

## Jamaica Outreach Program JOP Christmas Tea

The poor in Jamaica will be blessed with net proceeds of over \$5,500, as a result of the annual JOP Christmas Tea, which was held Wednesday, December 7. Some 230 people attended the Christmas Tea, which included a champagne reception, vendors, entertainment and the traditional tea, sandwiches, scones and sweets.

“We got rave reviews about the yummy scones and the food served by Cappelli’s Catering,” said Jeanne Stamant, event organizer.

Eight gentlemen served the guests champagne upon arrival or sold raffle tickets, and Fr. John said the blessing.

There were 14 raffle prizes, all worth over \$100 each, in addition to door prizes. Vendors also sold jewelry, purses and silk flower designs.

“Made in Brooklyn” (Rick & Lisa Howard) sang Christmas carols.

“Kohls (the Naples store) sent five employees (on their own time) to volunteer and are expected to generate a grant to Jamaica Outreach of \$500 for children’s education in Jamaica,” said Jeanne.

— See more photos on page 3



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

**December 17, 2011 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Kathleen Dillon Barbara Cascio

**Vigil Services**

3:00 PM + Frank D'Agostino Virginia D'Agostino  
5:00 PM + Lance Lindquist Tim & Mary Pettay

**December 18, 2011 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Fay Moots Mark Moots & Family  
9:00 AM Marge Smith Debbie Scott  
11:15 AM For Our Parishoners  
1:15 PM + Kenneth Hutten Theresa Fitzgerald  
5:00 PM + Frieda Gauthier Renée Dantonio

**December 19, 2011 Monday**

8:00 AM + Joseph Lam Tran Lan Tran  
9:00 AM Lottie Wadas Barbara & Lester Fuller

**December 20, 2011 Tuesday**

8:00 AM + Mary Cannon Burnette Joe Cannon  
9:00 AM + Francis Serra Richard Vargas

**December 21, 2011 Wednesday**

8:00 AM + Geri Thompson Margaret Diggins  
9:00 AM + Geri Thompson Catherine Lind

**December 22, 2011 Thursday**

8:00 AM + Brigid Predmore DeMarco Family  
9:00 AM + Owen Murphy Mary Wheeler

**December 23, 2011 Friday**

8:00 AM + Edward M. Butler Lucy Kelly  
9:00 AM + Michael Boruch Mr. & Mrs. Leo Jacobs

**December 24, 2011 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Ruth McAdam Judy Polamo

**Vigil Services**

3:00 PM + Ozzie D'Addario Janet  
5:00 PM + Rev. Al McPartland Ned & MaryLou Leibig  
10:00 PM + Elaine Margeson Carol Calandrucci

**December 25, 2011 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Deceased Members of Peter DeFrancesca  
De & Val Families Kay & Joe Reid  
9:00 AM + Jean & Anthony DeCesare  
11:15 AM For Our Parishoners  
1:15 PM + John Henry & Anne Kelsch  
Philip & Bernadette Monachino Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Monachino

*Wine & Host in honor of Tony & Suzanne Moschella - requested by Mary Asta*

*Altar Flowers in Memory of Philip & Bernadette Monachino - requested by Kathleen Monachino*

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, December 17, 2011**

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

**Vigil Services**

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

**Sunday, December 18, 2011**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

**Monday, December 19, 2011**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

**Tuesday, December 20, 2011**

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday, December 21, 2011**

**St. Peter Canisius**

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday, December 22, 2011**

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

**Friday, December 23, 2011**

**St. John of Kanty**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday, December 24, 2011**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

**Vigil Services**

**The Vigil of Christmas**

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29,  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Matthew 1:1-25  
*Night:* Isaiah 9:1-6, Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12,  
13, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

**Sunday, December 25, 2011**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

*Dawn:* Isaiah 62:11-12, Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12,  
Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:15-20  
*Day:* Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4,  
5-6, Hebrews 1:1-6, John 1:1-18

**Homebound: Eucharistic Ministers are available at any time to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Contact Maureen Wurtz 593.0475**

**THIS WEEK'S MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE...**

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## PARISH CLERGY



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

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Thomas Kelly	Associate
Fr. George Hazler	Weekend Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Rob Chalhoub	
Deacon Frank Paniccia	
Deacon Al Groh	Senior Status

## SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

### *Sacrament of Baptism*

The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. Classes are offered once a month and baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 1:00 p.m. Mass. Please call the parish office to register for a class. Upon completion of the class and fulfillment of the godparent requirements, parents may schedule a baptism date.

### *Sacrament of Matrimony*

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

### *Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements*

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

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

**All Administrative Staff**  
**239.566.8740**

**General Manager**  
Scott Schlossberg: 566.1678  
**Fax:** 239.325.2100

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

**Assistant to the Pastor**  
Natalie Campbell: Ext. 134

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

**Choir Director**  
Ellie VanderMeuse: 682.5609

**Sacristan**  
Lorna Woonsam: Ext. 133

**Communications**  
Kathy Sims: Ext. 128

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

**Religious Boutique**  
Marianne Brooks: 591.4668

### *Education Staff*

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

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

**Director of Youth Ministry**  
Brendan Budlong: 566.8740 Ext. 177

**Director of RCIA**  
Margie Lynch: 514.2927

**Family Ministry**  
Charlene Youngs: 566.8740 Ext: 123

**email staff members at:**  
[info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com](mailto:info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com)

## St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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### **Administrative Office Hours are:**

Monday - Friday

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

*(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)*

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

(until all are heard)

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Daily Mass:**

*Monday-Friday*

8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

#### **Saturday Vigil Masses:**

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

#### **Sunday Masses:**

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

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

#### **Contemporary Sunday Mass:**

5:00 p.m.

### **FOR OUR RECORDS**

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the front office at 239.566.8740 or email: [info@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto: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](mailto:kathys@saintjohntheevangelist.com) or drop your submission off in the parish office.

#### **Mass Cards**

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

#### **Mass Intentions**

We are currently accepting intentions for 2013.

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

We have 2012 & 2013 availability. Call or visit the office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

## PARISH INFORMATION...

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## Spotlight on Stewardship:

# Immokalee Children Will Receive Gift of Clothing from St. John's Sewing Group

Christmas will be merrier this year for many Immokalee children as they receive new clothing provided by the St. John's sewing group. Nearly a hundred articles of lovely clothing are being sent to Immokalee. The clothing will be distributed to needy children free of charge. Several of the articles were sewn by ladies who sew at home during the summer months.

It's also interesting to note that several of the ladies who are part of the sewing group are not parishioners of St. John's — they are simply dedicated to providing attractive clothing to needy children. One such lady is Monica Utz who has provided dozens of outfits which will go to Immokalee. She not only sews for St. John's but for St. Leo's charities as well.

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*Monica Utz, from the St. John's Sewing Group, has provided dozens of outfits for the Immokalee children. She also sews for St. Leo's charities as well.*



To add to her talents, she also knits and sews quilts. She is a very busy lady who provides a great service for the needy.

If you enjoy sewing and would like to share your talents with the sewing group, please join the St. John's sewing group on Wednesday afternoons. We promise you a great sense of accomplishment as you help bring joy to needy children.

*For questions or more information about the St. John's Sewing Group, call Nancy Cote, 514.0410*

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*article submitted  
by Nancy Cote  
St. John's Sewing Group,  
Chair*

## Spotlight on Stewardship:

### Did you know?

**Our Eucharistic Ministers in the Hospital Ministry** ministered to 645 Catholic patients and distributed Holy Communion to 383 Catholic patients in the local hospitals between July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011. This is truly amazing!

May God bless you for all your great service to our Lord! He is using you to do his work with great love.

With gratitude for all you do!

Fr. John

## Save the Date:

### Milestone Wedding Anniversaries

Bishop Frank Dewane will celebrate two Masses for married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 50+ years). The Masses will be celebrated on Saturday, February 11, at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice at 11:00 a.m. and on **Saturday, March 3 at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Naples at 11:00 a.m.**

To register for the Bishop's Annual Anniversary Masses, please call Melanie Harrison, administrative assistant, during business hours at 566.8740.

### Marriage Tribunal Information Evening

The Marriage Tribunal, in association with the Evangelization Office of the Diocese of Venice, will host an informational evening at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 17, at St. Paul Parish in Arcadia. The evening is for those, or their family and friends, who have experienced a civil divorce/dissolution and wish to consider reestablishing their freedom for a new marriage in the Catholic Church.

The evening consists of a short presentation along with an opportunity for questions and answers by participants with Tribunal personnel. Spanish speakers will be available at both sessions.

No reservation is required and all are welcome. For information please call Betty Karsokas at 941.484.9543.

## PRAYER GROUPS

### Centering Prayer / Lectio Divina

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

### Divine Will Prayer Group

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

### Liturgy of the Hours

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

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

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

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

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

## THROUGH THE DARKNESS

### BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

#### Bradley N. Chartier

U.S. Army

#### Sgt. Chris Counts

U.S. Marine Corp

#### James Cunningham

#### BU3 Charlie Davidson

U.S. Navy

#### Specialist Anthony J. Diamante

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

#### Joshua Emmons

U.S. Air Force

#### Lt. Joseph Gilig

1st Marine Division \* LAV Recon

#### Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer

U.S. Marine Corp \* LAV Recon

#### Spec. Adam C. Janes

U.S. Army, Ft. Bragg, NC

#### Lt. John Meyers

U.S. Army

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

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

#### Lt. Martin Palmer

U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

#### Capt. Oliver Schrang

U.S. Army

#### Lt. Joseph Schafer

U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

#### Houng Tran

U.S. Army

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

Deployed on U.S.S. Boxer

## PRAYER LIST

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

August Valenta

*May they rest in eternal peace.*

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

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

**To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740,  
email: [info@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:info@saintjohntheevangelist.com),  
or complete the form below and return it to the parish office.**

*Please add to the PRAYER LIST*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please print first and last name

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**LET US PRAY...**

## Mass Times for Advent Penance Service, Christmas and New Year

### Monday, December 19, 2011

*Advent Penance Service*

7:00 p.m.

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### Saturday, December 24, 2011

*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.

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### Sunday, December 25, 2011

*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)

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### Saturday, December 31, 2011

*Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

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### Sunday, January 1, 2012

*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

### Ushers Need Your Help

The ushers kindly ask that at the end of Mass parishioners return the missals and worship aids to the placeholders on the back of the pews.

This helps keep everything nice and tidy for the next service.

Thank you for your assistance.

*Ushers*

## More Eucharistic Ministers Needed to Distribute Holy Communion

The parish is currently in need of lay Eucharistic Ministers for all weekend masses. This invitation offers you the opportunity to actively participate in the distribution of Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners. In addition to assisting the parish in a needed activity, this ministry will have the result of your experiencing more fully the gift of the Blessed Sacrament. Help yourself spiritually and come join us.

Ministers are also needed to serve the homebound, nursing homes located within the parish, and patients under care in North Collier Hospital. For more information call Dennis Powers 591.0593.

## Volunteers Needed for Elementary Schools of Immokalee

The elementary schools of Immokalee need assistance from volunteers for their pupils. The pupils are migrant children in classes from Pre -K through the sixth grade. Join other members of the parish in assisting the teachers in the classroom in all subjects, but particularly in math and reading.

Volunteers travel by bus every Tuesday and Thursday, leaving Sam's Club Plaza on Immokalee at 8:00 a.m. or the McDonald's at Immokalee and Rte 951 at 8:15 a.m. and then returning to Naples by 1:30 p.m. To volunteer or for more information, call George at 325.8420.

## *Catholic Charities Tenth Annual Christmas Appeal*

The annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal provides help and creates hope for individuals and families seeking assistance and takes place during December and January. This year's goal is to raise \$450,000. A gift will provide funding for the many Catholic Charities programs and services available throughout Southwest Florida and enable Catholic Charities to help those in need all year long.

Please consider a gift to the Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal by sending a donation to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., 5824 Bee Ridge Road, PMB #409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065. For more information, please call 941.488.5581.

## Hymns for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 17 & 18, 2011

Entrance Hymn:	<b>186</b>	O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Preparation Hymn:	<b>529</b>	Servant Song
Communion Hymn:	<b>497</b>	Ubi Caritas
	<b>203</b>	See How the Virgin Waits
Closing Hymn:	<b>550</b>	Soon and Very Soon

<b>Altar Servers:</b>	
Neal Borter	804.357.5712
<b>Arimatheans:</b>	
Virginia D'Agostino	597.7687
<b>Arts &amp; Liturgical Environment:</b>	
Kay Sanfelippo	949.7122
<b>Calling &amp; Caring:</b>	
Deacon Al Groh	566.8740 ext. 125
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	
Dennis Powers	591.0593
<b>Homebound</b>	
Maureen Wurtz	593-0475
<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers:</b>	
John Smith	598.2306
<b>Grief Support:</b>	
Dee Donnelly	594.7193
<b>Jamaica Mission:</b>	
Al & Ann Kerns	514.1553
<b>Knights of Columbus:</b>	
<b>St. John Council 11281</b>	
Jim Follese	495.9741
<b>Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308</b>	
Rudy Kamennick	248-1853
<b>Ladies of Charity:</b>	
Valerie Matulis	390.3545
<b>Lectors:</b>	
Victor Yopez	290.9090
<b>Daily Mass Lectors:</b>	
Rosemary Slevin	596.7057
<b>Men's Club:</b>	
Andy Sanfelippo	949.7122
<b>Prayer Group:</b>	
Linda Reilly	821.8982
<b>Respect Life:</b>	
Rosemary Erickson	597.3941
<b>St. Vincent de Paul:</b>	
Bill Smart	566.8740

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

**AGA (Alienated Grandparents Anonymous).** Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to

their grandchildren. First Thursdays 1:00 p.m. in the Library; 3rd Thursdays 7:00 p.m. in the PLC, rooms 1 and 2. [www.aga-fl.org](http://www.aga-fl.org)

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

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

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

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

**Bible Story Time.** Bible stories, crafts, prayer and fun Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., in PLC pre-school classroom. Parents and children ages 0-5 years old welcome. Jennifer Grenardo: [grenardo@comcast.net](mailto:grenardo@comcast.net)

**Bible Teaching.** Lectors and friends convene Saturdays, 10 a.m., Claussen Center to practice reading the Scriptures with deeper understanding. Everyone is welcome. Victor: 290.9090

**Choirs:**

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

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

**Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

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

**Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

**Circle of Comfort.** Are you or a loved one affected by cancer? We are a support team who help, encourage, pray, listen, laugh and do whatever it takes to help each other. We don't meet on a regular basis, so please call Jim or Darlene: 495.9741

**Cursillistas.** Third Tuesday monthly at 7:30 PM: The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas are welcome including visitors. Loretta Judy: 596.2291

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

**Families Helping Families.** Mondays at 6 p.m. For families with a member who has a problem with alcohol &/or drugs. This is a small caring group to talk & answer questions. Bill: 498.7523

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

**Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.**

Last Monday of every month: St. John K of C Officers. First Monday of every month. Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited to join our Council meeting. 495.9741

**Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308.** Meetings are the day after the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Visiting Sir Knights are invited. Rudy Kamenick, FN: 248.1853

**Knitting & Crocheting.** Tuesdays from 10:00-Noon: Want to learn? We are a service group that knits & crochets to benefit those in need: blankets for soldiers, hats for cancer patients, baby hats & booties, & prayer shawls. Anne Orem: 566.9636

**Ladies of Charity.** Meets the 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. Also friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound. Marian Duncan: 596.8079

**Mah Jong.** Wednesday, 12-3 p.m. Beginners welcome. Joan Scariotti: 594.0994

**Men's Club.** Group of dedicated men (with the superb assistance from their ladies) who assist the Pastor and the parish. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month, 2-3:00. New members welcome. Andy Sanfelippo: 949.7122

**Gospel Forum.** Group of men who join together to discuss the following Sunday's gospel and its application to everyday life. Prayer and casual discussion of various spiritual writings follows. Pizza and soft drinks offered. Meets Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in PLC. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

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

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

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

**Religious Gift Shop.** No need to shop 'til you drop. Browse the gift shop and find all those special gifts you have been looking for. We have something for the very young as well as for the elderly. *Women of the Passion*, written by Joan Lynch, is available in the gift shop. Open Saturday and Sunday and after daily Mass. The shop will be closed December 24 and 25 and December 31 and January 1. Volunteers needed after Masses on Wednesday. 591.4668

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

**Sing-A-Long at Nursing Facilities.** Tuesday, Jan. 3 at Bentley Village in Naples; Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Harbor Memory Care in Naples, both at 2:00 p.m. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

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

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

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

## PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

# ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## *Understanding the Old Testament*

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

### Course Objective

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

### Course Description

In addition to examining the major books of the Old Testament, this course will present methods on how to read, interpret and understand the Bible. It will also provide an historical overview along with an analysis of how the Old Testament was written. This will be done through a combination of lectures, videos and group discussions.

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

**Class 2 - 1/17/12** **Genesis and Covenant**  
**Some Important Terms**  
**Genesis Chapters 1-11**

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

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

**Class 5 - 2/7/12** **How Do You Know? And Today's Message**  
**Exodus and the Covenant**

**Class 6 - 2/14/12** **The Old Testament Timeline**  
**Exodus and the Covenant**

**Class 7 - 2/21/12** **The Old Testament Books**  
**Israel — God's Chosen People**

**Class 8 - 2/28/12** **The Pentateuch**  
**Israel — God's Chosen People**

**Class 9 - 3/6/12** **The Prophetic Literature**  
**Prophets of the North**

**Class 10 - 3/13/12** **The Wisdom Literature**  
**What is Prophecy?**

**Class 11 - 3/20/12** **Bible Process and Interpretation**  
**Judah's Last Chance**

**Class 12 - 3/27/12** **Bible Usage and Understanding**  
**Prophets of the South**

**Class 13 - 4/3/12** **Images of God**  
**Judaism**

**Class 14 - 4/10/12** **THE Relationship**  
**Judaism**



Have you finished your Christmas shopping? As you read my column, at best only seven shopping days remain. I had a visit from a long time parishioner this past week asking if I knew of a family within our parish that had a child who could use a new bicycle for Christmas. She had purchased bicycles for deserving children in Christmases past and wanted to do the same this year. I explained that there were several families that came to mind. After considerable thought, I further explained that there was a family in dire need but they had several children and one bicycle would most likely not suffice. I set up a meeting with the mother of the children and this benevolent parishioner. After talking for a short time, the parishioner offered to take the mother of these children on a shopping spree to purchase toys for her children for Christmas. I was very touched by this incredible act of kindness, so much so that I plan to emulate her efforts with my family during the Christmas season. This is yet another example of the amazing parishioners we have at St. John the Evangelist. While you are finishing up your last minute shopping, please do not forget those who may not be as fortunate this Christmas.

Another parishioner gave me the following story on the candy cane and its relevance to the Trinity. Although there is no historical evidence to support the claim, I feel it is very fitting at this time of year.

### *The Story of the Candy Maker who loved Jesus*

There was a man who loved Jesus so much that he decided to do something special for Jesus' birthday. Since he was a candy maker, he decided to use his talents to make a special candy to honor Jesus; so he designed the first candy cane.

If the candy cane is held upright, it is in the shape of a shepherd's staff, which the shepherd uses as he watches over his sheep. Jesus is our shepherd. If the candy cane is turned upside-down it becomes the letter "J" for Jesus.

The scriptures tell us that by Jesus' stripes we are healed. Jesus was beaten and stripes were put upon his back when he was crucified in payment for our sins. So the candy cane was made with red and white stripes to represent the blood of Jesus which

washes away our sins and makes us pure and white as snow. One bold stripe represents our belief in one God who is Father to us all. The three fine stripes represent the Trinity: one God who has revealed Himself to us in three ways; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

There are a lot of candy canes in the stores today made with different colors, but they are not TRUE candy canes unless they are red and white and have one bold stripe and three fine stripes.

So when you see a candy cane this Christmas season, let it remind you of our Savior and the reason for His birth. For it is true, "with His stripes we are healed." – Author unknown

As an active member of the Stewardship Council since its inception, I truly understand the importance of becoming involved in parish life. The goal of our Stewardship Council at St. John the Evangelist is to attain 100% participation by our parishioners in some sort of ministry. Many of you may be thinking that our goal is simply unattainable. I was of the same belief until attending numerous Stewardship conferences and hearing stories from catholic parishes nationwide that have attained this goal. We have over 50 active ministries within our parish, and I can guarantee that there is a place for you. Why do we not have 100% participation thus far? There is not one answer to this question, but I would bet that the overwhelming answer would be that those not participating in a parish ministry have not been asked or invited to do so. On January

28 and 29 we are hosting our second annual ministry fair in the ballroom of the Parish Life Center. The fair will be preceded by another ministry parade prior to each Mass. This will give you an opportunity to see all of the ministries prominently displayed before heading down to the fair following Mass. On behalf of the Clergy and Stewardship Council, I am cordially inviting you to attend the Ministry Fair. You will have the opportunity to visit booths for all of our ministries and choose one that fits your talents. Stewardship encompasses your gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure. Many, when hearing the term Stewardship, automatically think of the treasure component. While treasure is an integral component in the operation of the church, it is not the focus of

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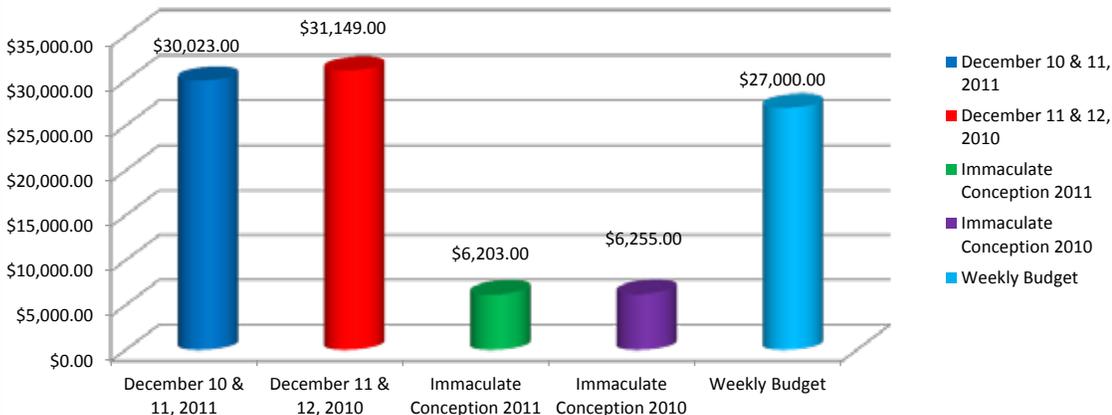
Stewardship. It is, however, the result of your financial gifts which allows us to provide these many ministries within the parish. Without your gifts of treasure, the ministries would cease to exist. Thank you to all of our parishioners for your generous support.

And now for an awkward segway to the CFA. . . . We are in the final home stretch with regards to the 2011 Catholic Faith Appeal. As you can see from the statistics, we are approximately \$75,000.00 shy of our goal. We have less than one month from this weekend to exceed our goal for the year. We need your help to keep our streak alive. This will mark the fourth year straight that we have exceeded our goal after going nine years without doing so. Remember that stock

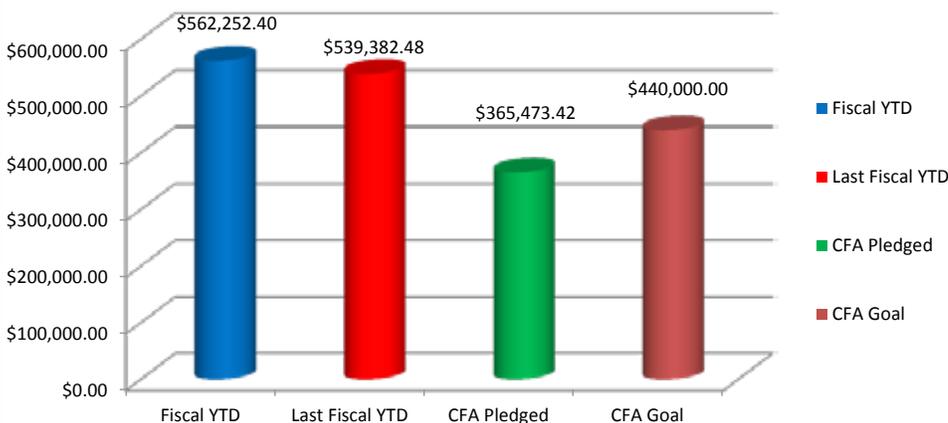
donations may be made to the Diocese of Venice for the CFA by calling the development office at 941-484-9543. Many of you choose to make your annual gift at year's end, whether it is in the form of stock or simply by check. As I have reiterated on numerous occasions, the CFA is the single most important component of our annual budget and by exceeding our goal, we relieve a lot of pressure with regards to operating "in the black" for the fiscal year. Thank you for your consideration in helping us exceed our goal.

In His work together,  
 Scott Schlossberg, MBA  
 General Manager

## Collection Summary



## YTD/CFA Summary



### Christmas Televised Mass for the Homebound

Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, will celebrate the Christmas Day Mass for the Homebound. The Mass will air at 10:00 a.m. on FOX 4.

For more information contact Gail Ardy at 941.486.4714 or email [ardy@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:ardy@dioceseofvenice.org)

# 5 PM Contemporary Mass Music Worship Aid

## Sunday, December 18, 2011: the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Opening Song            **Shout to the North**            Martin Smith

Verse 1) Men of faith, rise up and sing  
of the great and glorious King!  
You are strong when you feel weak,  
In your brokenness, complete (to Chorus)

Verse 2) Rise up, women of the truth  
Stand and sing to broken hearts  
who can know the healing power  
of our awesome King of love (to Chorus)



Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west. Je - sus is



Sav - ior to all, Lord of heav - en and earth.

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

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For - ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. For - ever I will sing the good-ness of the Lord.

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

Preparation Song            **529 Servant Song**            Sr. Donna Marie McGargill

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

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

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

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

Communion Song            **This Is Jesus**            Jim Cowan

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This is Je - sus, Em - man - u - el; God is



with us in this sac - ra - ment. Come re - ceive Him, a -



dore Him; This is Je - sus, our Lord.

Verse 1) Bright Star of David, Radiance of God  
now become the Living Bread, the Body of the Lord!  
Come in adoration, receive with trembling hands  
the Sacrament most holy, the Banquet of the Lamb!

Verse 2) Drink of living waters flowing from the Lord,  
Taste the Cup of blessing, partake of Precious Blood!  
River of salvation, holy cleansing tide,  
Fountain of redemption flowing from the Savior's side!

Verse 3) Priest of highest honor,  
King and Sov'reign Lord,  
Unblemished Lamb of sacrifice,  
your very life outpoured!

Royal Paschal victim, true begotten Son  
Offered as our ransom by the Holy One!

Meditation

Sanctuary

John W. Thompson / Randy Scruggs

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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Closing Song

186 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Traditional

## The O Antiphons and Advent

Tom Oram

Each of the seven verses of O Come, O Come Emmanuel is associated with a particular day of the Octave before Christmas Eve, the "Golden Nights", December 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The "O Antiphons", as they are known, each use a different title for the Messiah, foretold by the prophets Isaiah and Micah, of Jesus the Christ. The Church has used them at Vespers (Evening Prayer) for as many as fifteen hundred years or more.

They include O Sapientia (O Wisdom), O Adonai (O Lord), O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse), O Clavis Davidicae (O Key of David), O Oriens (O Dayspring), O Rex gentium (O King of nations), and O Emmanuel (O God with us). In a fascinating result, the first letters of the titles, taken backwards, spell the phrase **Ero cras**, "Tomorrow, I come", completed only on Dec. 23 with the singing of the final antiphon. Thus: after we have called upon the Lord to come to us, he answers us, "ero cras!", referring to the arrival of the great Solemnity of the Nativity! The antiphon for today, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, O Adonai (Hebrew for "the Lord"), is below. It corresponds with verse 3 of the hymn we sing today (cf. Isaiah 11:4-5 & 33:22; Exodus 3:2 & 24:12).

⊙ Adonai, et Dux domus Israel,  
qui Moysi in igne flammæ rubi apparuisti,  
et ei in Sina legem dedisti:  
veni ad redimendum nos in brachio extento.

O Adonai, Ruler of the house of Israel,  
who didst appear unto Moses in the burning bush,  
and gavest him the law in Sinai,  
come to redeem us, with outstretched arm!



# The Word & Life

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-28

## *Humble Servant Says “Yes” to God*

*I*t is the tradition of the Church to focus on the person of Mary for the last Sunday of Advent. Over the last 2000 years of Christian history, the Church never worshipped Mary but gave her a place of honor. Mary has a central place in our Church and hearts because she bore the Son of God in her womb and gave birth to the promise of salvation. Have you ever wondered what Mary was doing the day that the angel Gabriel came to her? Was she about her household chores or out taking a walk, pondering life? That we will never know! However, what we do know is that this young virgin, who seemed to be like any other girl of her day, received an extraordinary call and task to which she said yes. Mary’s “Yes” was a response of total abandonment and trust. She did not know how she could conceive without engaging in intimacy. Asking this simple question and listening to the angel’s answer gave her the confidence to truly believe that anything is possible for God: “May it be done to me according to your word.” The day the angel left Mary was the beginning of her journey, which would lead her deeper into the heart of God.



Mary of Nazareth is a model of discipleship for us. She is the greatest of the Saints. Mary is the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church. Mary totally surrenders to the will of God and is selfless. Mary is a constant reminder of what a true disciple is. Through her example she encourages us to abandon ourselves to what is nonessential and embrace God’s will. Throughout the Scriptures, we see that Mary always contemplates the events taking place around her, holding them sacred to her heart. Likewise, we are asked to prayerfully consider where God is in our lives

and acknowledge the sacred gifts that he has set before us. In the midst of the suffering of Jesus who was put to death as a result of Roman capital punishment, she stands by her Son's executioners and supports him as the life drains from his veins. She returns to the upper room of fears to await his return. All the time she ponders these things in her heart, trusting in God's mercy.

As we approach Christmas Day, we reflect on our human experiences that make up our individual stories. For many there is a lot to celebrate — memories of the past and joyful events in family life over the last year. For others, sadness comes upon them because loved ones have passed away or because of a family or work problem. Regardless, in all of these human events, God is with us. Each of us stands on the holy ground of our experiences. No matter how joyful or sorrowful our lives are, each one of our lives is sacred. Like Mary, we are invited to ponder the great gifts that God puts in our path.

### Reflection Questions

1. What are the gifts that God has granted you?
2. What is unique to you?
3. How can you use your individual gifts in building up your family?
4. How do you use your time?
5. How much time to dedicate to God each week?
6. Do you use your talents to help build the ministry of the Church?
7. What is your purpose in life?
8. How can God use your gifts to make this world a better place?
9. Since everything you have has been made possible by God, what will be your greatest gift offered back to God?

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



### Prayer

*We Pray: Mary, we ask you to pray for us. You give witness to us of the joys, trials and tribulations of life. Pray to our heavenly Father for each one of us. Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Mother and the Mother of the Church — may we be led by her example, so that we can be brought close to your heart. Amen.*

### Wisdom of the Fathers

“The Virgin Mary, who at the message of the angel, received the Word of God in her heart and in her body and gave Life to the world, is acknowledged and honored as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam, she is one with all those who are to be saved. She is “the mother of the members of Christ...having cooperated by charity that faithful might be born in the Church, who are members of that Head.” Wherefore, she is hailed as a pre-eminent and singular member of the Church and as its type and excellent exemplar in faith and charity. The Catholic Church, taught by the Holy Spirit, honors her with filial affection and piety as a most beloved mother.”

*Second Vatican Council. Lumen Gentium, paragraph 53*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**Council # 11281**



*South of the Border  
Chili Cook Off*



**Friday, January 13, 2011**  
**6:00 PM in the PLC**

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

Chili Chefs may enter their "best in the South" Chili Pot in the contest by calling Jerry Detloff at 239-513-1545 or email to [gfdetloff@comcast.net](mailto:gfdetloff@comcast.net) The number of entries will be limited so reserve your spot fast.

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

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

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

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

**Thank You,  
Vocations Dinner Donors**

St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council #11281 would like to thank the following Parishioners and Local Merchants for their donations to our annual Vocations Dinner. Their generosity helped us raise over \$5000.00 for support of Seminarians in the Diocese.

Applebee's Restaurant  
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*Making a World of Difference - One Child at a Time...*

**Grandparents are Special...**

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School held its annual Grandparents Day to honor grandparents and celebrate the special and unique relationship they have with their grandchildren. These special guests were invited to participate in this memorable day which included accompanying their grandchildren to Mass, followed by a specially prepared brunch, then visits to the classrooms to view their students' work.

**The Sights and Sounds of the Season...**

SES held its annual Christmas Concert and its first Festival of Trees of Dec. 1. We celebrated our savior's birth with the sights and sounds of the season...a nativity play, class Christmas tree display, and the musical talents of our students!



For more information, or a tour of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School, contact Gina Groch, Assistant Principal at 239-455-2262 or email [ggrochses@gmail.com](mailto:ggrochses@gmail.com).

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## Volunteer Opportunity for Musician

The Ladies of Charity, as part of their outreach ministry, visit three Naples assisted living/nursing facilities once a month to assist our priests with Mass for the residents. Volunteers who would like to help with this ministry and can play either guitar or electric keyboard would make a wonderful addition to the service. A knowledge of traditional hymns would encourage the patients' participation in Mass.

The monthly schedule and location of the Masses are: Merrill Gardens at 11:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday; Aston Gardens at 3:00 p.m. on second Wednesday, and Memory Care Harbor Chase at 10:00 a.m. on fourth Friday. Any parishioner willing to share their time and talent at even one of these Masses is asked to contact Valerie Matulis at 390.3545.

## 2012 Mah Jongg Cards

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

Place your name, address and telephone number, plus the number of cards you want to order, on a slip of paper. Enclose the paper with a CHECK (payable to Joan Scariati) or CASH in the total amount of order PLUS 44 cents (stamp or cash) per card in an envelope addressed to MAH JONGG. Drop off your order at the receptionist desk in the Parish Life Center.

Your order will be shipped directly to your home address by April 1, 2012.

## Sessions for Catholic/Jewish Dialogue "Differences in Religious Practices" January 8 and February 5

This 2012 Program will feature sessions addressing how Catholics and Jews practice their faiths. The sessions are January 8 at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island and February 5 at St. Williams Catholic Church Ministry Center, Naples. Presenters are Rabbi Edward Maline and Rev. Robert Kantor. For further information or to RSVP, please call St. Agnes Parish in Naples 239.592.4205.

## Registration Now Open for Blessed Edmund Rice School for Pastoral Ministry Spring Classes

The Rice School is accepting enrollment for the Spring 2011 formation classes. Courses last approximately 15 weeks (late January - May). Evening classes are held in local parishes. For further information including cost, schedules and scholarships available, please call the Rice School, 941.766.7334 or [www.riceschool.org](http://www.riceschool.org).

## Catholic Days at the Capitol, February 7-9

Join the annual bus trip to Tallahassee. People from all seven dioceses in Florida gather to pray with the Florida Bishops at the annual Red Mass that the Holy Spirit will guide public officials during the legislative session. Learn about important bills and concerns on respect life, health, education and social issues. Visit your legislators. For information go to [www.flacathconf.org](http://www.flacathconf.org). To register, call 941.441.1101 or email [Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org).

## Annual Emerald Ball Saturday, March 17

The annual Emerald Ball is Saturday, March 17, at the Ritz Carlton Tiburon Golf Resort in Naples and benefits Catholic Charities of Collier County. For more information, contact Catholic Charities of Collier County, 239.455.2655 or e-mail [michelle@catholiccharitiescc.org](mailto:michelle@catholiccharitiescc.org).



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### SAINT ANN SCHOOL Christmas Holidays

Saint Ann Catholic School will be closed  
Monday, December 19th through January 2nd.

The office will be open on January 3rd, 8:30AM-3:00pm.  
Students return on Wednesday, January 4th.

SAINT ANN SCHOOL  
"EDUCATION OF SPIRIT, MIND, BODY"



3rd Grade—Oregon Trail

## For Happily Married Couples

This Christmas, want to give a gift that keeps on giving? Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other - and your marriage! The next Marriage Encounter weekend is February 10-12, 2012 in Fort Myers.

For more info email [swflwwme@yahoo.com](mailto:swflwwme@yahoo.com); or call 239.495.1803 or visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)

— Paul and Linda Mostek



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### TEACHING POSITION AVAILABLE AT SAINT ANN SCHOOL

Middle School Science Teacher (Grades 6-8)

Must be certified or able to obtain certification.

Must be able to start in January.

Please send a resume to

Principal Mr. Tommy Bridges at [tbridges@stann.net](mailto:tbridges@stann.net)  
or call 239-262-4110.

# Faith Formation



Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming

## Upcoming Events

**December 18**

Catechist Appreciation Brunch

**December 21**

Faith Formation Classes Cancelled

**January 8**

Families in Christ

**January 18**

First Communion Parent Meeting

## Faith Formation News

**Faith Formation Classes Cancelled...**on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, as the church offices are closed for Christmas week.

**First Reconciliation Ceremony...**took place on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church. It was a beautiful candlelight ceremony with over seventy children and parents participating. A special "thank you" to our catechists who instructed and nurtured these children on their journey.

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

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students. Childcare is available for preschool and kindergarten.

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

**Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming...**was conducted on Sunday, December 4, 2011. at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Fr. John signed all candidates with the sign of the cross and anointed the catechumens. Both candidates and catechumens have expressed a desire to become disciples of Christ and members of his Church.



**Crucifixes and anointing oil**



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## 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** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Jamaica Outreach Program Needs Auction and Treasure Chest Items for Pirates of the Caribbean Festival Scheduled for February 3, 2012*

## Jamaica Outreach Program Year-end gifting opportunities

### Build a House for a Needy family

When we visit the recipients of these homes, their eyes say so much that words are not necessary.

They often tell us they pray for those who have changed their lives so dramatically.

Donors receive a photo and name of the family they rescued from a shack or the street.

**\$3,200 will pay for a housing unit with sanitation facilities.**

### Heal the Sick

Countless children need asthma medication. Babies are saved from abortion because their mothers can receive pre-natal care. Without our free medicine, rampant diabetes and high blood pressure goes untreated. Infection is a real threat without antibiotics.

**\$1,600 will keep the medical dispensary stocked with medicine for 1 month.**

### Unrestricted Gifts

**in any \$ amount will be applied to the many needs of the poor in Jamaica.**

**Please consider a gift that will make a difference!** *Christmas gift cards available on request.*

Checks payable to Jamaica Outreach Program can be mailed to P.O. Box 110581, Naples, FL 34108-1929.

Gifts of securities or credit card donations: call Jeanne at 239-514-0290.

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*Merry Christmas and God bless you all!*

**TUESDAY**  
**JANUARY 10 2012**



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



**SOUNDS OF: TOMMY DORSEY, GLENN MILLER &  
STAN KENTON**



**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

**ADMISSION**

**7:00PM - 10:00PM**

**AT THE DOOR**

**\$10.00**

**DRESS: COUNTRY CLUB CASUAL**

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

**239-394-0470**

## **Sock Hop Friday, January 27, 2012**

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

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

**COMING SOON**



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



Tickets available in the parish office  
**\$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple**

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

## St. John the Evangelist *Getting To Know You* NAME TAGS

For a minimal investment of \$5.00 you can buy a St. John name tag which will include: Your name and hometown city and state. By wearing it to Mass and Church gatherings we will all get to know one another better. You can attach your payment with the order form below and drop it in the collection basket or you can make your payment when you pick up your tag.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Town City \_\_\_\_\_ Home Town State or Country \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE** for the backing: **MAGNET** or **PIN**

**NOTE: Those with a pacemaker/defibrillator should purchase the nametag with a pin backing.**

We will call you when your name tag arrives. You can pay for it when you pick it up if you have not already paid. Nametags will be in the Parish Office during regular staff hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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



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

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

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

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

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

### Itinerary, Features, and Pricing Transatlantic Cruise

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

#### PRICING

1. Ocean View from \$1405.00pp
  2. Balcony from \$1495.00pp
- Interior & Suites also available

#### AIR

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

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

For additional information, or to reserve space,

please call Tom or Loretta Starrett

**TOUCAN TRAVEL**

318 Tamiami Trail, Suite 211

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941-347-7119 • toll free 877-761-8248

Parish Contact:

David Quist: 239-594-2071



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

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

#### PRICING

1. Oceanview from 1970.00pp
  2. Balcony from \$2090.00pp
- Interior & Suites also available

#### AIR

One way return Air from Rome Via Dusseldorf (w/overnight)  
**\$700.00pp (approx)**  
R/T Rome from Ft. Myers  
**\$1250.00pp (approx)**