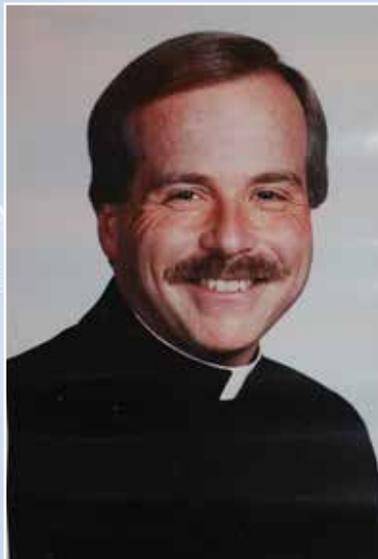


November 30, 2014

First Sunday of Advent

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Knights Honor Fr. Jim at Vocations Dinner



(Clockwise) Fr. Mark Schaffner, Fr. Jim as a Seminarian, Fr. Jim talking about the rewards of his vocation and Fr. Jim with the check for the seminarians.



Fr. Jim was the honoree at the annual Vocations Dinner and Fund Raiser sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #11281 on Friday, November 21. Grand Knight Jerry Detloff presented Fr. Jim with a check in the amount of \$11,000 that will go to the Seminarians of the Diocese in Fr. Jim's name. Friend Rev. Fr. Mark Schaffner (above) provided part of the evening's entertainment as he "roasted" Fr. Jim.

*See next week's **Evangelist** for more photos and highlights from the Vocations Dinner.*



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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by

November 29, 2014 Saturday	
8:00 AM +	Michael Pokorny Jr. Mom
Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM +	Jean Conti Mary Seeger
5:00 PM +	Jerome Huber Pat Gonnering
November 30, 2014 Sunday	
7:00 AM	Sharon K. McCarthy Joseph McCarthy
9:00 AM +	Frederick Christiansen Tom & Mary Vizioli
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM +	Santo Spitale Pat & Larry Luscy
5:00 PM +	Patrick Cassidy Grandmother
December 1, 2014 Monday	
8:00 AM +	Sophie Prete Janet D'Addario
9:00 AM +	Thomas J. O'Hara Yvonne & Howard Steinruck
December 2, 2014 Tuesday	
8:00 AM +	Mother of Barbara Baker Mary & Phil Cronan
9:00 AM +	Velma Bouquet Wanda Walker
December 3, 2014 Wednesday	
8:00 AM +	Peter Tunucci Paula Cohen & Edwina Bender
9:00 AM +	William Winfield Sue Perry
December 4, 2014 Thursday	
8:00 AM +	Alice Grimes Eileen McGovern
9:00 AM +	Bobbe Girard Nelly Willshire
December 5, 2014 Friday	
8:00 AM +	Shea Maurer Tim & Mary Pettay
9:00 AM +	Bill Seymour Wife
December 6, 2014 Saturday	
8:00 AM +	Jean DeCesare Kay & Joe Reid
Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM +	Lillian Yope Bobbie Turner
5:00 PM +	Linnae Fedeli Eddy Parents
December 7, 2014 Sunday	
7:00 AM +	Martha DeFrancesca Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM +	John Spagnola Rita
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM +	Peter Tunucci Ann & Mary Ann Wiess
5:00 PM +	Nicholas Senatore Rosalie & Daughters

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 29, 2014

Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Sunday, November 30, 2014

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday, December 1, 2014

World AIDS Awareness Day
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

St. Francis Xavier
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 4, 2014

St. John Damascene
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 5, 2014

First Friday
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 6, 2014

St. Nicholas; First Saturday
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Sunday, December 7, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Holy Communion Available for the Hospitalized and Homebound Any parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion while he/she is in the hospital or unable to get to Mass from his/her home may do so by calling the parish office, 566.8740, or emailing emministry@sjecc.com. An Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist will bring Holy Communion at a mutually agreed upon time. Please note that the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Holy Communion to North Naples NCH on Monday through Friday.

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

MASS INTENTIONS...

Nursery Needs Workers

The nursery needs more workers during the week. This is a paid position and open only to those over 18. If interested, or need more information, please call Martha Oram at 566.8740, ext. 3915 or email martha@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Ladies of St. John Christmas Party Will Be December 11 at The Strand

The Ladies of St. John will hold their annual Christmas party December 11 at Noon at The Club at The Strand.

Please mail your \$25.00 check payable to: Mary Haynes, 5907 Three Iron Drive, #2303 Naples, FL 34110 no later than December 7.

Please bring a gift — clothes, books or a toy — for a pre-school child. Gift need not be wrapped. Santa will arrive to collect and say hello.

Christmas Food Drive

For local soup kitchens begins December 13-14. Details in bulletin next week.

Young Adult Happenings

REMINDER: Theology on Tap will not be meeting weekly for the month of December. Please stay tuned for more information about our Advent/Christmas party! Have questions or want to get on the email list? Contact Jen Cox at jen@sjecc.com.

Jen Cox

Coordinator of the Young Adult Program
jen@sjecc.com

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Is a Holy Day of Obligation

December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, is the patronal feast day of the United States of America, and as such, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times for Monday, December 8 are 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

There are no vigil Masses.

Let Us Use Our Gifts for the Children

Please Support The Ladies of Charity

Christmas Sneaker and Sock Drive

to benefit the needy children of Naples Park Elementary School & the children of Immokalee

Items must be NEW.

Starting: November 22-23

Goal: 600+ Pairs

Ending: December 13-14

- A tree will be in the Narthex with ornaments depicting the children's different sizes starting next weekend.
- Parishioners are encouraged to take an ornament and generously donate NEW sneakers or write a check to Saint John the Evangelist with "Sneakers Drive" written in the memo line. **Please wrap your package and be sure to attach your ornament to the outside of the gift box.** Your checks can be placed in the collection baskets passed during Mass or taken to the church office.
- Those leaving before December 14 can drop the NEW sneakers off at the church at any time.
- For all others we ask that you bring the NEW sneakers and socks to the church by December 14.

Please help us reach our goal of 600+ pairs.



PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Forrest Wallace	
Deacon Frank Paniccia	Senior Status
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)

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Tom Oram

Choir Director
Ellie Roberts

Sacristan
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Director of Family Mission
Jean-Paul Boucher

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Kathy Sims

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Jean-Paul Boucher

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Director of Faith Formation
Margie Lynch: 228.3904/3909

Director of RCIA
Margie Lynch: 228.3909
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 When on the website, click on the **Forms** tab at the top of the home page and select New Parishioner Form. Download the form, complete it and return the completed form to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

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Monday - Friday

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

(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

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

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday Masses:

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

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

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

FOR OUR RECORDS

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

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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

Mass Cards

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

We are currently accepting intentions for 2015.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*To Know, To Love, and To Serve God
in his church and our community.*

PARISH INFORMATION...

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Hymns for the First Sunday of Advent, November 29 & 30

Readings:	610
Entrance Hymn:	63 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Preparation Hymn:	574 Eye Has Not Seen
Communion Hymn:	230 One Bread, One Body
	75 Jesus, Come To Us
Closing Hymn:	367 We Are the Light of the World

Choral Anthems at 9 & 11:15 AM Mass

<i>Prelude</i>	Dona Nobis Pacem <i>Traditional round</i> ("Grant us peace")
<i>Communion</i>	In Jesus' Name We Pray <i>Jay Althouse</i>

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, December 1: Monday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Jer 31: 10; Is 35: 4*

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations;
declare it to the distant lands:

Behold, our Savior will come; you need no longer fear.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 106 (105): 4-5; Is 38:3

Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice
before you with a blameless heart.

Tuesday, December 2: Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Zec 14: 5, 7*

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones
with him; and on that day there will be a great light.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace
for ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. 2 Tm 4: 8*

The Just Judge will bestow a crown of righteousness on
those who eagerly await his coming.

Wednesday, December 3: Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 18 (17): 50; 22 (21): 23*

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of
your name to my kin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my
life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Mt 10:27*

What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says
the Lord,
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Thursday, December 5: Thursday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 119 (118): 151-152*

You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth.
From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are
eternal.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ti 2: 12-13*

Let us live justly and devoutly in this age,
as we await the blessed hope and the coming of the
glory of our great God.

Friday, December 6: Friday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord will come
descending with splendor to visit his people with peace,
and he will bestow on them eternal life.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Phil 3: 20-21*

We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will
change our mortal bodies, to conform with his glorified
body.

Saturday, December 6: Saturday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 80 (79): 4, 2*

Come and show us your face, O Lord,
who are seated upon the Cherubim, and we will be
saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Blessed are all who wait for the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Rev 22: 12*

Behold, I am coming soon and my recompense is with
me, says the Lord,
to bestow a reward according to the deeds of each.

by Jean-Paul Boucher

General Manager

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I wanted to continue the discussions of our Parish Mission this week with several core focus points for St. John. Please visit our website (<http://saintjohntheevangelist.com>) and choose the “Parish Mission” section for previous stories to see how these items fit within our open and collaborative vision for the parish and the Catholic Church.

#ToKnow , #ToServe – St. John Active in Local Mission Work

I have been throwing the word “Mission” around quite a bit. Mission is a very special word here at St. John, not just because Fr. John leads the Diocese Pontifical Mission work, but because it encapsulates our focus and direction. Mission means to spread the joy and love of our Church through evangelization and good works. We need to be outward focused, engaging the people of our communities with our faith and the easiest way to do that is with our actions. Our moments of encounter (<http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/familymission/the-moment-of-encounter-protecting-the-butterfly>) should showcase how we respect and care for all people, no matter what their circumstance or position may be. I saw bags upon bags of food piled around our church hallways for St. Vincent DePaul Society’s Thanksgiving Program this past week and it was heartening to see the outpouring of support our parish provides. I wanted to take a few lines to showcase the work St. John parishioners are doing for the local communities all in the name of our mission:

- **Immokalee Mission Team** — Multi-organizational collaboration team to ensure St. John resources (people, stuff, and funds) are most effectively utilized to support the people of Immokalee.
- **Ladies of Charity** — From educational support to giving drives, from nursing home assistance to packing Thanksgiving meals, the entire focus of the LoC is to provide aid to all those in our community who need it.
- **Knights of Columbus** — Charity is the first principle of the KoC. They focus all their efforts to show the love and respect for our neighbors.

- **St. Vincent DePaul Society** — SVDP helps those in need in the geographical boundaries of our parish and elsewhere. When possible the conference helps in situations with rental assistance, electricity and water bills, lack of food, clothing, furniture, and in rare instances, funeral expenses. No act of charity is excluded.



- **Habitat for Humanity** — With two major locations in the Naples area, Habitat builds houses and gives hope and respect to hundreds of families in the area that they can become homeowners.
- **Guadalupe Center** — is committed to providing children of Immokalee access to high-quality, innovative academic and special support programs
- **Men’s Club** — Provides manpower and financial support for nursing homes and homeless shelters across the area



I highly recommend you take a look at these organizations, either on our website, in our bulletin, or by talking to some of our dedicated parishioners to find out more about how you can support and encourage their good works.

Parish Mission & Life

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#ToKnow – 2016 Prayer Intention Book Now Available in the Office

Please come to our office if you would like to add intentions for 2016. We are very blessed as a parish to have so many individuals and families who want to provide prayers for their loved ones. In an effort to ensure all members of our community have the opportunity to devote our church's prayers, we will provide a single intention for up to five times during the 2016 year. While this is a change to the process, we believe this will give more individuals a chance to remember their loved ones.

#ToLove – 2015 Year of Consecrated Life

Pope Francis has asked the Catholic Church to devote the 2015 Liturgical Year as the Year of Consecrated Life. What does that mean, you ask? Canon Law states:

The life consecrated through the profession of the

evangelical counsels is a stable form of living by which the faithful, following Christ more closely under the action of the Holy Spirit, are totally dedicated to God who is loved most of all, so that, having been dedicated by a new and special title to His honor, to the building up of the Church, and to the salvation of the world, they strive for the perfection of charity in the service of the kingdom of God and, having been made an outstanding sign in the Church, foretell the heavenly glory. - http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/___P1Y.HTM

So, it is a form of Christian living by those faithful who feel called to follow Jesus Christ in a more exacting way recognized by the Church, like priests, sisters, and brothers. More information on this Year of Consecrated Life can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/year-of-consecrated-life/>



Jamaica Outreach Program

Gifts of Time, Energy and Effort Are Always in Season

Jamaica Outreach Program volunteers come in all sizes and shapes, bearing gifts of time and talent, energy and effort. The one common trait they share is a willingness to serve either in Jamaica or in Naples on behalf of our sister parish, St. Pius X, in Kingston.

Many volunteers visit our dental and eye-care clinics at St. Pius several times a year as lay missionaries. Dropping in to work their specialty, these volunteers work 12 to 14 hour days tending to patients who wait patiently to be seen. In return for their labors our volunteers meet up close and personal with people who are grateful beyond measure. It is lay missionaries like these who make a difference in the lives of the people they serve. We also have an Education Committee that is involved in three schools and one Skills Center in Kingston helping to subsidize the costs associated with improving the education of pre-schoolers and young adults as well.

Another group of volunteers works throughout the year right here in Naples. Many families open their homes to Jamaicans who come to Naples for corneal transplants facilitated by private donors and the JOP. Other households host members of a Jamaican choir that comes to St. John's annually as a gesture of thanksgiving for all we do for their countrymen. A variety of fund raisers are staged each and every year to fund all the things we do in Jamaica. No doubt you've seen these volunteers working the doors of the church on Pocket Change Weekends, sorting

and packing canned goods at our annual food drive, or selling tickets to events that are fun to attend. The revenues from these events help us pay for medications that are dispensed at the medical clinic at St. Pius throughout the year.

Making a difference is the mantra of the JOP but living up to that mantra relies in a large part on the contributions and support of St. John and its parishioners. Four Second Collections are held each year at St. John in support of the JOP.

Next week will be the first collection in our fiscal year. Our auditor tells us that last year 96% of the monies we collected went directly to our work in Kingston. We pledge to be good stewards of your donations and, as always, thank you in His name for your support and encouragement.

article and photos submitted by Jamaica Outreach Program



(Left) A dental team takes a break for just one picture. (Above) Our littlest patient smiles for the camera after a cleaning and brushing

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Linda Reilly 821.8982

Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

Pastoral Stewardship Council:

President/Contact Jack Kindsvater
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Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.

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

AGA (Alienated Grandparents

Anonymous). Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. Third Thursdays at 7 p.m.

AA. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Al-Anon. Monday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday - beginners, 11:30 a.m.; and noon - discussion; all in PLC. Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. St. Leo Catholic Church, Juan Diego Building. Carol: 804.306.5323

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

Arimatheans. A group of caring parishioners who support parishioners by attending funerals as

representation of our faith community. Elaine: 566-8160

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

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

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

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

Circle of Comfort. If you have cancer, or are taking care of someone who does, you may be facing challenges that may leave you feeling overwhelmed, frightened, alone and in need of comfort. Let us share our experience of faith, strength and prayer with you. We help each other live one day at a time through encouragement, prayer, laughter or whatever it takes to bring comfort to each other. Jim or Darlene 566.8740

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

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

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

Grief Support. Sessions will run for seven consecutive Tuesdays beginning October 14 at 10 a.m. Dee: 594.7193

Hospitality Ministry. Volunteers serve light refreshments for parishioners who gather after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses for sharing, communicating and extending fellowship. If interested in helping contact Elida Gil: 239.597.8909 or Judy Hemond: 561.779.6024

Job Search Skills & Support. Mondays 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the library. Free. Carol Marlow: 948.0050

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.

Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6 p.m.; business meeting at 7 p.m. Social meeting last Monday of the month. Visiting Knights are welcome. Scott Schwarz, Grand Knight: 293.6876

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meets third Tuesday of every month at

Noon. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K Gary Ray: 596.4976

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. Call the office: 566.8740

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 Diane Pesce at 630.571.0707. If interested in joining, call MarieElaina Mullin: 273.1702.

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

Men's Club. Group of dedicated men (with the superb assistance from their ladies) who assist the Pastor and the parish. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month, 2-3 p.m. New members welcome. Joe Lichwalla: 248.877.3332 or Richard Bergeron: 593.6092

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Vincent de Paul. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass. SVdP Office: 775.1667

Sing-A-Long. Tuesday, December 16 at Kiva of Canterbury, Bonita Springs - at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 6 at Bentley Village-Skilled at Naples - at 2 p.m. Jayne Potter: 598.5483

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. and Monday evenings. Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687 or maggana@comcast.net or Linda Reilly, 821.8982

■ Please check the Event Sheets on the building doors for the meeting location of the group. Groups do not always meet in the same location from week to week. ■

PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

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PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

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

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

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

Divine Will Prayer Group

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

Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

Forty-five minutes of peaceful, silent and beautiful prayer and contemplation. Only your quiet presence is needed. Mondays: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday

Centering Prayer will meet weekly after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Liturgy of the Hours

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

St. John Charismatic Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

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

PRAYER LIST

Deacon Al	Claire Fabrizio	Mary Lenick	Charles Schumacher
Rich Annunziata	Steve Ferrante	Lindsay Levery	Debra Sciacqua
Fernando Ardila	Brian Patrick Ferreira	Lillian Luchini	Claire Scott
Thomas Ardila	Taelor Fiedler	Jeanne Macari	Jane & Bob
Otto Backof	Patrick Finck	Mary Jo Magner	Shengulet
Agatha Barczynski	James Fish	Ann Maniuszko	Teresa Shengulet
Dick Becker	Donna Flynn	D. Martin	Karen Shin
Jimmy Bee	Darlene Follse	Barbara Massey	Judy Siderio
Margie Benefico	Jim Follse	Barbara McCabe	Barbara Silva
Barbara Berg	Edward Gaynor	Sharon K.	Louis Simonini
Grayson Berry	Theresa & Paul	McCarthy	Marianna Smith
Linda Berry	Giandina	Catherine	Winnie Smith
Mary Bessner	William Grogevant	McCusker	Dan Spreng
Elizabeth	Helen Graff	Carolyn McDonald	Frank Squartino
Bommarito	Josie Hannigan	Simone McGaffee	Justin Strickland
Kathleen Bradach	Sam Hardy	Carolyn McNichols	Susan Stokes
Pat Brody	Reg Hart	Ed Moriarity	Kathy & David
Genevieve Brown	Raymond Hartwick	Alisa Morgan	Struble
Patricia Bruno	Virginia Hartwick	Elsie & Ken	Pat Sutter
Julie Butler	Harriet Hayes	Moskal	Joanmarie Switalski
Frank Caccavo, Jr.	Joseph Hennessy	Eddie and Anne	Tara & Family
Nancy Campbell	Richard Hennings	Murphy	Rita Taranto
Cathy Carroll	Gerard Heyen	Forrest Murphy	Margaret
Christine Cassara	Karen Hohne	Paige Nelson	Tomaszewski
James Castaldi	Charlotte Hollohan	Peter Nicoletta	Lorraine Torrance
Rosalie Castro	Peggy Hooper	Gloria Oliver	Patricia Trapnell
Marie Castry	Jeff Horkey	Emma O'Rourke	Betty Vallerand
Michael Cataldo	Colton Horvatt	Edmund Ostos	Pat Velasquez
Mary Rose Cefaratti	Donald Howe	Maryla Panagos	Mary Ellen Wheeler
Diane Centenaro	Michael Hutchins	Piccirelli Family	Lisa Tomei Wilton
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Gerald Clancy	JRB	Rayna Perez	Bob Wright
Claussen Family	Lucy Debra Jones	Megan Peterson	John & Mary Yotis
Pat Corr	Chester T. Kauffman	Barbara Picicci	Mary Youlio
Nancy Cote	Peggy Kegaly	Joe Pohrer	John Youlio
Michael Cotteta	Lisa and Dave	Jean Prather	
Forest Crowley	Kepner	Richard Pratt	
Danny Curtin	Kevin Kincaid	Mary Alice Qualls	
Anthony & Edna	Pam Kirk	Nancy Reddy	
D' Antuono	Kelly Krauser Knott	Joe Reid	
Barbara de Mauriac	Krista Kozowyk	Aurelia Rein	
Nathan Dent	Jim Krauser	David Rohan	
Jim Diamante	Lilian Kudile	Tony Ross	
Julie Dieter	Cammie Lake and baby	Jerry Salvi	
Al DiMenna	Josephine Lancia	Edna Sanvidge	
Alexandria Dolkas	Diane Leahy	Bud Sauser	
Leon Doughty	Mary Jane Leake	Cynthia Scariati	
Ann Marie Esposito	Dan LeBlanc	Peter Scariati	
Marie Fabiano	Tash & Brian Lee	Cathy Schloendorn	

LET US PRAY...

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

NOVEMBER 30, 2014 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Times ~ Christmas and New Year

Christmas Programs

Night in Bethlehem

Saturday, December 13 4:00-8:00 p.m. in the ballroom and the courtyard.

The Christmas Story

Friday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. is Children's Mass,

10:00 p.m. (Music starts at 9:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m.

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Wednesday, December 31

Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1, 2015

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon

See Advent Penance Services, page 11



Faith and Wine

Missions Fair and Wine Tasting

(wine tasting with a Catholic twist!)

Please join us on December 11, for our fourth annual missions fair and wine tasting, featuring Brandie Dixon, co-owner of Naples Wine Collection. Bring your credit card if you want to buy or order wines for holiday gifts - for yourself or others! The Catholic twist is a focus on volunteering. Come learn about available volunteer opportunities for local charities. Also, please bring one or more items for Toys for Tots. **You will receive a raffle ticket to win one of our holiday prizes for each toy you donate!** Fun and games will put you in the holiday spirit!



Thursday, December 11, 2014

6:30-8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)
St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom
(625 111th Avenue North, Naples)

FREE babysitting available on site!!

\$20 prepay
(includes samples of four wines paired with food for a light dinner. Non-alcoholic beverages available)

Save the Dates!

January 8 – Father John Ludden

February 19 – Father Leo Patalinghug**

March 12 – Valli Leone Ratzmann

**Joint event with Faith & Ale

Please prepay for this event no later than noon on December 9th by going to www.faihandwine.com or dropping off your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." to the St. John parish office. Or you can mail (post-marked before December 5th) your check to Mary Beth Clary, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP, 9132 Strada Place, 3rd Floor, Naples, Florida 34108.

NEW THIS YEAR - You must prepay - NO WALK-INS!

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

Advent Penance Services – Local Area Churches

St. Ann – Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.
985 Third Street South, Naples

St. Finbarr – Thursday, December 11, at 5:00 p.m.
13520 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

St. Agnes – Monday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m.
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

St. John the Evangelist –
Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter the Apostle –
Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m.
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

San Marco – Thursday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m.
851 San Marco Road, Marco Island

St. William – Friday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m.
601 Seagate Drive, Naples

Greater Naples Founders Monthly Luncheon Speaker Series

Greater Naples Founders - Ave Maria University invite you to their monthly Luncheon Speaker Series: “Exciting Developments in the Field of Social Science Relate to Papal Teaching” presented by special guest Catherine Pakaluk, Ph.D., AMU Assistant Professor of Economics, on Wednesday, December 10 at 11:45 a.m. at the Naples Hilton, 5111 Tamiami Trail N. The event includes lunch, the presentation and questions and answers.

Catherine will discuss exciting developments in social science of the family and their relevance to Papal teaching. Her area of research is concerned broadly with the analytical study of gender, family, and reproductive dynamics. Catherine is a Faculty Research Fellow at the Stein Center for Social Research and a Senior Fellow in Economics at the Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture.

Please RSVP by Monday, December 8. Call Veronica at 239.228.7089. Cancellation permitted 2 days prior to luncheon. The cost is \$30 per person (which includes lunch and speaker. May pay by cash or check.)

St. John's Men's Club

“We welcome new adult members of all ages.”

The St. John's Men's Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, December 11 at 7:45 a.m. in the Library. *We are looking for new adult members of all ages.*

Please come and join us and help us plan more fun activities.

A FREE Continental Breakfast will be served!

Holy Alliance
SERVING THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN

Featured Guest: Rev. Robert McTeigue, S.J., Ph.D.
from Ave Maria University



All physicians and priests are invited to the inaugural gathering of the Holy Alliance.

The Holy Alliance is being initiated by the national Catholic Medical Association where local guilds provide a forum for Catholic priests and physicians to come together. The quarterly meetings will start with prayer, followed by a faith-based presentation. From these discussions we hope to understand and address the major moral challenges confronting the medical profession and parish life.

These events will be sponsored by the SW Florida Guild of the CMA. Our inaugural gathering is on Tuesday December 2nd, 6:30-8:00 PM at the home of David and Mary Reardon, and will feature our guild chaplain, Rev. Robert McTeigue of Ave Maria University who will present an Advent reflection. If you can join us, please RSVP to Dr. Steve Hannan 239-849-6908 for a flier with more details.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Coping With Grief at Christmas

It is difficult to accept the absence of a loved one at Christmas when we are surrounded by the sounds of merriment and celebration. On Tuesday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m. in room 3 in the Parish Life Center, we will share ways to help us remember our dear one as we celebrate the birth of the Infant Jesus.

If you have any questions, contact Dee at 594.7193. Pre-registration is not necessary. You will be most welcome.

Wedding Banns

*Second announcement between
Erin Olson & Reinaldo Sorhegui*

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, November 30, 2014:

the First Sunday of Advent

Opening Song **63** **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** Traditional
 Kyrie • **5A** *hymnal*

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Response (cf. v.4)



Lord, make us turn to you;— let us see your face and
 we shall be saved, we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation • **11A** *hymnal*

Preparation Song **574** **Eye Has Not Seen** Marty Haugen

Sanctus • **19A** Memorial Acclamation (A) • **20A**
 Great Amen • **21A** Agnus Dei • **24A**

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Verse



You are my Lord, It's you I adore.
 — Nothing on earth could ever take your place. — Your might humbles every heart.
 — The highest of heavens bow. — Nothing on earth could ever take your place. — And
Pre-chorus
 now we see your sacrifice, the greatest gift, our greatest prize! Be -
Chorus
 hold the Lamb of God! Be - hold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!

Spirit of the Living God

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Closing Song

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Rick Founds

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Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your
prais - es. I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heav - en to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross
my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high.

prepare ye the way of the Lord



The Word & Life

Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B, 64:2-7

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

Be Watchful – A Season of Holy Longing

*A*s we begin a new Liturgical Year, we take step back to examine the divine drama of when heaven's treasure is deposited on the earth. The First Sunday of Advent invites us into a holy longing, a time of prayerful reflection upon the mystery of the Incarnation. Sometimes it is hard to grasp this reality when the world is already celebrating Christmas by selling its wares. The Church gifts us with the season of advent every year so that we can really discern and examine what the coming of Christ means to us. Today's gospel reminds us that we have been endowed with responsibilities until the Lord returns. We are to be watchful for the day when the Lord will come to us, ensuring that we have been faithful stewards on this earthly pilgrimage.

There is a tendency among people to almost pretend to relive the chronological events surrounding the Incarnation. We most certainly must approach our preparation for the Christmas event with the mind of an adult but the heart of a child. Our adult minds make us aware of why the event of the Incarnation took place. The world had separated itself from

God and was awaiting its redeemer and savior. In the midst of this longing, Jesus became flesh and lived among us. The divine drama that unfolded around his birth will forever warm the hearts of children for years to come and rekindle the light of the child that still lives in us. The Christ event in its infancy is almost like a fairy tale, but the reality of Jesus' life mission challenges the adult life and the choices we make.

Advent celebrates the "coming" of the Lord. As a people of God and members of His Church we are entrusted with his mission to proclaim the good news of the kingdom. While memories of childhood crèches warm the heart, the conviction of Jesus compassion sets our hearts on fire. The gospel challenges us to be alert at all times and



watch for the time of the Lord's arrival. Since Christ has already been made Incarnate, we are invited to be alert to the subtleties of His presence around us. Advent constantly reminds us that Jesus is Emmanuel – that is, God-with-us. We pray this advent that we will allow God to be with us in all that we do and say.

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



Reflection Questions

1. What did the coming of Christ mean to ancient Israel?
2. What does the Christ event mean to you?
3. What does Jesus mean by the coming of the Son of Man?
4. How will you observe the Season of Advent in your home?
5. Why is it important for Christians to celebrate Christmas each year and spend time in prayerful preparation for the sacred feast?
6. Would you be prepared to meet Christ face to face if your life was taken from you today? Why or why not?
7. Is Christ the center and focus of your life? Why or why not?

Prayer

Marantha! Come, Lord Jesus. Come into a world that yearns to know your love. May your Church encounter you today, as did those people from ancient times. Come enter into the lives of those who are broken and in need of your love. Be in the joys of those who have much to celebrate. Enliven our hearts with a holy longing. Keep us watchful in prayer until you come in glory! Amen.

Wisdom of the Fathers

“Today, on the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year; that is, a new journey of the People of God with Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, who guides us through history toward the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God. Therefore, this day has a special charm, it makes us experience deeply the meaning of history. We rediscover the beauty of all being on a journey: the Church, with her vocation and mission, and all humanity, peoples, civilizations, cultures, all on a journey across the paths of time....

...This journey never comes to an end. Just as in each of our lives we always need to begin again, to get up again, to rediscover the meaning of the goal of our lives, so also for the great human family it is always necessary to rediscover the common horizon toward which we are journeying. The horizon of hope! This is the horizon that makes for a good journey. The season of Advent, which we begin again today, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does

not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty.

The model of this spiritual disposition, of this way of being and journeying in life, is the Virgin Mary. A simple girl from the country who carries within her heart the fullness of hope in God! In her womb, God's hope took flesh, it became man, it became history: Jesus Christ. Her Magnificat is the canticle of the People of God on a journey, and of all men and women who hope in God and in the power of his mercy. Let us allow ourselves to be guided by her, she who is mother, a mamma and knows how to guide us. Let us allow ourselves to be guided by her during this season of active waiting and watchfulness.”

—Pope Francis in his Angelus Address in St. Peter's Square, 1 December 2013

Faith Formation



Mark Your Calendar

December 3

Faith Formation Classes Resume

December 3

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

December 13

Night in Bethlehem

December 19

The Christmas Story

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation classes...resume following Thanksgiving break.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting...is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the seminar room of the Claussen Center and the ballroom of the Parish Life Center. This is a mandatory meeting for parents of Sacramental Students.

Night in Bethlehem...will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. in the ballroom and the courtyard. This is a fun event where everyone dons the dress of 2000 years ago and the birth of Jesus is reenacted. This is a fun evening for everyone.

The Christmas Story...will take place on Friday, December 19, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. The whole parish comes together to present the "Reason for the Season."

Faith Formation continues on page 17

Scripture

LESSON

Mark 13:33-37
Be watchful, be alert

This gospel is from the first Sunday of Advent. We are preparing to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, his first coming.

But Advent is a time for us to prepare for the Second Coming. We don't know when this will happen. Jesus' message is to be watchful and alert for his coming. To be watchful involves getting our lives in order. Christ gave us the sacraments so we can do this, especially the Sacrament of Penance. Being in a state of grace means we're ready to meet Jesus.

However, this preparation involves each of us gathering the harvest. It means each of us being a missionary in our lives so everyone may come to know and love the Lord when they come face to face with God.

What can a parent do? This Gospel gives parents a chance to explain to our children what the Second Coming means: that Jesus will come to earth again. This should not be something to fear. Rather, it will be as wonderful as Christmas itself since it means we'll be with God forever.

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REFLECTION

This Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, begins the new Church year. We begin reading from the Gospel of Mark, the very first Gospel to be written. The Gospel we have just heard describes a doorway. A door can be open or shut. We can open the door and step in or step out. This Gospel wants us to imagine waiting for Jesus at this doorway. But we don't know when Jesus will come. We have to keep waiting and watching.

This is what Advent is about—waiting and watching for Jesus to come. Remember in the Gospel last Sunday that people didn't remember when they had helped Jesus, when they had fed him or given him shelter or visited him. Jesus taught us, "What you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."

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

Why do Catholics use sacramentals?

Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church to praise God for his works and gifts and to ask the Church's intercession that we use God's gifts in his service.

Sacramentals always include a prayer and can include blessings, actions, and other objects such as holy water, palms, ashes, candles, and medals.

Through the blessing of the Church and the Holy Spirit, sacramental appeal to our basic human need to touch, see and feel the grace of God around us.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

Preschool

Life Question: How are we getting ready at home to celebrate Advent?

Gospel Question: How are we getting ready at Church for Jesus to come?

GRADES K-1

Life Question: What do you wait and look forward to?

Gospel Question: How are you getting ready for Christmas at home?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: Who do you wait for?

Gospel Question: How does Advent help us wait for Christmas?

GRADES 4-6

Life Question: What are three things your family does to make Advent special?

Gospel Question: How can we be ready for Jesus to come?

GRADES 7-10

Life Question: What is a danger that threatened your life?

Gospel Question: How do you stay alert to Jesus' coming in your life?

ADULTS

Life Question: What hopes do people tell you they feel from being around you?

Gospel Question: At what doorways are you watching for God to come?

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Divine Gift Boutique Has Inspirational Christmas Merchandise



The Divine Gift Boutique has a large selection of nativity sets, angels, votives, crosses and statues. The boutique also carries Christmas mugs, cookie cutters, wine bottle stoppers, and much more.

Gift Boutique manager Jackie Gibson invites everyone to browse and shop early for best selection.

Religious gift shop hours:

Monday through Friday 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Divine Gift boutique is located across from the ladies restroom in the Narthex.



Claim Lost and Found Items by November 30; Unclaimed Items Will Be Donated

Please check the Lost and Found area in the Electrical Room to the right of the ladies restroom for any items you may have lost. More expensive items are locked up. See Lorna Woonsam, head

sacristan, before or after Mass, or call her and leave a message at 566.8740, ext. 3912. Any items not claimed by Sunday, November 30 will be donated to the Guadalupe Soup Kitchen.

Parish Beautification Day 2015



The Buildings & Grounds Committee, our landscaping contractor, Molter Landscaping, Stahlman-England Irrigation, and over 35 volunteers gave up their Saturday on November 15 to beautify our facilities. Preparations began several days before as 150 bales of pine straw and 280 bags of brown mulch were dropped off in strategic locations, easily accessible for the

volunteers to spread on Saturday. *Full story and more photos will be published in a future **Evangelist** bulletin.*

Full story with photos is currently available on our website: <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/featured/parish-beautification-day-2014-renewing-our-gorgeous-campus>

i-Pad* Raffle

iPad Air* 32 GB WiFi MD786LL/A Value \$599

**Only 300 tickets will be sold @ \$10 each
After Masses Nov. 16-23-30 or until sold out**

To benefit Jamaica Outreach Program

Winner will be drawn Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014 12:30 pm
Outside the church

For more info: call Jeanne 514-0290

An iPad* would make a great Christmas gift !

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Save the Dates for the Diocesan Women's and Men's 2015 Conferences

The 2015 Diocese of Venice Women's Conference will be held Saturday, February 14 at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. Speakers this year include TV and radio personality Dr. Ray Guarendi and atheist-turned-Catholic Jennifer Fulwiler. Registration details will be forthcoming.

The 2015 Diocese of Venice Men's Conference will be held Saturday, March 7 at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. Speakers this year include Tom Peterson, founder of Catholics Come Home, and Catholic apologist Trent Horn. Registration details will be forthcoming.

Wanted:

Business Owners for Small Business Fair December 6 and 7 at St. John

All small business owners who are registered members of Saint John the Evangelist are invited to promote their services after the Masses on Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7 in the Ballroom. This will be a great opportunity for parishioners to meet other parishioners who may provide a needed product or service. Licensed small business owners who have responded include realtors, tutors, home watchers, financial advisors, insurance agents, artists, Hair Salon & Spa and Real Estate Appraisal, etc. The parish Nurse's Ministry will be available for blood pressure checks.

This is the first Small Business Fair offered at St. John. If you would like to exhibit (at no cost) or serve on the committee, please call the coordinator, Carol Marlow at 239.948.0050 or email her at carolmarlow@ymail.com

“Keep Christ in Christmas”

Help to “Keep Christ in Christmas” by sending religious Christmas cards.

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the sale again this year with cards designed to emphasize the real meaning of Christmas. There will be a

large assortment
of cards available
after each Mass
in front of the church.



Christmas Tea

Jamaica Outreach Program



Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014 12:30-3:00 p.m.

\$35 per person — Reserved Seating — For Tickets :

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

Or, buy online at www.jamaicaoutreach.ORG

Or, call Jeanne Stamant 239-514-0290 for credit card phone orders

Please let us know who you want to be seated with. Tickets will be mailed to you or held at the door.

Champagne Reception — Gifts/Art/Crafts Vendors — Tea, lunch, scones, sweets

Entertainment by Tom Palmeshan and Bob Lyons

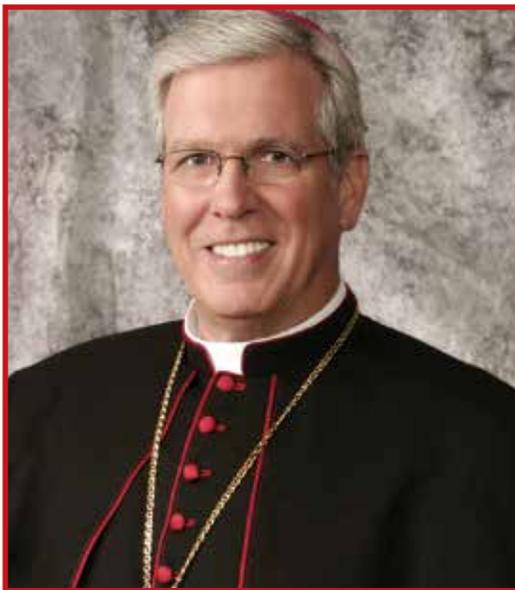
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625 111th Ave., Naples

Suggested donation at the door: \$15

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 21, 2015: Tom Peterson, Catholics Come Home

February 19, 2015: Fr. Leo Patalinghug, Grace Before Meals

March 18, 2015: Larry Blanford, Green Mountain Coffee

April 15, 2015: Fr. John Ludden, St. John the Evangelist

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14	At Sea	~	~
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16	Colon, Panama	8am	6pm
17	Puerto Limon, Costa Rica	7am	6pm
18	At Sea	~	~
19	Belize City, Belize	9:30am	6pm
20	Cozumel, Mexico	8am	5pm
21	At Sea	~	~
22	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	7am	

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