word of God, let us follow it in our life, walking with the Church, where the Word has pitched its tent. Our way will always be illumined by a light that no other sign can give us. And we too will be able to become stars for others, reflection of that light that Christ made to shine over us.”

— Pope Benedict XVI, *On the Feast of Epiphany 2011*

# Faith Formation



## Upcoming Events

January 8

Families in Christ

January 18

First Communion Parent Meeting

February 5

Families in Christ

February 15

First Communion Parent Meeting

## Faith Formation News

**Families in Christ...**Our third Families in Christ session will be on Sunday, January 8, 2012, in the ballroom from 9:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendars! Join us for whole-community catechesis. Come and enjoy reflections, skits, table study, games, prizes, and refreshments. Live the Gospel and be a witness to your faith. Meet other members of our faith community and have fun. Attendance at Families in Christ is a requirement for all Faith Formation students. Childcare is available for preschool and kindergarten.

**First Communion Parent Meeting...**will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom. All parents who have children making their First Eucharist in May 2012 need to attend this meeting.

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## Are you teaching your children to sin?

Sounds like a silly question, doesn't it? No Christian parent would teach a child to sin. But, if whether or not you follow God's rules yourself depends upon the situation or the rule, you may be doing just that. For example: **"White" lies.**

Have you ever let your child miss school for fun but sent in a note saying that she was sick? Have you dodged a phone call by saying, "tell him I'm not home!"? Have you snuck extra items on the express grocery line? If so, you demonstrated that it's okay to break God's law about telling the truth. How can children tell when to stop?

**"Thou shall steal?"** Do you download copyrighted movies and music without paying? Do you tap into a neighbor's internet or cable service instead of buying your own? Do you help yourself to napkins or silverware from restaurants or take towels from hotels? Even if the victim is wealthy, you are breaking God's law against stealing.

**Do as I do.** To our children, what we do is more powerful than what we say. *"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."* (Matthew 18:6).

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## Make Christmas Last

Don't take the Christmas tree down just yet. The retail Christmas season starts so early that by the time December 25<sup>th</sup> comes, we are ready to stuff the decorations away for another year. But for the Church, the Christmas season starts on the 25<sup>th</sup> and goes until January 9<sup>th</sup>, the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, the true end of the Christmas Season.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

### GRADE 1

**Life Question:** What is a favorite gift of yours?

**Gospel Question:** Why do the magi give gifts?

### GRADES 2-3

**Life Question:** What are some journeys you have taken?

**Gospel Question:** Why do the magi make their journey?

### GRADES 4-5

**Life Question:** Where do you find God?

**Gospel Question:** What are the magi seeking on their journey?

### GRADES 6-8

**Life Question:** When have you followed a sign or idea that led you to try something new?

**Gospel Question:** What signs of God do you see around you? What is something you are searching for?

### GRADES 9-12

**Life Question:** What makes a pilgrimage different from a walk?

**Gospel Question:** How are the magi like seekers today?

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**Spotlight on Stewardship:**  
**Did you know?**

Some 62% of children who live in Collier County are recipients of the free lunch program in Collier Schools. St. John has funded the construction of 44 homes over the years taking over 100 children out of deplorable living conditions. **Habitat for Humanity** of Collier County seeks to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. For more information on how you can make a life changing difference, please call 239.775.0036 or visit [www.habitatcollier.com](http://www.habitatcollier.com)

*Nicholas J. Kouloheras*

Since the advent of Vatican II the laity has been permitted to carry the Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ to our fellow parishioners. Within our parish **Extraordinary Ministers** of the Eucharist assist the clergy in the distribution of Holy Communion at all Masses. They also bring Communion to the homebound, seven nearby nursing homes and distribute the Eucharist to all catholic patients at North Collier Hospital. For more information call 239.591.0593.

*Dennis Powers*

The **Sing a-Long** ministry is a ministry of Joy! From October through March residents of eleven local nursing homes and assisted living facilities enjoy familiar songs and companionship. Seasonal parishioners are welcome. There are no rehearsals and no commitment. For more information call 239.597.5483.

*Jayne Potter*

The **Ushers and Greeters** ministry has 12 ushers for each Mass on weekends who also act as greeters before Mass. During special times, such as Christmas and Easter, we need additional help at collection times. In February or March there will be a AED/CPR class for those who need certification or re-certification.

*John Smith*

**OFF TO THE RACES  
AT  
GULFSTREAM PARK**

The first trip of the season  
**Thursday, January 26th**

Bus leaves the Parish Life Center promptly at 10:30 a.m. — *be onsite by 10:00 a.m.*

Enjoy juice and snacks on the trip over and a full buffet in the clubhouse, a complimentary program and a \$2 betting voucher

*The last race is at approximately 5:00 p.m.  
— will return to St. John at approximately 7:30 p.m.*

Kathy Valentine will serve cocktails on the return trip, while Bob Valentine assists in tending bar



**\$78 per person**

*Only 50 seats available.*



To pre-register by January 13, contact Melanie in the parish office, 566.8740, ext. 113

**ST. JOHN'S 14th ANNUAL  
SUPERBOWL  
PARTY**

**SUNDAY, February 5, 2012  
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 & Cake  
\*\*BEER & WINE INCLUDED AT NO EXTRA CHARGE  
\*\*BYOB — MIXERS PROVIDED**

**COME WATCH THE GAME ON OUR 4 - 12' SCREENS  
WHILE ENJOYING THE BEST SUPERBOWL DEAL IN TOWN  
(Ask those who have attended in the past and understand why this is true)**

**GAMES OF CHANCE AVAILABLE  
BET A BUCK—WIN A BUNDLE**

**Tickets are available in the Parish office  
Reserved tables for parties of 8 or more**

# An Evening with Peter Kreeft, Ph.D.

## Virtue, Death & Taxes

The Need for a Virtuous Society

At the private residence of Dr. & Mrs. Manuel Peña

**Monday, January 9th at 6:30pm** 210 Tupelo Rd. Naples, FL 34108

Reserve your seat today by calling 239.289.5541 or 239.777.4116

\$50.00 per couple; \$35.00 single.

Cocktail Reception



**Tuesday morning**, join us for a lively and thought provoking talk on angels, demons and God's answer to suffering given by guest speaker, Peter Kreeft, Ph.D., professor of philosophy at Boston College and at King's College (Empire State Building), in New York City.

**Jan. 10th 11am-1pm**

St. John the Evangelist Ballroom

RSVP to secure your seat!

239-289-5541

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE & THE MEANING OF SUFFERING with Peter Kreeft, Ph.D.

Learn more about Dr. Kreeft by visiting his website:

[WWW.PETERKREEFT.COM](http://WWW.PETERKREEFT.COM)

## CALENDAR

**Big Band Dance**

Tuesday, January 10

**Faith & Wine**

Thursday, January 12

**K of C Chili Cook Off**

Friday, January 13

**J.O.Y. Club**

Thursday, January 19

**JOP Annual Food Drive**

Saturday & Sunday,  
January 21 & 22

**Gulfstream Park Races**

Thursday, January 26

**Men's Club Sock Hop**

Friday, January 27

**Parish Ministry Parade & Ministry Fair**

Saturday & Sunday,  
January 28 & 29

**JOP Pirates of the Caribbean Party**

Friday, February 3

**Superbowl Party**

Sunday, February 5

**Faith & Wine with Faith & Ale**

Thursday, February 9

**K of C Valentine Dinner/Dance**

Friday, February 10

**Parish Winter Cruise**

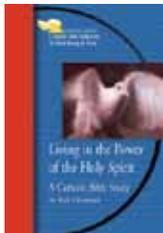
January 21 - 28

**Parish Spring Cruise**

beginning April 16

## Women's Bible Study

Adult Faith Enrichment will present a nine-week Bible study for women only beginning Thursday, January 12 to learn more about the Holy Spirit. You can choose to meet either for a morning gathering from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. or in the evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Facilitated by Linda Reilly and Maggie Miller, this study is a wonderful way to bond with other women and learn more about our faith.



The Bible study, *Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit*, is written by Rich Cleveland and published through The Word Among Us and Emmaus Publishing. You can order your own copy through the internet to bring to the first class. If you are unable to order it,

please call the St. John Evangelist office and tell them to sign you up and order a book for you. You must order by January 6. The cost including shipping is \$10.00.

The study will focus on: "Who is the Holy Spirit? What is his role in our salvation? How do we cooperate with him to experience the fullness of his presence? How do we receive his fruits and exercise his gifts?"

These are a few of the questions explored in this nine-week Bible study, which is designed to help Catholics grow in their appreciation of the Holy Spirit and his power to transform their lives in Christ. The many relevant Scripture passages, combined with wisdom from the saints, the Catechism and church tradition, make this a truly inspired Bible study.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council # 11281



### South of the Border Chili Cook Off



Friday, January 13, 2012  
6:00 p.m. in the PLC

*Council Members and families and spouses of deceased members are invited to a Social Night featuring a Chili Contest with spectacular Chili dishes presented by brother Knights. Refreshments will be served.*

Chili Chefs may enter their "best in the South" Chili Pot in the contest by calling Jerry Detloff at 239-513-1545 or email to [gfdetloff@comcast.net](mailto:gfdetloff@comcast.net) **Get your Chili entered now. Don't wait until the last minute.**

*The winner will be determined by a panel of judges, who purport to be experts in "Chili Nuance". Winner will receive \$50.00.*

Each contestant is asked to furnish 2 to 4 quarts of their Chili along with their desired accompaniments and tools (crackers, chips, cheese, cooker, serving spoon, etc.).

*Members: Please RSVP Jerry Detloff at the above number or email address by January 9th to reserve a taste.*

*Don't wait, we need to know how many will be attending.*

## PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN PARTY

To benefit **Jamaica Outreach Program**

**Friday February 3, 2012, 5:30 p.m.**

**St. John the Evangelist Ballroom  
625 111<sup>th</sup> Ave North, Naples, FL 34108**

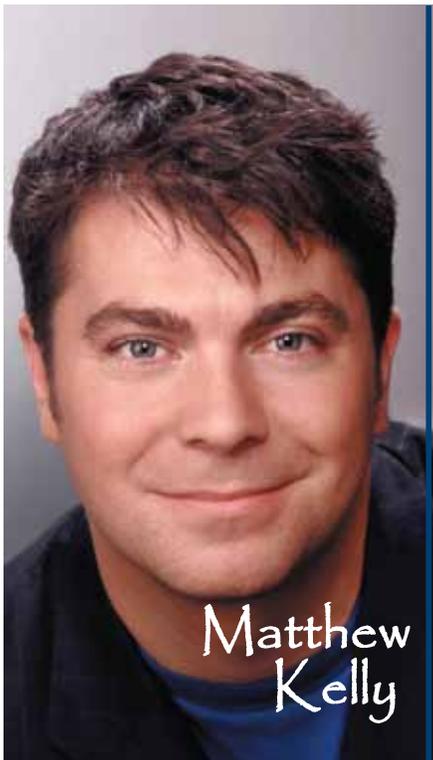
**\$50 per person**

Complimentary Cocktails

Very Casual attire—Dinner & Dancing—Treasure Chest—Auctions

**Tickets available at St John's Office weekdays and outside the church Jan 22-23 & 29-30. Or,**

**Mail checks payable to Jamaica Outreach, P.O. Box 110581,  
Naples, FL 34108-1929 Or call Jeanne 239-514-0290.**



Matthew Kelly

ARE YOU BORED DURING MASS?

You will never be bored in Mass ever again after you attend this event! Set aside what you thought Catholicism was about and prepare yourself to experience it on a whole new level that is both PRACTICAL and ENERGIZING!

IS CATHOLICISM STILL RELEVANT?

Matthew Kelly, internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times best-selling author has spoken to more than 3 million people in 50 countries. In his talk, "Is Catholicism Still Relevant?" Kelly will dispel many of the widespread myths surrounding the practice and rejection of Catholicism, while revealing the genius of Catholicism in our everyday lives. His presentation will be based on his book, Rediscovering Catholicism, which has been on the Catholic Publishing Association's bestseller list for the past 32 months.

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Doors open at 6:15pm for networking  
Program begins at 7:30pm

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
Parish Life Center  
28290 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs, FL

Registration is Required

\$15/person Early Bird - \$20/person after 2/7/2012

Register & Pay at

www.faithandwine.com/speakerFeb9

OR

mail a check payable to Faith and Wine, Inc.  
(and 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

Questions: (239) 464-2706

Hosted by: Faith & Wine, Faith & Ale-Naples & Ft. Myers and San Marco Council of Catholic Women

TUESDAY

JANUARY 10 2012



DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF THE BIG  
BAND ERA, FEATURING THE  
LIVE S.W. FLA 16 PC BAND



SOUNDS OF: TOMMY DORSEY, GLENN MILLER &  
STAN KENTON



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

7:00PM - 10:00PM

ADMISSION

AT THE DOOR

\$10.00 CASH only

239-394-0470

DRESS: COUNTRY CLUB CASUAL

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CLUB

For Happily Married Couples

WHEN ALL THE HUSTLE & BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER...Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is February 10-12 in Ft Myers.

For more info email swflwwme@yahoo.com; or call 239.495.1803 or visit wwme.org

— Paul and Linda Mostek

# Sock Hop Friday, January 27, 2012

6:30 - 10:00 p.m. with music by the famous entertainer  
Joe Turner starting at 7:00 p.m.

playing all the oldie favorites from the 50s, 60s and 70s



~ Dance the night away • hula hoop contest  
best dressed sock hop contest • and more ~



Tickets available in the parish office

**\$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple**

Price includes free beer, wine, soda, water, pizza, salad, cookies, munchies and, of course, popcorn



SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Transatlantic-Mediterranean / Greek Island Cruise

April 2012



Join your fellow St. John's parishioners on a memorable transatlantic cruise to Rome, followed by a spectacular cruise of the Greek Islands. This once-in-a-lifetime cruise vacation will have it all. Cruise the Atlantic, cruise the islands, or cruise them both! Relax amid the sun and scenery of the Mediterranean and Aegean sea, and explore the sun-drenched beaches and historical significance of this ancient region

Both Cruises will be aboard the five-star Celebrity Equinox, with the first cruise being a 14-night transatlantic crossing from Ft. Lauderdale on April 16, 2012 (Itinerary is listed below).

The second cruise is a continuation aboard the Equinox and will depart Civitevecchia (Rome) on April 30th for a memorable 11 night cruise of the Greek Islands, Athens & Istanbul. Father John will be joining this 2nd cruise and will be offering private group masses as well as a unique religious perspective on this special region.

Parishioners have the option of taking one or both cruises. Those opting for both cruises will receive a special discount for the "continuation" package.

Special air is being arranged for all three travel itineraries. For those doing strictly the transatlantic crossing, one-way air returning from Rome to Ft. Myers on Air Berlin will be provided. For those doing both cruises, the same one-way air from Rome will be provided at the conclusion of the 2nd cruise. For those wishing to do the Greek Isles cruise only, Round trip air from Ft. Myers to Rome will be arranged on Air Berlin or similar.

### Itinerary, Features, and Pricing Transatlantic Cruise

- Celebrity Equinox 4/16/12
- 14 days from Ft. Lauderdale including Ponta Delgado (Azores Islands), Cartagena Spain, Barcelona Spain, Toulon France, Florence Italy, Civitevecchia (Rome) Italy
- All Meals aboard Ship
- Entertainment aboard ship
- Private Cocktail Party
- Transfer to Ft. Lauderdale

#### PRICING

1. Ocean View from \$1405.00pp
2. Balcony from \$1495.00pp

Interior & Suites also available

#### AIR

One Way Return Air from Rome via Dusseldorf (w/overnight)  
**\$700.00pp (approx)**

Terminal transfers from Naples to Ft. Lauderdale for the Transatlantic Cruise are included.

For additional information, or to reserve space,

please call Tom or Loretta Starrett

TOUCAN TRAVEL

318 Tamiami Trail, Suite 211

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

941-347-7119 • toll free 877-761-8248

Parish Contact:

David Quist: 239-594-2071



### Itinerary, Features, & Pricing Greek Isles Cruise

- Celebrity Equinox 04/30/12
- 11 days from Civitevecchia including Santorini, Athens Istanbul, Ephesus, Mykonos & Naples
- All Meals aboard ship
- Entertainment aboard ship
- Private cocktail party
- Mass with Father John
- Exclusive gifts on board

#### PRICING

1. Oceanview from 1970.00pp
2. Balcony from \$2090.00pp

Interior & Suites also available  
AIR

One way return Air from Rome Via Dusseldorf (w/overnight)

**\$700.00pp (approx)**

R/T Rome from Ft. Myers

**\$1250.00pp (approx)**