

December 14, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

the
EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Music Department Will Present *The Christmas Story* December 19

The Department of Liturgy & Music is pleased to again present to you our own annual retelling of the Nativity. *The Christmas Story* returns to the church at 7:00 p.m. this Friday, December 19 with an all-new cast ready to share their talents. With selections from the gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John, paired with reflections written by Fr. John, the young people of our parish will reenact the wonder and beauty of the Incarnation of our Lord.

Of course, there will be plenty of music, both new and classic. It will feature several young soloists and instrumentalists as well as ensembles, including our Children's Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, and our Adult Choir. Other than the Christmas Masses themselves, of course, *The Christmas Story* is always the highlight of our parish this season — you won't want to miss it. Our youth have put in many hours of preparation to brighten your Advent. Thank you, in advance, for coming to *The Christmas Story* this Friday and supporting our music ministry and youth!

While you're thinking of Christmas as well as music, perhaps you might find a last minute gift reminder from us to be useful? *La Vergine degli Angeli: Live From Rome* is a recording of the concert we gave in the Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels & Martyrs in Rome. It was well-attended and well-received, as you'll be able to hear! Works by Verdi, Mozart, Oram, and Ludden are featured among its 15 tracks; surely many parishioners will enjoy having a phenomenal live recording of Fr. John singing an extended version of his famous setting of "An Irish Blessing" with the choir. Other soloists include St. John's favorites Jennine Fuentes, Dino Valle, and of course, Ellie Roberts. If you already own this (thank you!) check out Jennine Fuentes' solo debut *Liberated*, also on sale in the gift shop, or perhaps our choir cookbook, *Masterpieces from Our Choir*, for some great recipes!

text submitted by Tom Oram, Pastoral Musician and Liturgist
photos from the 2013 performance



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Daily Mass: 8:00 & 9:00 a.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. — Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5:00 p.m.

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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by

December 13, 2014 Saturday

8:00 AM + Joseph Ryan Joanne Ryan

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

3:00 PM + Frank D'Agostino Virginia D'Agostino - Wife
5:00 PM + Ernie Woonsam 5:00 PM Eucharistic Ministers

December 14, 2014 Sunday

7:00 AM Sharon McCarthy Joseph McCarthy
9:00 AM + Jean Birkenstock Tom & Mary Vizioli
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM + Peter Tunucci Tom & Marianne Middlemiss
5:00 PM Sharon McCarthy Joseph McCarthy

December 15, 2014 Monday

8:00 AM + Ramy Garrido Elida Gil
9:00 AM Morrissey Family Joanne Ryan

December 16, 2014 Tuesday

8:00 AM + Robert Sullivan Loretta & Marty Sullivan
9:00 AM + Joseph Ryan Joanne Ryan

December 17, 2014 Wednesday

8:00 AM O'Keefe & Ryan Family Joanne Ryan
9:00 AM + Lillian Howe Don & Judy Howe

December 18, 2014 Thursday

8:00 AM + Rita Byrne Dennis & Mary Byrne
9:00 AM + Sophie Prete Dolores Kernochan

December 19, 2014 Friday

8:00 AM + Peter Duffy Joan Gleason
9:00 AM + Robert Martin Ginny Martin

December 20, 2014 Saturday

8:00 AM + Frederick Willshire Nelly - Wife

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

3:00 PM + Albert Dudley Tom & Natalie Moellering
5:00 PM + Thomas Linnane & Family Helen Fedeli

December 21, 2014 Sunday

7:00 AM Sharon McCarthy Joseph McCarthy
9:00 AM + Al & Joan Moser Children
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM + Sadie Salloun Mary & Bob Verville
5:00 PM Fr. Joseph O'Neill Veronica & Family

Wine & Host in Memory of Nicholas Senatore ~ Requested by Rosalie & Daughters

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 13, 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

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

Sunday, December 14, 2014

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

Monday, December 15, 2014

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

Las Posadas begins; Hanukkah begins at sunset
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23;
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday, December 18, 2014

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Friday, December 19, 2014

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday, December 20, 2014

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, December 21, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS...

Mass Times ~ Christmas and New Year

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

Advent Penance Services – Local Area Churches

St. Leo – Monday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m.
28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs

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

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*

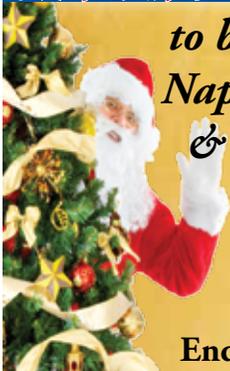
Items must be NEW.

Goal: 600+ Pairs

Ending: December 13-14

- A tree is in the Narthex with ornaments depicting the children's different sizes.
- 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.



Bishop Dewane Will Celebrate Christmas Day Television Mass for Homebound at 10:00 a.m.

The televised Christmas Day Mass for the Homebound with Bishop Frank J. Dewane as Celebrant will air at 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day. For viewers in the southern portions of the Diocese, the Mass airs on WFTX-TV (FOX-4). Please check your cable provider for channel listings. Leaflet missals are available upon request by calling 941.486.4714 or by writing: TV Mass, Diocese of Venice, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285. For more information contact Gail Ardy at 941.486.4714 or email ardy@dioceseofvenice.org.

NURSERY CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY

**The nursery will NOT be open
on Christmas Day, December
25, so that everyone can be with
their families.**

**Thank you for your
understanding.**

Save the Date: The annual Valentine Dinner Dance will be held Thursday, February 12. The dance, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, funds local charities.

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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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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Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 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 Third Sunday of Advent, December 13 & 14

Readings:	616
Entrance Hymn:	64 The King of Glory Comes
Preparation Hymn:	68 Emmanuel
Communion Hymn:	245 The Cup of Life Outpoured
	180 Holy Is His Name
Closing Hymn:	343 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Choral Anthems at 9 & 11:15 AM Mass

Prelude	Come Into His Presence Lynn Baird
Communion	As the Deer Martin Nystrom, feat. Steve Milo on piano

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, December 15: Monday of the Third 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. Teach me your ways, O 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 16: Tuesday of the Third 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. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON f. 2 Tm 4: 8

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

Wednesday, December 17: Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Is 49: 13

Rejoice, O heavens, and exult, O earth,
for our Lord will come to show mercy to his poor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Hg 2: 7

Behold, the Desired of all the nations will come,
and the house of the Lord will be filled with glory.

Thursday, December 18: Thursday of the Third Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Christ our King is coming,
he is the Lamb foretold by John.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Mt 1: 23

His name will be called Emmanuel, which means God-
with-us.

Friday, December 19: Friday of the Third Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Heb 10: 37

He who is to come will come and will not delay,
and now there will be no fear within our land,
for he is our Savior.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will
sing your glory!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Lk 1: 78-79

The Dawn from on high will visit us, guiding our feet in
the way of peace.

Saturday, December 20: Friday of the Third Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Is 11: 1; 40: 5; Lk 3: 6

A branch shall sprout from the root of Jesse,
and the glory of the Lord will fill the whole earth,
and all flesh will see the salvation of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Lk 1: 31

The Angel said to Mary:
Behold, you will conceive and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.

by Jean-Paul Boucher

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As part of an on-going effort to communicate the renewed focus and efforts of our Parish Mission, I wanted to start a new series in our bulletin, Getting #ToKnow Our Staff. Each week, we will spotlight a staff member here at St. John, including some of their responsibilities and background. That way, if you have a question, or need some assistance, you can put a name and face to those that will be helping you.

Getting #ToKnow Our Staff – Parish Secretary Deborah Marsh

You may have noticed a new but familiar face behind our front desk recently. Her name is Deborah Marsh. A long-time parishioner, Deborah spent 40 years in the teaching field, assisting with special education and music therapy. Prior to teaching, Deb worked in several churches in the area and back up in New York, a jack-of-all-trades, from playing the organ to bookkeeping to answering the phones. We are blessed to have her on our staff here at St. John.



I have been at St. John as Parish Secretary for eight months now in this most rewarding and challenging job. It doesn't seem possible that time has gone by so quickly. Systems are now in place that allow for a smooth operation of the office and reception area. We have made the transition to a new software program required by the Diocese. We survived the black mold crisis and continued full operation during the four-month displacement. Our new office looks and feels amazing. Well-trained office volunteers stand ready to assist you with parish business, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. We do NOT close for lunch as many parishioners come during that time to take care of their parish business. I am available any time to answer questions and help make Baptism and Funeral arrangements.

Some of the reasons you will want to get to know Deb, aside from her caring personality, are the key functions she performs for all of us parishioners. Deb is responsible for managing the Safe Environment Certification process, including keeping track of the volunteer paperwork and applications. She is the focal point for both our Baptism Program and our

Bereavement Program. St. John has recently renewed both our Baptism Program, to be welcoming and inclusive for parishioners and their families to enter into the church, and Deb has been an integral part of those changes. She is also running our office efficiently, making sure both supplies and smiles are not in short supply.

I thank God every day for the skills and abilities He has given me to effectively provide service to the parishioners of St. John.

If you need anything at all here at church, please contact our office via phone, email, or by simply walking in, and Deb will make sure you are taken care of.

#ToKnow – End of the Year Giving

As we fast approach Christmas and a new year is breaking over the horizon, I would be remiss in not mentioning that St. John thanks all of you for your generosity over this past year. We have done some tremendous things for the local community and for our parishioners with our new Parish Mission focus, from getting food and clothing out to individuals in Immokalee and here in Naples, to educating youth on the light and joy of our faith, to celebrating family and friends in our Ballroom.

We cannot accomplish these #ToKnow, #ToLove, and #ToServe without those of us who share our time, talent and treasure. Countless members of our community volunteer their time both here as well as around Naples, in soup kitchens and food pantries, building houses and tutoring. If you are in a position to give to our efforts, please consider providing a tax-deductible gift to St. John or to the Catholic Faith Appeal so we can continue to support the parish into and through the new year. Please contact Julie or myself for more information on how to provide these gifts. We have an exciting new chapter that is about to unfold for our parish in 2015, so hang on to your hats!

#ToServe – Feeding Hunger, Filling Hearts Ash Wednesday

Is it too early to discuss one of the biggest upcoming new events at St. John? The Knights of Columbus and several ecumenical groups from around Naples are working together for the first-ever fundraiser for Guadalupe Social Services, which serves the people of Immokalee with food, clothing, social services, and a host of other programs. St. John will

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host the “Soup Bowl for the Soul” event on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015 with seatings after the noon and 5:00 p.m. Masses. This will give the entire Naples community an opportunity to come out and support Guadalupe Social Services. All attendees will receive a bowl of soup for their donation and get to hear some of the heartwarming stories from Immokalee. Please join us by signing up online at: <https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/FHFH2014>



Coming in January

Cub Scouts

Pancake Breakfast

with sausage and bacon

Sunday, January 4

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

and 11:15 a.m. Masses

in the St. John Ballroom

~ Donations Accepted ~

Sponsored by St. John Cub Scouts Pack 226



Faith and Wine

Very Rev. John J. Ludden

Pastor of St. John the Evangelist

Thursday, January 8, 2015

**Pope Francis, Pastor of the Church:
 Our New Pope Facing Contemporary Issues**

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

\$20 prepay
 (includes light dinner, glass of wine/beverage, and speaker)



Father John Ludden, one of our most popular speakers, returns to Faith and Wine to talk about Pope Francis, one of our most remarkable Popes. This is expected to be a sell out so don't delay in reserving your spot!!

Free babysitting available on site!!

Save the Dates!

February 19 – Father Leo Patalinghug**

March 12 – Valli Leone

April 9 – Father George Ratzmann

**Joint event with Faith & Ale

Please prepay for this event no later than noon on January 6th by going to www.faithandwine.com or dropping off exact cash (no change) or your check made payable to “Faith and Wine, Inc.” to the St. John parish office.. Or you can mail (post-marked before January 2nd) 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.faithandwine.com.

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Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

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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. ■

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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

Sp. Petrus Botha
U.S. Army

S. Isaiah Brutus
U.S. Air Force

Ensign Stuart Campbell
U.S. Navy

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

Adam Decker
U.S. Air Force

Nicholas Detloff
U.S. Air Force

Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante
U.S. Army

Joshua Emmons
U.S. Air Force

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

Lt. Bernardo Garcia
U.S. Marines

Lt. Joseph Gilig
1st Marine Division
* LAV Recon

Cpl. Dylan Granza
U.S. Army Ranger

Specialist Shelby Granza
U.S. Army

S. Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer
U.S. Marine Corp * LAV Recon (Afghanistan)

Specialist Douglas Hennessy
U.S. Army

Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett
U.S. Marine Corp

AT3 Corinne MacFarlane
U.S. Navy

Lt. John Meyers
U.S. Army

LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)

LCpl. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)

Ryan D. Novak (USMC)

Cpt. Daniel Palmer
U.S. Army

Cpt. John Palmer
U.S. Army

Cpt. Martin Palmer
U.S. Army

1Lt. Robert Pedrigi
U.S. Army

Lt. Joseph Schafer
U.S. Army

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

Lt. Kelly Spencer
U.S. Air Force

Houng Tran
U.S. Army

IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)

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

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Emelina Alvarez

May they rest in eternal peace.

Deacon Al
Rich Annunziata
Fernando Ardila
Tomas Ardila
Elizabeth Arena
Otto Backof
Agatha Barczynski
Dick Becker
Jimmy Bee
Margie Benefico
Barbara Berg
Grayson Berry
Linda Berry
Mary Bessner
Elizabeth Bommarito
Kathleen Bradach
Pat Brody
Genevieve Brown
Patricia Bruno
Julie Butler
Frank Caccavo, Jr.
Nancy Campbell
Cathy Carroll
Christine Cassara
James Castaldi
Rosalie Castro
Marie Castry
Michael Cataldo
Mary Rose Cefaratti
Diane Centenaro
John Chiravallatti
Frank Ciccarelli
Gerald Clancy
Claussen Family
Pat Corr
Nancy Cote
Michael Cotteta
Violet Crane
Forest Crowley
Anthony & Edna
D' Antuono
Esther Davis
Barbara de Mauriac
Nathan Dent
Jim Diamante
Julie Dieter

Al DiMenna
Alexandria Dolkas
Leon Doughty
Ann Marie Esposito
Marie Fabiano
Claire Fabrizio
Steve Ferrante
Brian Patrick Ferreira
Taelor Fiedler
Patrick Finck
James Fish
Donna Flynn
Darlene Follese
Jim Follese
Edward Gaynor
Theresa & Paul
Giandina
Richard Goepel
William Grogevant
Helen Graff
Sam Hardy
Reg Hart
Raymond Hartwick
Virginia Hartwick
Harriet Hayes
Joseph Hennessy
Richard Hennings
Gerard Heyen
Charlotte Hollohan
Peggy Hooper
Jeff Horkey
Colton Horvatt
Donald Howe
Michael Hutchins
JMG
JRB
Jan J.
Lucy Debra Jones
Chester T. Kauffman
Peggy Kegaly
Lisa and Dave Kepner
Kevin Kincaid
Pam Kirk
Kelly Krauser Knott
Krista Kozowyk
Jim Krauser

Lilian Kudile
Cammie Lake and baby
Josephine Lancia
Lindsay Lavery
Diane Leahy
Mary Jane Leake
Dan LeBlanc
Tash & Brian Lee
Mary Lenick
Lillian Luchini
Jeanne Macari
Mary Jo Magner
Ann Maniuszko
D. Martin
Barbara Massey
Barbara McCabe
Sharon K. McCarthy
Catherine McCusker
Carolyn McDonald
Simone McGaffee
Carolyn McNichols
Ed Moriarity
Alisa Morgan
Elsie & Ken Moskal
Eddie and Anne
Murphy
Forrest Murphy
Paige Nelson
Peter Nicoletta
Gloria Oliver
Emma O'Rourke
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Michael "Jesse"
Owens
Maryla Panagos
Picciarelli Family
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Joe Pohrer
Jean Prather
Richard Pratt
Mary Alice Qualls
Nancy Reddy

Joe Reid
Aurelia Rein
David Rohan
Tony Ross
Jerry Salvi
Edna Sanvidge
Bud Sausser
Cynthia Scariati
Peter Scariati
Cathy Schloendorn
Charles Schumacher
Debra Sciacqua
Claire Scott
Jane & Bob Shengulet
Teresa Shengulet
Karen Shin
Judy Siderio
Barbara Silva
Louis Simonini
Marianna Smith
Winnie Smith
Dan Spreng
Frank Squartino
Justin Strickland
Susan Stokes
Kathy & David
Struble
Pat Sutter
Joanmarie Switalski
Tara & Family
Rita Taranto
Margaret
Tomaszewski
Lorraine Torrance
Patricia Trapnell
Betty Vallerand
Pat Velasquez
Mary Ellen Wheeler
Mary Ann Williams
Lisa Tomei Wilton
Tom Wood
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Mary Youlio

LET US PRAY...

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

DECEMBER 14, 2014 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Spiritual Bouquet



For the Intentions of

Living _____

Deceased _____

Your donation will furnish the Sanctuary with flowers during the Christmas season and your loved ones will be remembered in the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet during the Christmas Masses. **DROP THE FORM AND DONATION IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS.**

For your convenience, envelopes are also available in the Narthex.

Donor Name _____ \$ _____



A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT INVITATION:

A "St. John
Philharmonic Evening"
~ Gourmet Dinner
with Fr. Jim & Fr. John ~
January 17 at 6:30 p.m.
in the St. John Library

includes dinner & entertainment featuring:

Tony Avalon singing Sinatra during cocktail hour, Ellie Roberts singing Italian opera and Tom Oram with a sweet sing-a-long during dessert.

Dinner includes: Appetizer, Italian Wedding Soup, Antipasto, Chicken Parm & Pasta, Italian Cream Puffs, Pizzellis, Cappuccino and Wine

\$125 per person

- only 4 seats remaining!

If interested or for more info,
call Lou at 450-6004



— DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP —

December 4, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will conduct the annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious the weekend of December 13 and 14, 2014. This annual appeal benefits some 35,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

Pope Francis has declared this year to be the "Year of Consecrated Life". Further, His Holiness reminds us that consecrated life is "a gift of God to the Church". Many of us have had special religious women or men who played meaningful roles in our lives. These dedicated religious often made great sacrifices in service to the Church. Most senior religious worked for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. As a result, many religious communities now struggle to provide adequate care for aging members.

The Retirement Fund for Religious offers us an opportunity to support elder religious in this phase of their journeys. While many continue in some form of ministry, others are frail and need assistance. Your gift provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

As the Church celebrates this special Year of Consecrated Life, in thanksgiving for the faithful service of senior religious, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praising God for the gifts that consecrated life offers our Church. Thank you, and know that you have the assurance of my continued consideration and prayers. May God Bless you in your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

Strengthen Your Family

From now until the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, the Diocese of Venice, along with the other Florida dioceses, will be challenging families to strengthen their relationships with one another and to build the sacred bonds of family as the domestic Church. This month's challenge is to sit down and have a meal together at least three times per week. This challenge does have some ground rules.

December Family Challenge ~ Works of Mercy:

This Advent season is a great time to learn about the works of mercy as a family. You can make great family memories by building some of these into your Advent family traditions. We learn by doing and children learn when doing activities with their parents.

Spiritual: How do you bear wrongs patiently and hold each other accountable as a family in witness and love?

Corporal: How can we as a family feed the hungry, visit the sick or clothe the naked?

Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

Wednesday, December 17 + Charles McMahon	10:00 AM req. by Diane & Peter Lawson Family	Bentley Village
Friday, December 19 + Charles McMahon	10:00 AM req. by Diane & Peter Lawson Family	Juniper Village

Save the Dates:

Diocesan Women's and Men's Conferences

The 2015 Diocese of Venice Women's Conference will be held Saturday, February 14 at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers.

The 2015 Diocese of Venice Men's Conference will be held Saturday, March 7 at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers.

Registration details will be forthcoming.

Anniversary Mass Celebration at St. Leo March 14

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: February 7 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice and March 14 at St. Leo Parish in Bonita Springs. Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. Registration Information will be announced next month.

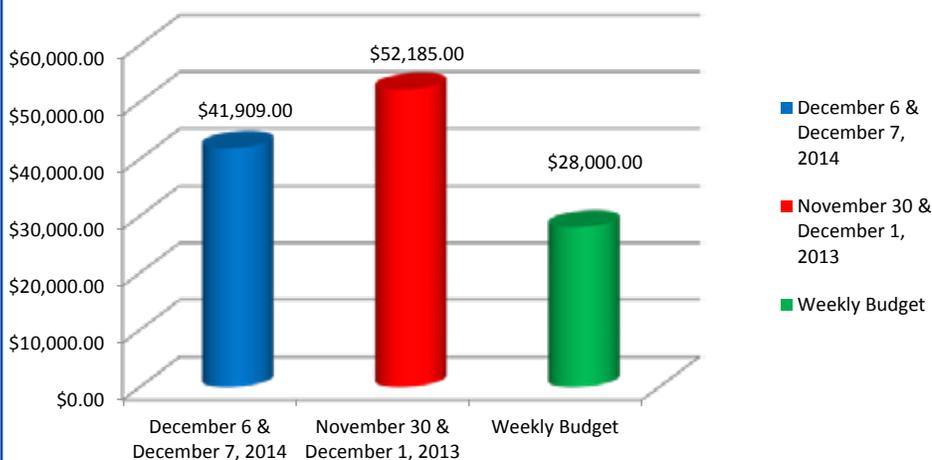
Annual Christmas Appeal

The 13th Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal is underway and needs your support! The Christmas Appeal runs through January 2015. This year's goal is to raise \$525,000. The Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal is the largest annual fundraiser and critical to operating this social service organization. Gifts provide funding for the many Catholic Charities programs and services available throughout Southwest Florida. Your generosity enables us to serve those seeking help all year long. To donate please mail a contribution to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. 5824 Bee Ridge Road, PMB 409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065 or visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org.

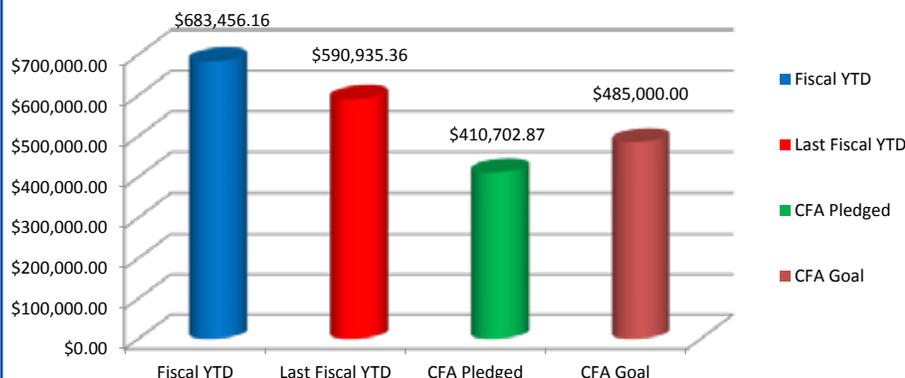
Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Join other couples for a weekend to renew and strengthen your marriage in the richness and beauty of the Catholic Faith the weekend of January 9 -11 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice. Jim and Maureen Otremba will present a marriage enrichment program that provides spirituality and techniques for having a grace-filled marriage. Register at www.dioceseofvenice.org/enrichment or call Angela at 941.484.9543.

Collection Summary



Fiscal YTD (7/1/2014-6/30/2015) & CFA Summary



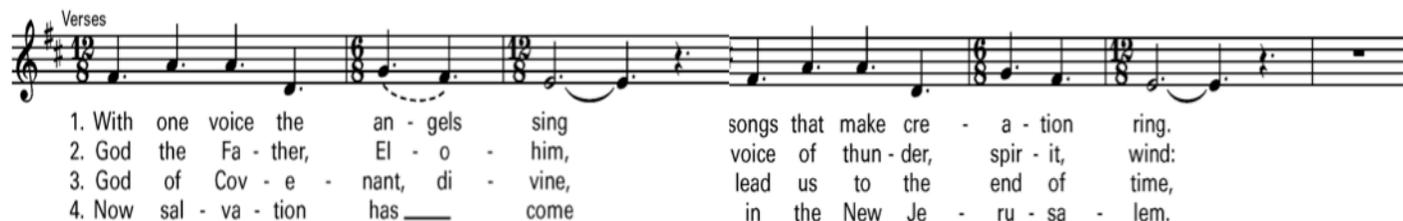
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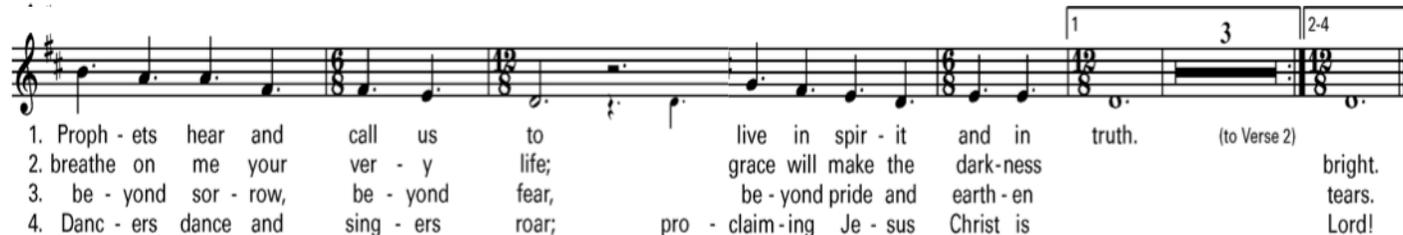
the Third Sunday of Advent

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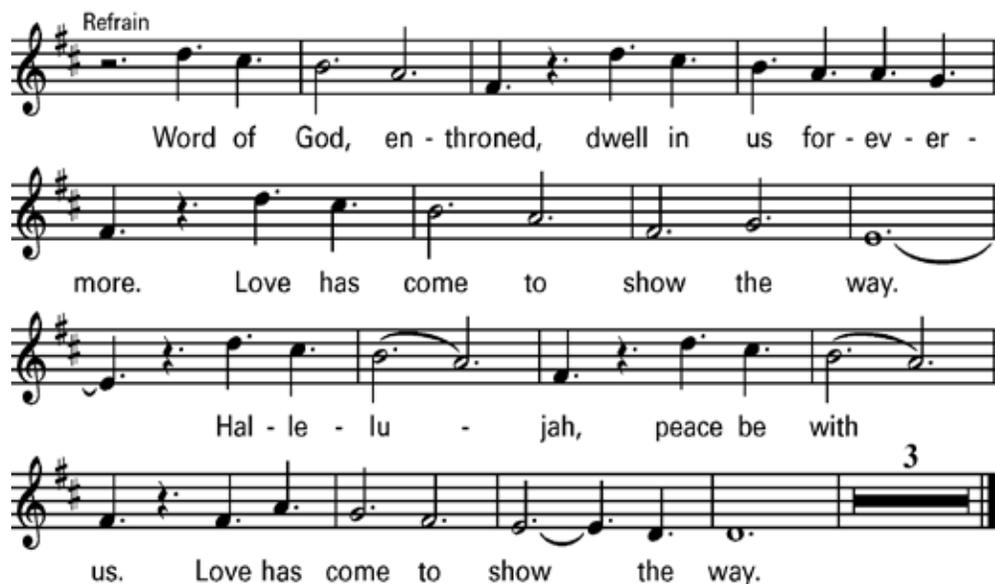


1. With one voice the an - gels sing songs that make cre - a - tion ring.
 2. God the Fa - ther, El - o - him, voice of thun - der, spir - it, wind:
 3. God of Cov - e - nant, di - vine, lead us to the end of time,
 4. Now sal - va - tion has ____ come in the New Je - ru - sa - lem.



1. Proph - ets hear and call us to live in spir - it and in truth. (to Verse 2)
 2. breathe on me your ver - y life; grace will make the dark-ness bright.
 3. be - yond sor - row, be - yond fear, be - yond pride and earth - en tears.
 4. Danc - ers dance and sing - ers roar; pro - claim - ing Je - sus Christ is Lord!

Refrain



Word of God, en - throned, dwell in us for - ev - er -
 more. Love has come to show the way.
 Hal - le - lu - jah, peace be with
 us. Love has come to show the way.



Kyrie • 5A *hymnal*

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Response (Is 61:10b)



My soul re - joi - ces, re - joi - ces in my God.

Gospel Acclamation • 11A *hymnal*

Preparation Song 68 **Emmanuel** Vince Ambrosetti

Sanctus • 19A

Memorial Acclamation (A) • 20A

Great Amen • 21A

Agnus Dei • 24A

Communion Songs 227 **This Is Jesus** Jim Cowan

180 Holy Is His Name

John Michael Talbot

Closing Song

Trading My Sorrows

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I'm tra - ding my sor - rows, I'm tra - ding my shame,
I'm tra - ding my sick - ness, I'm tra - ding my pain,
I'm lay - ing them down for the joy of the Lord.
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord! Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord!
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, a - men!

Bridge) Oh, I am pressed, but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned, struck down, but not destroyed.
I am blessed beyond the curse for his promise will endure that his joy's gonna be my strength!
Though the sorrow may last for the night, his joy comes with the morning!

prepare ye the way of the LORD

Don't forget to come to THE CHRISTMAS STORY—St. John's own retelling of the Nativity by our youth with all three choirs! This Friday (12/19) at 7 in the church!



Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11

Responsorial: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Word & Life

The Christ of Promise

It would seem that today's gospel is a repeat of last Sunday's gospel. We hear John's gospel echo the message of Mark's gospel last week. Once again we focus on the character of John the Baptist. The fourth gospel account emphasizes the role of the Baptist. He is not Elijah or one of the prophets from of old, neither is he the Christ. John describes himself as the fulfillment of the Prophet of Isaiah — he is the voice crying out to the world of his time to make straight the way of the Lord. John the Baptist's mission is to prepare the world for the coming of Christ and to testify to the light.

Little did John know how powerful the coming of Christ would be. In today's reading from Isaiah, we hear of the anointed one who was sent to bring glad tidings to the poor, healing to the broken, liberty to the captives, release to prisoners, and to announce the year of the Lord. This anointing blessed the world when Jesus began his public ministry and all these things came to pass. The coming of Jesus as the Christ (Anointed One) brings with it the healing and comfort of heaven. Jesus' presence brought transformation for those who encountered him during his ministry on earth.



As we enter the third week of our advent season, we rejoice in the Lord's initiative to save us. Preparing for Christmas does not only bring beautiful memories of childhoods gone by, it reminds us of why Christmas came in the first place. The advent season calls to mind our salvation in Christ. It reminds us of the promise given in our baptism. It recalls all the hopes and expectations of those who waited in faith for the coming of the Messiah. As Christians, we know that Jesus has already come to the world and departed it to be seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. However, we await the second coming of Christ with hope and faith-filled expectation. The dream of the Christian is to look

upon the face of Jesus one day and gaze into his heart. In the meantime, we experience his presence veiled in the Eucharist and are called to recognize him in the needs around us. During this time of preparation, we are asked to reach out to those who will have nothing this Christmas or know one to care for them. This is our calling and challenge as we wait for Christ to come to each one of us.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us to prepare ourselves for the second coming of your Son. Thank you for the generosity that you have shown us by sending your Son into the world to save us from sin. Let us remember with great joy the event of the Incarnation and the revelation of your Word made flesh. May we be challenged by the word and example Jesus shared through the proclamation of the good news. Find us ready to experience the fullness of your presence this Christmas. Amen.

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



Reflection Questions

1. How do you fulfill the anointing of your baptism?
2. What does it mean to be Christian?
3. How do you bring glad tidings to the poor?
4. In what ways do you bring liberation to others?
5. Do you allow God to use you to build his kingdom?
6. Is seeking justice part of your life?
7. How do you bear fruit for the gospel?
8. Do you allow yourself to prepare a way for the Lord in the lives of others?

Wisdom of the Fathers



Pope Francis gestures as he speaks during his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican October 29. (Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)

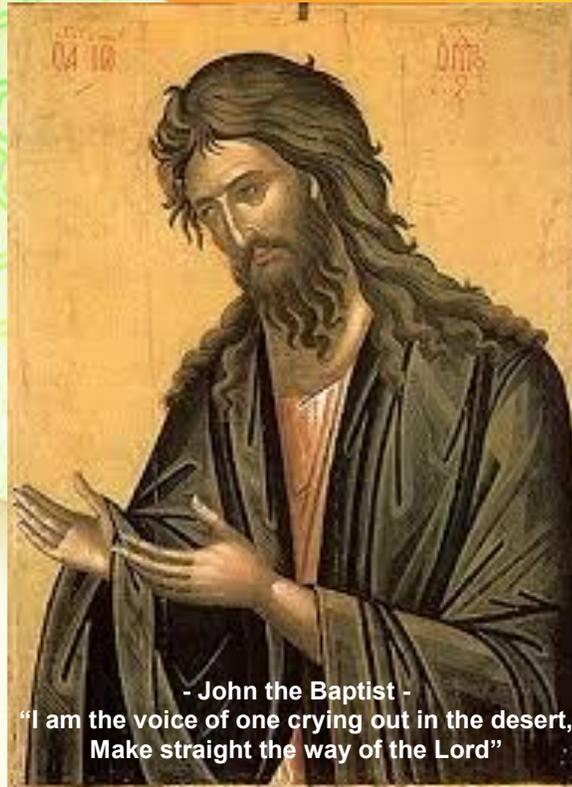
“In order to comprehend the relationship, in the Church, the relation between her visible reality and the spiritual realm, there is no other way than to look to Christ, whose body is constituted by the Church and who generates her, in an act of infinite love....

...In the case of the Church, however, we must ask ourselves: how can the visible reality be at the service of the spiritual reality? Once again, we can understand it by looking at Christ. Christ is the model for the Church, because the Church is his body. He is the model for all Christians, for us all. When one looks to Christ, one does not err.... He [Christ] has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord's favour". Behold how Christ used his humanity — for was also a man — to proclaim and fulfil the divine plan of redemption and salvation — because he was God; so too must it be for the Church. Through her visible reality, all that can be seen, the sacraments and witness of all us Christians, the Church is called every day to be close to every man, to begin with the one who is poor, the one who suffers and the one who is marginalized, in such a way as to make all people feel the compassionate and merciful gaze of Jesus...

... Our witness is to make others understand what it means to be Christian. Let us ask not be a source of scandal. Let us ask for the gift of faith, so that we can understand how, despite our smallness and our poverty, the Lord has made us a true vehicle of grace and a visible sign of his love for all humanity. We can become a cause of scandal, yes. But we can also become a cause of witness, by saying with our life what Jesus wants of us.”

— Pope Francis during his General Audience, Wednesday, 29 October, 2014

Faith Formation



- John the Baptist -
"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
Make straight the way of the Lord"

Mark Your Calendar

December 19
The Christmas Story

December 21 – January 4
Christmas Break
(No Faith Formation Classes)

January 7
Wednesday Classes Resume

January 11
Families in Christ

January 21
First Reconciliation Rehearsal

January 22
First Reconciliation Ceremony

Faith Formation News

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."

Christmas Break...There are no Faith Formation classes from December 21, 2014 through January 4, 2015. Please have a blessed and safe Christmas season.

Wednesday Classes Resume...on January 7, 2015 after the Christmas break.

Families in Christ...is on January 11, 2015 at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the ballroom.

First Reconciliation Rehearsal... will take place on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the church. Both parents should be at the rehearsal as the ceremony involves both parents as well as the child.

First Reconciliation Ceremony...will take place on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

Faith Formation continues on page 17

God's Precious Children

By Janel Esker

Besides the wild dress and unique locust-and-honey diet plan, one other thing can be said for John the Baptist: he was the least self-centered man around. He spent much of his time deflecting questions about his identity and giving negative responses when asked if he was the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet. Yet the Church gives us two Sundays in Advent to ponder this man who never wanted anyone to focus on who he was. Clearly we need to learn something important about John.

John the Baptist wasn't concerned whether people knew who he was—he was concerned whether they knew who he was *in relation to Jesus*. He could easily have claimed to be the Messiah—he was surrounded by crowds and could have been swept away with the excitement of power and popularity. Instead, he wanted people to come to know Jesus through him. He identified himself as “the voice of one crying out in the desert”—the one to help people prepare for the coming of Jesus, the true Messiah.

We spend more time than we realize telling people who we are. When we meet someone new or fill out an application, we reveal our occupation, marital status, and hometown. But how regularly do we think about who we are in relation to God? When we introduce ourselves, does “son or daughter of God” come to mind before our name, job title, or address?

On this Third Sunday of Advent, we rejoice at the nearness of Christmas. We can also rejoice that we are God's precious children. As those beloved children who live selflessly and generously, we can emulate John the Baptist and lead others to God. †

Bringing Home the Word, December 14, 2014, Liguori Publications

PRAYER

Lord, you are the source of my strength, peace, and joy. Send your Spirit to renew my trust and hope in you and give me peace.

Rev. Warren J. Savage
and Mary Ann McSweeney

Why do Catholics say Mary was born without Original Sin?

The Catechism teaches that God gave Mary all the gifts necessary for her to become mother of our Savior. In fact, when the angel Gabriel addressed Mary as “full of grace” in Luke 1:28, he means that Mary had the special divine help necessary for the task ahead.

While we are cleansed of original sin at Baptism, Pope Pius IX infallibly affirmed that Mary's role in Jesus' work was so crucial that it kept her from original sin at the outset.

Growing in Faith, December 2014, Success Publishing & Media, LLC

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

Preschool

Life Question: Can you tell the Christmas story?

Gospel Question: What is a way we can welcome Jesus?

GRADES K-1

Life Question: What gifts can I make for those in my family?

Gospel Question: How am I ready for Christmas?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: How is our parish getting ready for Christmas during Advent?

Gospel Question: How does John the Baptist help us get ready for Jesus' coming at Christmas?

GRADES 4-6

Life Question: What is the best present you've received? Why?

Gospel Question: How do you think people will be able to recognize who Jesus really is?

GRADES 7-10

Life Question: How have you used social media to spread a positive message?

Gospel Question: How do you think society would view John the Baptist if he was delivering his message today?

ADULTS

Life Question: Whose voices today help renew and revive you?

Gospel Question: What in John the Baptist's message helps you recognize Jesus in our midst?

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The Ladies of Charity Annual

Christmas Food Drive for our local soup kitchens

Ending: January 31, 2015

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

NO FOOD PLEASE! We are requesting checks only.

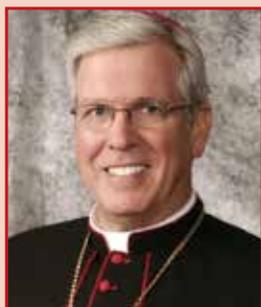
- The organizations that will benefit are Guadalupe Soup Kitchen, St. Matthews House and the St. Vincent de Paul Counsel. Last season each charity received \$3000 each.
- The Ladies of Charity will designate the money collected to be used during the summer months when food shelves are near empty.

Thank you for helping us stock the soup kitchens.



upcoming events:

- Jan. 21, 2015: Tom Peterson, Catholics Come Home
- Feb. 19, 2015: Fr. Leo Patalinghug, Grace Before Meals
- Mar. 18, 2015: Larry Blanford, Green Mountain Coffee
- Apr. 15, 2015: Fr. John Ludden, St. John the Evangelist



BISHOP FRANK DEWANE
"AN EVENING WITH BISHOP DEWANE"

Bishop Dewane has served as the bishop of our diocese since 2006. He worked for NBC in Moscow and then for a subsidiary of PepsiCo in NYC before entering the seminary. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Green Bay in 1988.

December 17
6 pm - 8 pm

Parish Life Center Ballroom
 St. John the Evangelist Parish
 625 111th Ave., Naples

Suggested donation
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First Dance of the Season

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

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

Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era

Featuring the Live Southwest Florida 16-piece Orchestra

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**Big Band
 Dance
 Schedule**

**Tuesday,
 January 13**

**Tuesday,
 January 27**

**Tuesday,
 February 10**

**Tuesday,
 February 24**

**Tuesday,
 March 10**

**Tuesday,
 March 24**

**Tuesday,
 April 14**

Admission:

\$10.00 cash
 only at the door
 ~ includes snacks

Cash Bar: Water
 and Soda ~ \$1.00

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

- Wine and
 Mixed Drinks
 ~ \$3.00

Dress: Country
 Club Casual
 (No shorts please.)

Singles Welcome

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 the Men's Club*

Annual Vocation Dinner A Success

\$10,00.00 Raised for the Diocese Seminarians

220 attendees enjoyed a great meal, good music and the excitement of an Oral Auction conducted by John Paul Boucher at the annual Vocation Dinner. The St. John Knights of Columbus Council 11281 would like to thank all who attended, donated, and worked to make the event a success. Special thanks to our Boosters and local Merchants.

MERCHANTS...Donations for Auctions

Captain Richard Cain FDD	Marriott International World Center
LaPlaya Resort and Golf Club	Marty Gauthier
Lou Carrier	Frisco's Catering
The Good Life Tricia & Scott Schwarz	Carabba's
Bonita Bay Golf – Dave Reis	Miguel Castillo
Parmesan Pete's	Neapolitan Deli
PGA Club – Tim Pelligrino	Here's How Catering
Maryann & Frank Lagonigro	

If these Merchants can support us when we ask, then it would seem good for us to support them.

PARISHONERS AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILIES ...

Donations for Auctions

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Kevin Dwyer	Ellie Roberts	Tom Oram
Tony Avalone	Helen & Tom McDonough	Mary Chalhoub
Lou Altieri	Council #11281 Members	
Bob Garbinski	Eileen & Bill Fuller	

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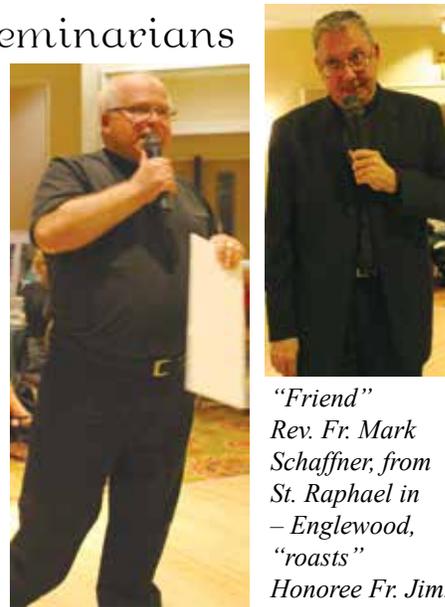
We especially thank the Council Members who donated all the fine wines for the Wine Basket raffle and the tickets for the Money Tree raffle.

A check for \$11,000.00, representing the amount given to Seminarians by Council 11281 in 2014, was presented to Fr. Jim by Sir Knight Lou Altieri. Lou also produced a slide show about Fr. Jim's life which all enjoyed. Thanks Lou.

This annual event makes these helping hand checks possible.

Vivat Jesus.

Knights of Columbus, Saint John Council #11281



Honoree Fr. Jim tells the attendees how the priesthood has impacted his life.

"Friend" Rev. Fr. Mark Schaffner, from St. Raphael in – Englewood, "roasts" Honoree Fr. Jim.



Deputy Grand Knight Jerry Detloff (center) presents a \$500 check to Seminarians Tony Rosso (left) and Crawford Bennett (right). Rosso, son of Paul Todd, will be ordained on February 2, 2015 at St. Agnes.



Attendees enjoy the evening.



Parish Beautification Day 2014

Renewing Our Gorgeous Campus

You may have noticed some significant improvements to the outside (and inside) of our parish campus these past weeks. This is due to the incredibly hard work and dedication of the St. John Buildings & Grounds Committee, our landscaping contractor, Molter Landscaping, Stahlman-England Irrigation, and over 35 volunteers who gave up their Saturday to beautify our facilities.

Preparations began several days before the event. 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. Four loads of “fill” dirt and four pallets of Bahia sod were dropped in the two east side grass parking areas abutting the Naples Park Elementary School tennis courts and playing field. The fill would be spread in the numerous low spots in these areas and then edged with sod, backfilled with more soil and seeded.

On Saturday November 15, a lovely brisk morning, Parish Beautification Day began shortly after 7:00 a.m. Facilities Manager Rich Neville began the process of dropping piles of “fill” in various locations in the three grass parking areas. B&G members began arriving shortly after 8 am, setting up the Claussen Center Seminar Room to get ready of the day’s work. Volunteers began arriving at 8:45 a.m.. They checked-in outside the Seminar Room, where they received their assignment for the day and enjoyed a continental breakfast prepared by the Buildings & Grounds crew.

Those assigned to the outside work, coordinated by B&G member Dave Quist, would work in one of four teams lead by B&G members Mark Nagan, Bill Sjostrom, Joe Lichwalla and Marty Gauthier. They were given their instructions and left with their Team leader. Those remaining in the Seminar Room would do the inside work, which entailed cleaning the rooms in the Claussen Center. B&G member and General Manager, JP Boucher coordinated this work. These individuals would also work in teams, deep-cleaning the Seminar Room, adjacent corridors, all classrooms and the Youth Room.

The four exterior teams spread the pine straw and mulch across the campus. As each team completed their area, they moved to the front of the Church, the largest area, and helped that team complete the mulching. By the time all the mulching was completed, most of the spreading, leveling and raking of the fill had taken place and everyone helped to place the remaining sod into the parking lot spaces. By 11:45 am the exterior work was complete and all the volunteers enjoyed lunch together.

All in all, it was a very successful and productive day. Not only did parishioners have an opportunity to meet and get to know other parishioners; they also got to know more about the work of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Their “sweat” saved the Parish some \$5,000, which otherwise would have had to be spent on the use of outside vendors’ labor.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee wish to thank all the following volunteers who made the day a great success:

Ben Weber	Theresa Weber
Tricia Schwarz	Emily Schwarz
Allison Schwarz	Pat Zewalk
Dominic Del Debbio	Kimberly Hoopes
Giovanni Del Debbio	William Hoopes
Julie Kwiatowski	Rachel Kwiatowski
Todd Earnhart	Michelle Earnhart
Luke Earnhart	Caroline Earnhart
Eric Bennett	Debra Schulze
Katrina Bennett	Blake Bennett
Lhara Echeverria	Michelle De Sousa
Jose De Sousa	Quintino De Sousa
Vince DeLaurentis	Elaine DeLaurentis
Patricia Quesenberry	Julia Perrotta
Lillian Maccarella	John Roberts
Mary Ellen Roberts	Beth Lucci
Dan Conley	

If anyone was inadvertently overlooked, please contact the church office and give Deborah your name.



Article by Dave Quist, photos by JP Boucher

For additional photos visit our website: <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/featured/parish-beautification-day-2014-renewing-our-gorgeous-campus>

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13	George Town, Grand Cayman	8am	5pm
14	At Sea	~	~
15	Cartagena, Colombia	7am	4pm
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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