

December 29, 2013

Feast of the Holy Family

the

 EVANGELIST
 SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christ Is the Light

Fr. John speaks about reconciliation with the children and families.



Isabella Grissom
Jack Johannessen



Zaara Kuttemperoor



Avary Piglia, Lainey Nelson, Christina Lichtlin, Robert Roa, Ben O'Brien, Paige Norris, Eva Blanke



Gavin Lind

A beautiful "Candle Light First Reconciliation Service" was conducted at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church on December 12. At Baptism the children became the children of God and were given a candle and told to receive the light of Christ. They were asked to reflect the light of Christ to the world each day by the things they did and said.

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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 28, 2013 Saturday		
8:00 AM +	Holy Innocents	Respect Life
	Vigil Mass	
3:00 PM +	Dennis Broderick	Dennis Doogan
5:00 PM +	Dennis Broderick	Frank & Colleen Doogan
December 29, 2013 Sunday		
7:00 AM +	Ronald Miranowicz	Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM +	Al Moser	The Ohio Clary's
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM +	Anthony Fabiano	Wife - Marie Fabiano
5:00 PM +	Robert Hatt	Charlie DiGangi & Toni Biordi
December 30, 2013 Monday		
8:00 AM +	Fabian Castro	Frank and Sandy Panicia
9:00 AM +	Blanche M. Bouvy	Gloria O'Donnell
December 31, 2013 Tuesday		
8:00 AM +	Edwin Skufca	Mary Jane & Maggie
9:00 AM +	Alba & Charles Mancini	The Family
	Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	
5:00 PM	Frank Scrivner	James & Elsa Cattano
January 1, 2014 Wednesday ~ Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God		
8:00 AM +	Dr. & Mrs. Mark Moots	Daughter Barbara Smith
10:00 AM +	Bridget Anne Cullen	Ed & Sue Gaussein
12:00 AM +	Allen Specht	Peter DeFrancesca
	<i>Wine and host in memory of Fr. Al McPartland</i>	
	<i>~ Requested by Dennis and Fran Powers</i>	
January 2, 2014 Thursday		
8:00 AM +	Glen Bargar	Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM +	Robert Milhizer	Tom & Nancy Garlick
January 3, 2014 Friday		
8:00 AM +	Bernard Hannigan	Helen Klasterholz
9:00 AM +	Sarah Webb	Moira Hellwege
January 4, 2014 Saturday		
8:00 AM +	Sylvia Lillo	Peter DeFrancesca
	Vigil Mass	
3:00 PM +	Amelia Morino	Albert Pullano
5:00 PM +	Irene B. LeVasseur	Ginny & Rich Moriarty
January 5, 2014 Sunday		
7:00 AM +	Dick Lydon	Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM +	Jeannie Lange	Ann Mewshaw & Mathew Wedlock
11:15 AM	For Parishioners	
1:15 PM +	Ignatius Russo	Tim & Irene Pellegrino
5:00 PM +	Ann Mulvey	Family

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 28, 2013

The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Vigil Mass

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5;

Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sunday, December 29, 2013

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5;

Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday, December 30, 2013

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday, January 2, 2014

Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday, January 3, 2014

The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Friday

1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday, January 4, 2014

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Saturday

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Vigil Mass

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Sunday, January 5, 2014

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Homebound: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at any time to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Contact the office: 566.8740

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 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.

MASS INTENTIONS...

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, December 30: The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Wis 18:14-15*

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (11a) Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Jn 1:16*

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Tuesday, December 31: The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Is 9:5*

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (11a) Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *1 Jn 4:9*

God sent his Only Begotten Son into the world, so that we might have life through him.

Thursday, January 2: Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Sir 44: 15, 14*

Let the peoples recount the wisdom of the Saints, and let the Church proclaim their praise.

Their names will live on and on.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (3cd) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. 1 Cor 1: 23-24*

We proclaim Christ crucified; Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Friday, January 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Phil 2:10-11*

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (3cd) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 8:2*

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth!

Saturday, January 4: Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Prv 14:1-2*

Praise to the holy woman whose home is built on faithful love and whose pathway leads to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (3cd) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Jn 6:51*

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever; the bread I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world.

St. John Welcomes 7 Newly Baptized

The Catholic Community of
Saint John the Evangelist,
along with our Clergy
and Baptism Team,

will celebrate our newest baptized
members at the 11:15 a.m. Mass on
January 12, 2014, the special Feast
Day of The Baptism of the Lord.

All are welcomed to attend.

August 11	Landon William Ansley
September 1	Meredith Rose Pincombe-Welker
September 15	Ellanor Hope Minerva
September 23	Elliot Joseph Slenn
October 19	Benjamin Charles Geraghty
November 3	Beau Santiago B. Castillo
November 3	Jase William Sindledecker



Benjamin Charles Geraghty was baptized October 19.

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Rob Chalhoub	
Deacon Frank Paniccia	
Deacon Forrest Wallace	
Deacon Al Groh	Senior Status

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism

The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. Classes are offered once a month and baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 1:15 p.m. Mass. Please call the parish office to register for a class. Upon completion of the class and fulfillment of the godparent requirements, parents may schedule a baptism date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

All Administrative Staff
239.566.8740

General Manager

Scott Schlossberg: 566.1678
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Administrative Assistant & Records

Melanie Harrison

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Tricia Schwarz

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Tom Oram

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Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

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Director of Faith Formation

Margie Lynch: 228.3904/3909

Director of Youth Ministry

Call the Office: 566.8740

Director of RCIA

Margie Lynch: 228.3909

Family Ministry

Call the Office: 566.8740

email staff members at:

info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: saintjohntheevangelist.com Click on the **Welcome** tab on the top left side and scroll down to **Forms**. Return to office.

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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 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 2014.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2015 Mass availability and 2013 wine and host and flowers availability. Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH INFORMATION...

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Hymns for the Feast of the Holy Family, December 28 & 29

Readings:	625	Year A
Entrance Hymn:	90	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Preparation Hymn:	95	Once In Royal David's City
Communion Hymn:	245	The Cup of Life Outpoured
	93	Away In a Manger
Closing Hymn:	80	Angels We Have Heard on High

Choral Anthems at the 9:00 & 11:15 Masses

Before the Mass	Run, Shepherds!	Anna Laura Page
Communion	Suantraí ár Slánaitheora (The Virgin's Slumber Song) Traditional Gaelic, arr. F. O'Carroll	

Hymns for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1

Readings:	628	
Entrance Hymn:	187	Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly
Preparation Hymn:	81	What Child Is This
Communion Hymn:	258	Now In This Banquet
Closing Hymn:	184	Hail, Holy Queen

Mass Times for New Year

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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

Saint Ann School Website Has New Look

Saint Ann School website has a new look. We have been working for the past few months to redesign the school website. Our goal is to keep the content fresh and exciting in an effort to entice you to return often. So we invite you to take a look at our new website and keep checking in with us from time to time. Visit: www.stann.net

SCHOOL CLOSED: December 30, 2013 - January 5, 2014. Classes resume January 6, 2014.

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Blessing of Home on the Epiphany, Sunday, January 5

The blessing of the home is a popular Epiphany custom. Using specially blessed chalk, many households mark their entrance door with the current year and with the inscription CMB, the initials of Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, the traditional names of the magi. The inscription also stands for the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means "Christ, bless this home."

At the 11:15 a.m. family Mass, chalk will be available for those who wish to participate in the tradition of the blessing of the home.

Using blessed chalk, write above the entry way: **20 + C + M + B+ - WT/Y**

Then recite the following prayer:

"Peace be to this house and all who live here. During these days of the Christmas season, we keep this feast of Epiphany. Through the guidance of a star, the coming of Jesus was made known to the Gentiles. We celebrate Christ made known to the Magi, to John in the River Jordan, and to the disciples at the wedding at Cana."

Today Christ is made known to us! Today this home is a holy place! The Magi came from the east to Bethlehem to adore the Lord. "They went into the house, and when they saw the child with His mother Mary, they knelt down and worshipped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and presented them to Him." [Matthew 2:11]

We bow our heads and pray for God's blessing . . . Lord our God, bless our home and all who live here. May we be filled with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, obedience to Your law, and thanksgiving to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Help us love and respect one another and make your presence known by the way we care for others. May this blessing remain upon this house and upon all who live here. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Holiday Spirit Around St. John



The Ladies of Charity wrap and package the sneakers and socks donated by the St. John parishioners for the needy children at both Naples Park Elementary School and Immokalee. Along with the sneakers and socks the packages included toothbrushes, gift certificates, crayons and other goodies. More details regarding the Sneaker and Sock Drive will be published in future bulletins.



In the last six months the ladies of the Sewing Group Ministry sewed 271 articles of clothing for the needy. The Mike Davis Elementary School in Naples received 232 items, while the

Advocacy Center in Naples received 39 items. Affiliated with Catholic Charities, the Advocacy Center provides showers, food, shelter, clothes and medical attention for the children.



The Grounds Committee added white poinsettas to the Paniccia Prayer Garden.



Fr. John expresses appreciation for the hours of service the volunteers give to St. John.



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The children were taught that every time they loved and honored their parents, obeyed their teachers, shared with their brothers and sisters, they showed the light of Christ to the people around them. When they did not behave as they should, they hid or extinguished the light that they had been asked to show. On the evening of their First Reconciliation, the children reconciled themselves with God, their Father, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and re-lit their candles once again.

Parents were reminded that the religious formation of their children is both a privilege and an obligation. Accompanying their children on the journey, the parents witnessed that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a definite milestone on the path to their child's reception of First Eucharist. This wonderful and special evening concluded with sixty-six children reflecting the light of Christ and having a much closer bond with God, their parents, and the Church.



Ben O'Brien



John Fusco



Eliana Knott



Ava Thanasiu



Natalia Stepan



Lainey Nelson

*text and photos submitted
by Margie Lynch,
Director of
Faith Formation*

Spotlight on Stewardship: Did you know?

Did you know that members of the **Hospital Eucharistic Ministry** visit Catholic patients at North Collier Hospital and distribute Holy Communion to them? From July 1 through September 30, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visited 585 patients at NCH and distributed Holy Communion to 352 patients.

“When I was in the hospital having my ruptured appendix taken out, I was very sick. The most wonderful moment occurred for me when a Eucharistic Minister from St. John brought Our Lord to me in Holy Communion. As soon as she came through the door and began saying the prayer, I started crying because I was so moved that Jesus would come find me where ever I was. He knew how much I needed his presence. It was an amazing comfort to me; I felt such a strong sense of his presence at that moment. I'm so grateful for the humble service that the Eucharistic Ministers provide. I think I'd like to become one myself after this experience.” — *Joanna Fish, parishioner*

“September was not a good month for me. I spent over three weeks in the hospital and in rehab. I was at NCH downtown with pneumonia and other complications. While there I received the Eucharist each day by Eucharistic Ministers from St Ann's parish. The highlight of each day was when I received the Body of Christ. While each Eucharistic Minister did a wonderful job, several stood out. In addition to the prayers, one sang a song for me and another, a former professional golfer, shared his story of dedication to helping others. In so doing, he has given out thousands of coins engraved, ‘With God all things are possible.’” Mark 10:27. — *Bob Claussen, parishioner*

If interested in becoming part of the **Hospital Eucharistic Ministry** or if you are a Eucharistic Minister and have an interest in joining the **Hospital Eucharistic Ministry**, please call Pat at joebpatb@comcast.net or Mary Ellen at mmetro1954@gmail.com

Altar Servers:

Jean-Paul Boucher
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Deacon Al Groh 566.8740

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Prayer Group:

Linda Reilly 821.8982

Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

Stewardship Council:

Bob Claussen naplesrgc@gmail.com

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. in the PLC ballroom. Jan. 16 Speaker: Elizabeth Vagnoni aga-fl.org

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

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. Carol: 804.306.5323

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 - 11 a.m., in PLC preschool classroom. Parents and children ages 0-5 years old welcome. Mary Chalhoub: 414.791.9363

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 495.9741

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

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

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

Families Helping Families. Mondays at 3 p.m. For families with a member who has a problem with alcohol &/or drugs. This is a small caring group to talk & answer questions. Bill: 732.5979

Grief Support. Sessions will be on the following Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in room 1 of the Claussen Center: October 8, October 15, October 22, October 29, November 12, November 19 and November 26. Dee: 594.7193

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. Paul Barrus, Grand Knight: 609.741.4593

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meeting are third Tuesday of every month at Noon in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Center. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K Bill Wright FN 593.5965

Knitting & Crocheting. Tuesdays from 10 - Noon: Want to learn? We are a service group that knits & crochets to benefit those in need: blankets for soldiers, hats for cancer patients, baby hats & booties & prayer shawls. Mary Chalhoub: 414.791.9363

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 Dianne 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: 348.1828

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. in PLC. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

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

Philothea. Women ages 20-45 meet to support 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. in the Claussen Center. Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941

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

St. Vincent de Paul. Meets first and third Tuesdays in the PLC after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Bill Smart: 566.8740

Sing-A-Long. Tuesday, Jan. 7 at Bentley Village, Naples and Tuesday, Jan. 21 at Harbor Memory Care, Naples - at 2 p.m. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites. Phyllis Gryskiewicz, 566.7307

Women's Bible Study. Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Library and Monday evenings in Room 3 and 4 in the PLC. Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687 or maggnana@comcast.net or Linda Reilly, 821.8982

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 Adoration Chapel. In the powerful presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we offer 10 mysteries of the rosary and related prayers and we fast one day a week on our own. All are welcome! Please call the parish office for the Chapel code.

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

Lcpl. Francisco Alvarenga U.S. Marines	Specialist Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army
Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army	Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett U.S. Marine Corp
S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force	AT3 Corinne MacFarlane U.S. Navy
Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy	Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army
Bradley N. Chartier U.S. Army	LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)
BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	LCpl. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Adam Decker U.S. Air Force	Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Nicholas Detloff U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Daniel Palmer U.S. Army
Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army, (Afghanistan)	Cpt. John Palmer U.S. Army
Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	1Lt. Robert Pedrigi U.S. Army
Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines	Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army
Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	Lt. Gregory Spencer U.S. Army, (Afghanistan)
Cpl. Dylan Granza U.S. Army Ranger	Lt. Kelly Spencer U.S. Air Force
Specialist Shelby Granza U.S. Army	Houng Tran U.S. Army
Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer U.S. Marine Corp * LAV Recon	IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)
	Co. Glenn Yeck U.S. Navy (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. in the Claussen Center, room 15. 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., Room 15 Claussen Center. Following the morning Mass, every

Wednesday, Wednesday Centering Prayer will meet in the Parish Library.

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. in cry room. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Stanislaw H. Met

May they rest in eternal peace.

Let us pray for the sick of the parish, especially

Carmela Abbate	Connie Dimucci	Nadiya Joseph	Kimberly Porter
Thomas Abell	Alexandria Dolkas	Chester T. Kauffman	Katherine Prince
Deacon Al	John Dovi	David Kelly	William Pulte
Maureen Alonso	Margaret Dudley	Mary Kelly	Radel Family
Marie Amont	Michael Dunlop	Colleen Kirkmaier	Joe Reid
Jim Amont	Trudy Eddy	Robert Kroupa	Esther Riley
Jacob Andrew	Nancy Ellert	Anna LaGrasta	Mary Rossi
Agatha Barczynski	Ellen Enright	Lamport Family	Betsy Russo
Jennifer Basile	Ann Marie Esposito	Diane Leahy	Anneliese Salamon
Bev Basler	Edith Esposito	Mary Jane Leake	Kathleen Salvi
Molly Bayer	Claire Febrezio	Pattie Leiner	Edna Sanvidge
Margie Benefico	Troy Feidler	Lindsay Levery	Reagan Scacchetti
Linda Berry	Tiffany Fiedler	Becky Locke	Cynthia Scariati
Mary Bessner	Thomas O. Flood	Josh & Carl Locke	Michael Scheidemann
Lucretia Biasi	Donna Flynn	Kevin Locke	Cathy Schloendorn
Anthony Bonavita	Edward Gaynor	Mr. & Mrs. Louser	Joanne Scimone
Marge Bond	Stephen Gibson	Alex Magira	Douglas Scott
Vicki Brenner	Joan Gleason	Mary Jo Magner	Walter Scott
Genevieve Brown	Veronica Glennon	Ann & Ray Maniuszko	Mary Seeger
Pat Brothy	Dick Goepel	Sharon McCarty	Carol Seiffert
Frank Caccavo Jr.	Stephen Golia	Michael McCormack	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Joseph Carchia	Madelon Gorsky	Carolyn McDonald	Teresa Shengulet
Robert Carnevale	Rich Greenwood	Dr. Martin McKenna & Family	Jean Smith
Anna Cassara	Carmela Grosso	McKee Family	Jeff Smith
Christine Cassara	Diana Gust	Stanislav Met	Inga Sovia
James Castaldi	Harry Hammond	Harriet Meza	Margaret Stovich
Diane Centenaro	Barbara Hanson	Jim Moran	Pat Sutter
Joanne Chalhoub	William "Bill" Hardy	Ed Moriarity	Joanmarie Switalski
Drew and Kanema Clark	Frank Harris	Mildred Morrison	Tara & Family
Richard Clark	Luci Hartert	Peter Nicoletta	Rita Taranto
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Arthur Cuellar	Jack Hodges	Jim Orlando	Pat & Eloisa Velasquez
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Edna D' Antuono	Karen Hohne	Maryla Panagos	Lucy Westman
Alice Daley	Charlotte Hollohan	Matt Paquette	Aimme Witcoff
Brian Davis	Peggy Hooper	James Patton	John Yotis
James Diamante	Donald Howe	Irene Pires	Mary Yotis
Julie Dieter	Val Hunt	Joe Pohrer	
Patty Dillow	Pam Jenkins		
	Ned Johnston		

LET US PRAY...

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

DECEMBER 29, 2013 ~ FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



On behalf of the clergy and staff of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. 2013 was a year of many positive changes and many great accomplishments! 2014 looks to be even better. Are you glad the holidays are nearly over? Although the Christmas

Season recognizes a very important occurrence in the birth of Jesus Christ, it is difficult to maintain any type of normalcy during this time with all of the extracurricular activities taking place. For those of you who have been traveling (and possibly stranded) over this hectic period and for those who may be arriving in Naples for the first time this season, welcome back. We look forward to an incredibly fun and spiritual filled 2014 at Saint John the Evangelist.

Please see the letter from Bishop Dewane in this bulletin (page 12) expressing his sincere and heartfelt congratulations for meeting (and exceeding) our Catholic Faith Appeal goal for 2013. Since we are on the subject, allow me to also thank you once again for your generosity in allowing us to exceed our goal for the second straight year. Here's to a third straight year in 2014!

The Ladies of Charity Sneaker Drive is officially complete. Due to your extreme generosity, they were able to collect 500 pairs of sneakers. About a third of the sneakers were distributed to deserving students right next door at Naples Park Elementary while the remainder were distributed to students at the Redlands Christian Migrant Association charter elementary school and Our Lady of Guadeloupe, both in Immokalee. I would like to recognize Dr. Maryann Kriger for her gift of 500 toothbrushes and McDonalds and Chik-fil-a for their gift of 500 ice cream cone gift certificates which were included in the sneaker gift bags.

As a reminder, the Ladies of Charity Food Drive continues. Thus far, they have received \$4,110.00 of the \$10,000.00

goal. The funds from the food drive will be distributed in April to the St. Vincent De Paul Society, St. Matthew's House and Casa Maria in Immokalee to be used during the summer months when the food pantries are general running low or completely bare.

On Sunday, February 2, we will host our 16th Annual Super Bowl Party in the ballroom of the Parish Life Center. This party has received much acclaim over its 16 year run and this year will be no different. Tickets will be available in the parish office on January 6 for \$25 each. We will sell a maximum of 300 tickets and due to the increasing popularity of this annual event; I strongly suggest buying yours early. Please see the flyer in upcoming bulletins for further details.

Did you know that this past Friday (December 27) was the feast of St. John the Evangelist? Below is a little history on the saint for which our parish is named.



St. John the Evangelist, also known as the favorite Disciple of Christ, was Bishop of Ephesus in Asia Minor and died around the year 100. His grave was a goal for many pilgrimages in the early centuries, and countless legends were told about his tomb. People claimed they saw the earth on top of his grave move up and down, indicating his breathing, and believed he did not really die but only slept in the grave. Another legend claimed that his body was taken up to Heaven after he had "slept" in the tomb for some years. All these stories, of course, are traced to the Saint's own report of what Christ said: "If I wish him to remain until I come, what is it to thee?" (John 21, 23), a statement the Apostles even then had misinterpreted to the effect that John would not die.

St. John's Day was a general holyday in medieval times, not only as the third day of Christmas but also in its own right (as the feast of an Apostle). The significant part of the traditional celebration was the blessing

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SCOTT'S CORNER...

and drinking of wine, called the "Love of St. John" because, according to legend, the Saint once drank a cup of poisoned wine without suffering harm. The prayer of this blessing can be found in the Roman Ritual (Blessing of Wine on the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist). In central Europe people still practice the custom of bringing wine and cider into the church to be blessed. Later, at home, some of it is poured into every barrel in their wine cellars.

People take Saint John's wine with their meals on December 27, expressing the mutual wish: "Drink the love of Saint John." It is also kept in the house throughout the rest of the year. At weddings, bride and bridegroom take some of it when they return from the church. It is also considered a great aid to travelers and drunk before a long journey as a token of protection and safe return. A sip of Saint John's wine is often used as a sacramental for dying people after they have received the sacraments.

It is the last earthly drink to strengthen them for their departure from this world.

In the beginning of his Gospel, Saint John proclaims with great beauty of expression that Christ is the Light of the World. For this reason it was, and still is, the custom in many places at Christmas time, when all the lights in the home express this symbolism, to allow children with the name of John or Joan the privilege of lighting the candles on the Advent wreath and the Christmas tree. Even if the name is taken from John the Baptist, the privilege still holds because the Baptist had been the first one to see the light of divinity shining about the Lord at the baptism in the Jordan.

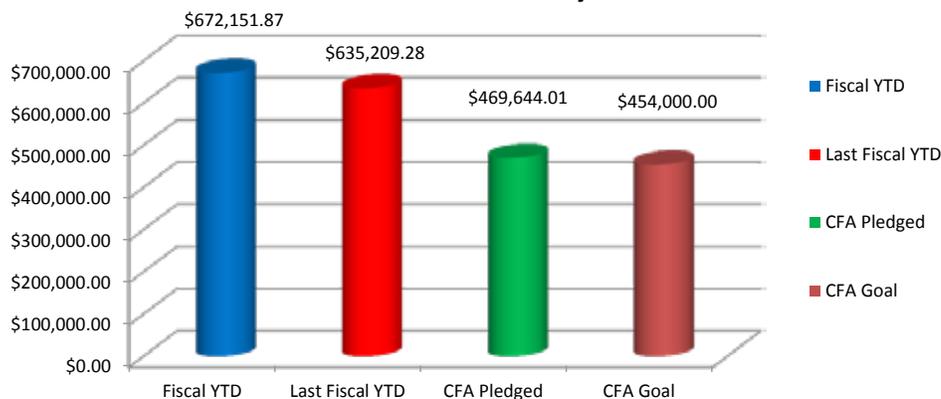
In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager

Collection Summary



Fiscal YTD (7/1/2013-6/30/2014) & CFA Summary



Claim Lost and Found Items by January 31

Please check the Lost and Found area in the Electrical Room to the right of the ladies restroom for any items you may have lost. More expensive items are locked up. See Lorna Woonsam, head sacristan, before or after Mass, or call her and leave a message at 566.8740, ext. 3912.

Any items not claimed by Friday, January 31, 2014, will be donated to the farm workers.

SAVE THE DATE

**Bonita Village Band
Annual FREE Concert
Friday, January 10**

7:30 p.m.

**in Parish Life Center
More details will follow.**

Contact:

Pat Lampe 592.7845

The 2014 Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Calendar is available this weekend.



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 11, 2013

Very Reverend John J. Ludden
St. John the Evangelist Parish
625 111th Avenue North
Naples, FL 34108

Dear Father Ludden and Parishioners,

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

It is a joy for me to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all of you for both meeting and exceeding your 2013 Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) goal! Providing for the needs of the Church is a requirement of all able Catholics. Through your stewardship and almsgiving, you faithful parishioners, have exemplified a strong commitment and devotion to Holy Mother Church, and especially to those in greatest need within our Diocese of Venice in Florida.

The Catholic Faith Appeal is vital for funding the many important programs and outreaches in our ten-county Diocese of Venice. The CFA directly supports our parishes, provides aid to poor families, and helps us to evangelize the people of Southwest Florida. Seminarians are being trained to serve you as priests, your children and grandchildren are able to receive a Catholic education, and conferences and retreats are being offered to nourish your own Faith and especially that of our youth; all supported by the CFA.

In giving beyond what was asked, you inspire our Diocesan community to do even more in caring for the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Allow me to commend each of you for your own individual almsgiving and financial support for the Church. In so doing, you recognize that the Lord will certainly reward your generosity in His own ways, for the greater glory of God.

I take this opportunity to convey my sincere gratitude to each of you, as well as my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Colossians 3:12-21

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



The Word & Life

The Holy Family

*A*s we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we are asked to consider what bearing the Holy Family has on society today. The Christmas story is always told in an accelerated fashion. The various evangelists highlight different aspects of Christ's birth and life as they teach their own communities. In the gospel of Matthew, we are told of how Jesus' life was in danger because of Herod. The magi told Herod that a newborn king of the Jews had been gifted to the world. Herod considered himself to be the only king and did not want to share his crown. One can only surmise that Herod was paranoid about the coming of a new king and as a result, went to great lengths by slaughtering the holy innocents (males under the age of two) in order to eliminate his "competition". As before, Joseph is able to discern God's will by listening to his dream and takes Jesus, Mary, and himself into exile in Egypt. It is astonishing to note the first significant event for the Holy Family was political exile.

It was out of Egypt that Jesus returned to Nazareth in the region of Galilee. The angel speaks to Joseph in a dream once again, and Joseph does exactly what the angel instructs him to do. The evangelist Matthew

reminds us that the family's exile and return fulfill the prophecies of the Sacred Scriptures. It is in Nazareth that the Holy Family establishes their home. It is here that Jesus grows in wisdom, knowledge, and strength. The gospel of Matthew ends the story of Jesus' childhood at this point. Theologians and scripture scholars refer to the insufficient records of Jesus' childhood as the "hidden years". We can only imagine that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived like all the other people of their day, being faithful to the Torah and teaching the child Jesus in the ways of faith. Mary and Joseph, however, knew that great things were destined for Jesus, because of the divine drama that had preceded his birth and the sacred events that took place around it.

We may well ask, what significance does the Holy Family have on my life? The Holy Family is a model of virtue and sacrifice. Mary and Joseph make a fundamental sacrifice when Jesus is brought into the world. Mary sacrifices her reputation by saying yes to the angel which led to her pregnancy before marriage. She risked taking Joseph's rejection by saying yes to God. Joseph listens to God in the midst of his dream and embraces the virtue of humility by inviting Mary back into his home. Both Mary and Joseph sacrifice the security of their home by fleeing Herod's wrath and going into exile, in order to protect Jesus so that God's Word could be brought to fulfillment.

Reflection Questions

1. What sacrifices do Mary and Joseph make in their lives?
2. How does Joseph discern God's will in his life?
3. How do you imagine life was for the Holy Family in exile?
4. How would Mary and Joseph have aided Jesus in his faith formation and life?
5. How do you discern God's will?
6. What sacrifices are you prepared to make for Jesus Christ?
7. In what ways can you contribute to the faith formation of others?

Mary and Joseph also sacrificed having other children and made Jesus the focus of their whole life. Sometimes we are asked, just as Mary and Joseph were asked, to risk and make sacrifices for Jesus Christ. The message of the gospel challenges us to do what is right and stand by the virtues that Jesus came to establish. We are called to make Jesus the focus of our decisions when we are faced with moral and ethical dilemmas. As we find ourselves living family life, we are asked to figure out God's will for our families accordingly. Jesus tells us marriage is a lasting covenant and should be respected as such. Jesus was raised in the context of family where the gift of parents was given a great deal of weight. Sirach reminds us that we should honor and respect our parents, and show them reverence and comfort, especially in their old age. When we discern the Sacred Scriptures we have both models and witness to the importance of family life.

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



Prayer

We pray in the words of Paul to the Colossians: Lord, help us to truly understand the gift of family life as we contemplate the sacrifices and virtues of your Holy Family. Help us to "... put on heart-felt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience by bearing with one another and forgiving one another". Amen.

Voices of Faith

The Holy Family

The Word became flesh
And dwelt amongst us
Filled with light and truth
Spirit's gift to a Virgin's womb
Most Blessed of all women
A soul enshrined with belief and trust in God's Word

The Word became flesh
And dwelt amongst us
Filled with light and truth
The dream of God's messenger
Given to a lowly carpenter
Trustful of the angel's utterance

The Word became flesh
And dwelt amongst us
Filled with light and truth
In Bethlehem God made visible
Joy to the shepherds
Manifestation of God to men watchful of the stars

The Word became flesh
And dwelt amongst us
Filled with light and truth
Vulnerable to the fury and jealousy of Herod
His father and mother flee to pyramids tall
Exiles from Sacred Land they protect Incarnate Word

The Word became flesh
And dwelt amongst us
Filled with light and truth
Emmanuel comes to settle in Nazareth town
Growing in wisdom and strength
In a mother's and father's protective care

The Word became flesh
And dwelt amongst us
Filled with light and truth
The Holy Family enter the Sacred City for Passover Feast
Contemplating the events of faith that lead to deliverance
Unknowingly they leave behind the treasure of their love at the Feast's end

The Word became flesh
And dwelt amongst us
Filled with light and truth
A troubled mother and father return in panic to find their Son
In temple area they find Him still, debating with their leaders
Anxiety leaves them, the love of a parent entreats him

The Word became flesh
And dwelt amongst us
Filled with light and truth
"Did you not that I must be in my Father's house?"
Words from a child pour forth
The Family understanding of His sacred mission.

—*"Peaceful Moments"* – Fr. John J. Ludden



*Image: The Holy Family
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Juan Simon Gutierrez*



Faith Formation

Mark Your Calendar

December 22 – January 5

Christmas Break
(No Faith Formation)

January 8

Wednesday Classes Resume

January 12

Sunday Classes Resume

January 15

First Communion Parent Meeting

January 22

Families in Christ

Faith Formation News

Christmas Break...There are no Faith Formation classes from December 22, 2013 through January 5, 2014. Please have a blessed and safe Christmas season.

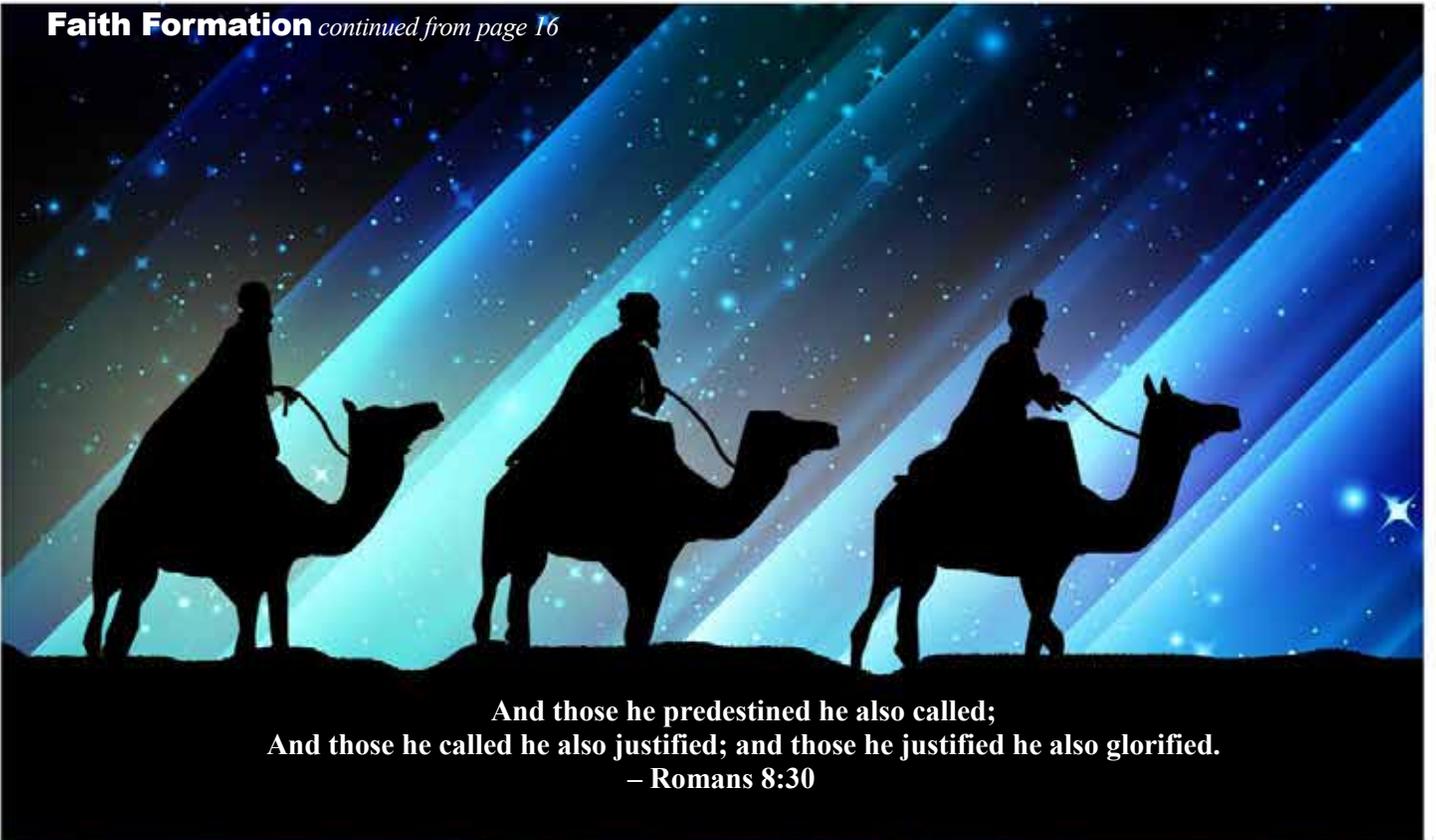
Wednesday Classes Resume...on January 8, 2014 after the Christmas break.

Sunday Classes Resume...on January 12, 2014 after the Christmas break.

First Communion Parent Meeting...will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the seminar room in the Claussen Center. All parents who have children making their First Eucharist in May 2014 need to attend this meeting.

Families in Christ...will take place on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the ballroom.

Faith Formation continues on page 17



And those he predestined he also called;
 And those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.
 – Romans 8:30

Scripture

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

LESSON

God protects those who trust him.

Nativity scenes usually show Mary and Joseph calmly kneeling at Jesus’ crib surrounded by adoring shepherds and wise men. It’s a peaceful scene and probably pretty far from reality.

Mary and Joseph traveled in the last stages of her pregnancy from Nazareth to Bethlehem. On foot or donkey; it was a dirty, exhausting journey. Once there, there was nowhere to stay except a stable with animals. After a short time, they had to flee to Egypt with a newborn to escape danger, and stayed there for several years without family or friends.

The Holy Family had a share of pain and difficulties much like our own experience. Yet Scripture tells us that Mary and Joseph found strength from their faith in God and were guided by his Word. We can do the same.

What can a parent do? Tell your children that Jesus’ birth and the Holy Family’s escape to Egypt is further proof that God always keeps his promises. When we lean on him, God will always lead us to safety.

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



By Kathleen M. Carroll

“You can choose your friends,” my father used to say, “but you can’t choose your family.” Until I first heard that adage, I don’t think it had ever occurred to me that I might have been raised by other parents or might have had a few more sisters and a couple less brothers. I thought about my family as much as a fish thinks about waater—they were always around and I couldn’t live without them, but I never really gave them much consideration.

The Holy Family, though, was a different matter. Rather than being some multigataway soup of leftover humans, this was the one family (maybe excepting Adam and Eve’s) designed by God. The Holy Family was perfect; my family had to settle for being “real.”

With maturity, I realized that all families—not just perfect ones—are designed by God, and that we can all be holy in some ways, on some daays. Recognizing those moments of love and selflessness can be the best part of family life.

Bringing Home the Word, Dec.29, 2013, Franciscan Media

What does the Holy Spirit do for us?

Among the many offices the third member of the Holy Trinity performs, we receive gifts from the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Just like a tree can produce fruit, the gifts of the Holy Spirit produce fruits. The fruits "are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The Church lists twelve of them: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chasity." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1832*)

These fruits help us to live the two great commandments: "Therefore you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength... You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:30-31)

As long as we are in a state of grace, the fruits will keep us in harmony with God and with each other. When we exercise the fruits, we follow Christ's example and model to those around us. They are the essence of living the Christian life.



Growing in Faith, December 2012, Success Publishing & Media, LLC

PRAYER

Father and creator of all,

You sent your son

To dwell in time,

Obedient to his

human parents.

Teach us the sanctity

of human love,

show us the value

of family life.

Help us to live in peace

With all people

and share your life forever:

Amen.

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MISSY MARTINEZ
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Coordinator
Students for Life of America

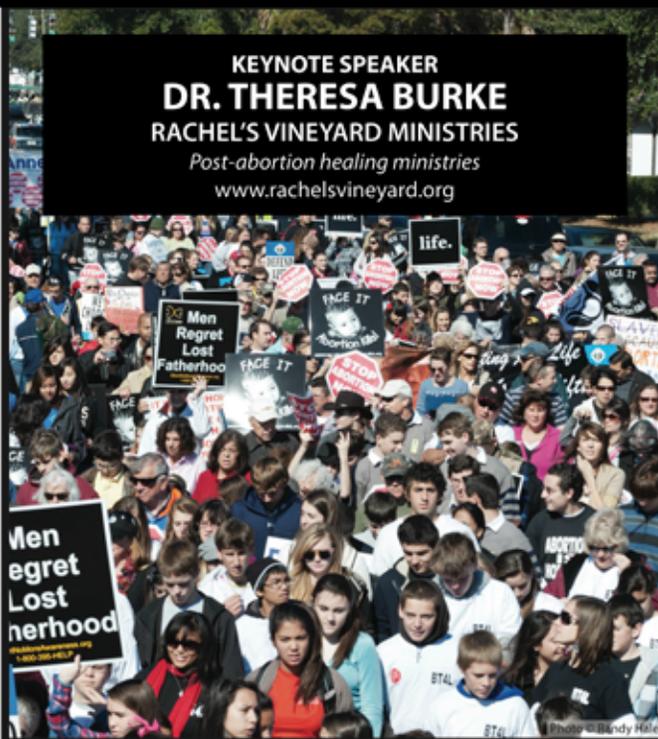
SATURDAY

9 am Mass with Bishop Estévez
Prince of Peace Church
Mission Nombre de Dios

10 am Live music and info booths
at Mission Nombre de Dios
(The Great Cross).

11 am Speakers followed by our
peaceful procession will go down St.
George Street, to the Public Plaza and
Gazebo Downtown. Our March will
finish with our keynote speaker
in the Plaza.

12-4 pm Spaghetti Dinner
just a few more blocks south,
at 259 St George St.



Friday Events:

7pm WORKSHOP with DR. THERESA BURKE
Prince of Peace Church
*For anyone interested in Post-abortion
healing ministries. See our website for details.*

**6 pm ILLUMINATED LIVING ROSARY LED
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[youthministry@saintjohntheevangelist.com!](mailto:youthministry@saintjohntheevangelist.com)

Middle School youth meet Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7, in the Youth Room.
High School teens meet Sundays, 6 to 8, in the Seminar Room.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday,
February 13
Valentine Dinner
Dance

*Sponsored by our
Knights of Columbus*

More details to follow.

Pilgrimage and
Performance Tour to
Ireland September 9-18,
2014.
Parish Contact: tom@
saintjohntheevangelist
.com

*Oh Lord, how precious is your Love,
we seek your Holy Will.*

**The Ladies of Charity Annual
Christmas Food Drive
for our local soup kitchens**

Extended to: **January 11-12**



- 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 The Guadalupe Soup Kitchen, St. Matthews House and the St. Vincent de Paul Council.
- 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.

Jamaica Outreach Program

**Jammin' for Jamaica Festival
Very Casual Attire Dinner/Dance**

Friday February 7, 2014
5:30 p.m. St. John the Evangelist Ballroom
\$50 per person
Complimentary Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing,
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Please let us know who you want to be seated with.

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First Dance of the Season

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

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
Sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller & Stan Kenton*



**Big Band
Dance
Schedule**

Tuesday,
January 14

Tuesday,
January 28

Tuesday,
February 11

Tuesday,
February 25

Tuesday,
March 11

Tuesday,
March 25

Tuesday,
April 8

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.
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Mixed Drinks
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The Christmas Appeal, which takes place during December 2013 and January 2014, needs the support of everyone to provide assistance to the most vulnerable persons in your community. This Appeal goal is to raise \$500,000 for the many programs and services of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Venice.

A gift to the Christmas Appeal results in a better way of life for the families and individuals who come to Catholic Charities seeking help to overcome their crisis. Catholic Charities is grateful for your generosity and compassion, and your partnership in its mission to "Provide Help, Create Hope, Serve All".

To donate, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or mail a check payable to Catholic Charities to 5824 Bee Ridge Road, PMB 409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065. For more information, please call 941.497.0930.

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

SOCK HOP

Friday, January 31, 2014
6:30 - 10:00 PM



MUSIC @ 7:00 featuring
oldies of the 50's, 60's & 70's

Tickets \$15.00 per person **cash only** at the door.
Includes five \$1.00 tickets to be used to purchase
hot dogs, popcorn, beer, wine, soda and mixed drinks

Join in the fun

50/50 Raffle
Contests for:
Best dressed couple
Best dressed woman
Beast dressed man

NOTE:

If you wish to reserve a table
for 8, call Joe @ 248-877-3332
no later than January 14.
Payment must be made to hold
your table.

NOTE: If you own a classic auto and would like to display
it at the entrance area, we will provide you free admission.
Please call Joe @ 248-877-3332

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mysteries of Our Faith

Presented by Deacon Hal Brenner

St. John the Evangelist will be conducting a series of 10 classes to explore various aspects of our Catholic faith, called **Mysteries of Our Faith**. Each of the 10 classes will cover topics on Baptism, Eucharist, Church, Grace, Tradition, Incarnation, Salvation, Trinity, Reconciliation, and Vocation. The objective of this course is to grow in our faith and develop a deeper relationship with God. We will also explore how God is present and active in the world and in our lives today.



Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Parish Life Center. Classes will start on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, and will begin with a short video followed by questions/answers/group discussion.

Come learn and share your faith. There is no charge and all are welcome. To register or for more information call Deacon Hal at 566.8740 ext. 3926 and please leave a message.

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Course Description

This series of classes will explore various aspects of our Catholic faith. Each topic/class is self-contained. The opening video is designed to awaken our faith and stir the Holy Spirit which dwells within each one of us. Then as a group we will let the Spirit lead us in our discussion to explore our lives of faith and deepen our relationship with God.

Class 1 - 1/7/14	Baptism
Class 2 - 1/14/14	Eucharist
Class 3 - 1/21/14	Church
Class 4 - 1/28/14	Grace
Class 5 - 2/4/14	Tradition
Class 6 - 2/11/14	Incarnation
Class 7 - 2/18/14	Salvation
Class 8 - 2/25/14	Trinity
Class 9 - 3/4/14	Reconciliation
Class 10 - 3/11/14	Vocation