

February 19, 2012  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

## Lenten Project: "Mission Clothe Me"

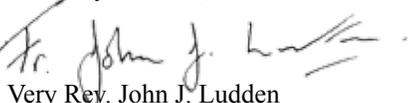
Dear Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist,

May the peace of Christ be with you as we prepare for this Lenten season. It is a time to reflect on our lives, the gifts we have been given and ways we can bring Christ to others. Each year we look for a project, or ways we can share our blessings with those who are less fortunate. Your response to our parish "Mission Backpack Program" was overwhelming! Together we raised over \$23,000 and were able to distribute over 1,100 backpacks filled with school supplies. I was very honored to give a lot of the credit to the parish of St. John the Evangelist. Your kindness and generosity reached many needy children on the Island of St. Lucia. I am truly blessed to be a part of this generous and kind-hearted parish.

As I gave out backpack after backpack, I watched the joy in the eyes of the children as they graciously accepted the gift; their gratitude moved me to want to do more. I was struck by how many of the children were not wearing shoes, and many of them had clothes that were torn, worn or too small for them. The backpack was more valuable than anything they were dressed in. As I watched them slip into the slums, sporting a brand new backpack in tattered garb, I knew then what I wanted to do this year!

Upon returning from a wonderful mission trip with our youth in the Archdiocese in St. Lucia, I spoke with Pastors and Principals from St. Lucia to determine if this would be a worthy project for the Parish of St. John the Evangelist to embrace. Their response gives way to our Lenten project for 2012, "**Mission Clothe Me.**" We now have an opportunity to respond to a great need for the children in St. Lucia and the Caribbean. With your generosity and support we can help to provide new clothes, underwear and shoes for children in need. We will collect new clothing for boys and girls of all ages and prepare them to be shipped on a container to the Caribbean in June of this year. If you prefer to make a donation to the project, we will gladly shop for you. Please make your check payable to St. John the Evangelist and write "**Mission Clothe Me**" in the memo. There will be frequent updates in the bulletin with details on our progress and how you can continue to help. Next week we will give you more specifics on the clothing the children need. As always, I thank you for your generosity as together we live the Gospel teaching of Matthew 25:36, "When I was naked, you clothed me." Thank you for your response to this much needed call. May God continue to bless you and those you love.

Sincerely in Christ,



Very Rev. John J. Ludden  
Pastor and Mission Director



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Sunday Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil: 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. – Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

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

**February 18, 2012 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Marjorie Jean Margraf Dolores Kernochan

**Vigil Services**

3:00 PM + John & Catherine Skubick Family  
5:00 PM + Sunny Caruso Fran Caruso

**February 19, 2012 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Souls of Marines & Sailors killed on the USS Bennington

9:00 AM + Bill Gibson, Sr Jackie Gibson

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Vincenzo Tanbone Mr. & Mrs. Perrotta

5:00 PM + Henry Krystaszek Whalen Family

*Wine and Host in Memory of Matthew Gigantiello ~ Requested by Camille & Ray Priore*

*Flowers in Memory of Robert Duggan ~ Requested by His Mother*

**February 20, 2012 Monday**

8:00 AM + Marjorie Basil Jane Hogan

9:00 AM + Anne Amen Diana Frank, Joe Vincent & Our Families

**February 21, 2012 Tuesday**

8:00 AM + Mr. & Mrs. Joseph D'Addario Janet D'Addario

9:00 AM + Seamus Wakefield John & Mary Cunningham

**February 22, 2012 Ash Wednesday**

8:00 AM + Robert Martin Ginny Martin

10:00 AM + Raymond Paredes Joseph & Sandy DeJesus

12:00 PM + Eileen Collins Pat & Bill Vincent

5:00 PM + Rocco Martone Pat Martone

7:00 PM + Ann LeBreche Paula Cohen & Edwina Bender

**February 23, 2012 Thursday**

8:00 AM + Marjorie Basil Elmer & Betty Schwittek

9:00 AM + James Coyle Shep & Rita Pritchard

12:00 PM + Agnes Gonpertz Jerry & Rose Marie Heyen

**February 24, 2012 Friday**

8:00 AM + Paul Braithwaite Debbie & Mike Pulte

9:00 AM + Sylvia Salvi Deborah Kopko

12:00 PM Lynn Huldren Family Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Detloft

**February 25, 2012 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Matthew Mascotte Phil & Judy Gutermuth

**Vigil Services**  
3:00 PM + Jack Garrison Mr. & Mrs. John Skubick

5:00 PM + Harry Witt Harry Witt

**February 26, 2012 Sunday**

7:00 AM + David DeFrancesca Peter DeFrancesca

9:00 AM + John Fiske Mary Ann Harper

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Lambert & Louise Abell Kathy Sims

5:00 PM Darrius & Darrian Harrison Mom & Dad (Baptism Anniversary)

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

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 18, 2012**

**Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13

**Vigil Services**

Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;  
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

**Sunday, February 19, 2012**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;  
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

**Monday, February 20, 2012**

**Presidents' Day**

Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday, February 21, 2012**

**St. Peter Damian; Mardi Gras;**

**Shrove Tuesday**

Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday, February 22, 2012**

**Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence;**

**Almsgiving; Washington's Birthday**

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2;

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, February 23, 2012**

**St. Polycarp**

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday, February 24, 2012**

**Abstinence**

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday, February 25, 2012**

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

**Vigil Services**

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**Sunday, February 26, 2012**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

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

# Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22 and ends with the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 5. The Lenten Season is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery of our Faith.

## REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, February 22, and Good Friday, April 6, are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat.

**Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.

Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of

## Saint John the Evangelist Schedule for Lent

### Masses on Ash Wednesday will be:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon,  
5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### Daily Masses will be:

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

### Saturday Morning Masses will be:

8:00 a.m.

### Stations of the Cross will be:

Fridays following Noon Mass and  
at 7:00 p.m.

On Good Friday Stations will also include  
Veneration of the Cross.

### Reconciliation:

Friday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.  
and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

### Lenten Penance Service:

April 3, 7:00 p.m.

Lent and Good Friday are all days of abstinence. **Note:** If a person is unable to observe these regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self denial that are suitable to their condition. [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org).

## ASHES

When we come humbly to church to celebrate Ash Wednesday, the priest will make the sign of the cross with ashes on our forehead. Some priests make a delicate cross while others leave a crusty reminder of our Lenten intentions for the world to see. But, what are these ashes? These ashes that grace our bodies are the burned remains of the palms from last Palm Sunday which we waved as we led Christ to our New Jerusalem.

We proudly leave them on all day until they gradually fall off, often tickling our noses on the way to the floor. Ashes are also a symbol of humility, as we realize that only the uncreated physically lasts forever. All created beings do not.

## Naples PRAYER Vigil

FOR LIFE



Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012  
8:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Celebrant  
St. John the Evangelist Church, 625 111th Avenue N., Naples

Come to pray for a greater respect for life.  
Following Mass, participants will process from parking area at US 41 and Creech Rd. to Planned Parenthood, corner of Creech Rd. and Goodlette-Frank Rd. (under 1/2 mi), approximately 9:30 a.m.

In memory of more than 53 million unborn babies who have died since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions legalizing abortion for any reason during all nine months of pregnancy.



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
The Prayer Vigil marks the opening of  
*40 Days for Life*  
which runs from February 22 to April 1.



For more information:  
[www.40daysforlife.com/naples](http://www.40daysforlife.com/naples), 239-503-0295  
or [40daysforlifenas@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifenas@gmail.com)  
Sponsored by the Diocese of Venice Respect Life Department  
[www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife)

## 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 1:15 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  
**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) Roberts: 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

**Interim Director of Youth Ministry**  
High School - Martha Oram:  
566.8740, Ext. 177

Middle School - Tom Oram:  
566.8740, Ext. 179

**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)

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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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# Following Directive of Bishop Dewane's HHS Letter

The HHS has issued a rule forcing nearly all private health plans to include coverage for all FDA-approved prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, as well as surgical sterilization. These are listed among "preventive services for women" that all health plans will have to cover without co-pays or other cost-sharing -- regardless of whether the insurer, the employer or other plan sponsor, or even the woman herself objects to such coverage.

The exemption provided for "religious employers" is so narrow that it fails to cover the vast majority of faith-based organizations, including Catholic hospitals, universities and service organizations that help millions every year. Ironically, not even Jesus and his disciples would have qualified.

During the public comment period last fall, the bishops' grassroots campaign alone generated over 57,000 comments to HHS opposing their mandate.

Now that the Administration has refused to recognize the Constitutional conscience rights of organizations and individuals who oppose the mandate, the bishops are now urging Catholics and others of good will to fight this unprecedented attack on conscience rights and religious liberty.

Please write to those who have been elected to represent you on a national level.

**Congressman Connie Mack**  
115 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Senator Bill Nelson**  
United States Senate  
716 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**Senator Marco Rubio**  
United States Senate  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC, 20510

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please co-sponsor the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179) and help enact it into law. The Obama administration's decision to require even religious institutions to provide coverage of sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that can cause an abortion, makes passage of this measure especially urgent. Please ensure that the rights of conscience of all participants in our nation's health care system are respected.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 Wednesday 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

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

### 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:*

#### Ensign Stuart Campbell

U.S. Navy

#### Bradley N. Chartier

U.S. Army

#### Sgt. Chris Counts

U.S. Marine Corp

#### James Cunningham

#### BM3 Charley Davidson

U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)

#### Specialist Anthony J. Diamante

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

#### Joshua Emmons

U.S. Air Force

#### Lt. Bernardo Garcia

U.S. Marines

#### 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:*

John D. Collins, Adam Kay

*May they rest in eternal peace.*

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

Tom Abele	Dr. Stephen Ferrante	Gerry Magyar
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Allard	Nancy Fitzgerald	Jeanne Majeskei
Jacob Andrew	Thomas Flood	Robert Moalli
Jennifer Basile	Donna Flynn	Alex Moody
Makayla Basile	Fino Giordano	Rev. Richard Mueller
Don Beaton	Arleen Glavonovich	Thomas Murphy
Douglas Becker	Zachary Blaise Goduti	Marjorie Nelson
Linda Berry	Deacon Al Groh	Darlene Nicholas
Matt Brown	Ceil Gulling	Peter Nicolleta
John Callahan	Jack Haag	Tyler Ostos
Christine Cassara	Catherine Haffey	Maryla Panagos
James Castaldi	Maria Hart	Ron Parker & Family
Baby Murphy Chapman	Thomas Hartsell	Susan Peterson
Eunice Chowdry	Gerald Heyen	Joe Pohrer
Jordan Cole	Scott Hoban	Angela Preuss
Thomas Cress	Karen Hohne	Timothy Ray
Virginia D'Agostino	Mary Charlotte Hollohan	Dale Reynolds
Bart DeBartalo	Don Howley	Jason Reynolds
Vincent DeStasio	Val Hunt	Joseph Ryan
Owen Destino	Don Hutten	Leonard Sbrocco
Donna DiMaggio	Mario Incatasciato	Carol Seiffert
John Duffy	Florence John	John Skoviak
Rose Dunn	Cade Joslin	Jean Smith
Connie Eckert	Lorretta Judy	Jeff Smith
Edelsberg Family	Dawn June	Derek Stender
Teresa Edgerton	Bob K.	Andrew and Christian Suarez
Rita and Carl Edward	Maggie Kaeser	Betty Sundstrom
Nick Episcopo	Wayne Lee	Margaret Sweikert
Ann Marie Esposito	Lois Liuzzo	Theresa
Elsa Everstijn	Anita & Laura Lombardi	Don Wilson
William Farhet	Ray M.	Thomas Wood
Jim Fargo		Amy Young

**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...**

## Bishop Dewane Will Celebrate Milestone Anniversary Mass at St. John March 3 - Register by February 28

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to special Anniversary Mass in their honor. The celebration Mass will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Naples.

Family and friends may join in the celebration at the reception immediately following the Mass in the Parish Center. Please call the parish office for reservations no later than February 28.

### “Quo Vadis” Discernment Group to Meet February 29 in Library

Father Cory Mayer, the Director of Vocations, Diocese of Venice, will host a special group meeting for men who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood. The meetings will be held Wednesday, February 29 in the St. John library from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. Attendees will spend time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and participate in a discussion with other men discerning God’s will in their life. Food and refreshments will be provided.

For additional information, please call 941.484.9543.

### Ladies of St. John’s Luncheon Wednesday, February 29 at Plantation Club at the Dunes at 11:30 a.m.

The Ladies of St. John’s monthly luncheon will be Wednesday, February 29 at 11:30 a.m. at the Plantation Club at the Dunes. The club is located off Vanderbilt Drive near the intersection of 111th Street/Bluebill Drive and Vanderbilt Drive.

Reservations with a check for \$17 should be sent to Mary Anne Lostaunau, 14742 Glen Eden Drive, Naples, FL 34110. For more information call 514.7385.

### Extraordinary Ministers Need New or Used Rosaries

Extraordinary Ministers are still seeking new or used rosaries to distribute to the catholic patients in the hospital. Devotion to the rosary, and the Blessed Mother in particular, is an important tradition to Catholics and particularly to those Catholics who are ill and find themselves in the hospital.

“A simple rosary is all the patients desire,” Pat Bernetch, Extraordinary Minister, said. “If you have a spare rosary that you don’t need we would love to have it. The patients appreciate anything — it doesn’t have to be fancy or brand new.”

The Extraordinary Ministers also visit the birthing centers at NCH with the new moms, babies and siblings. While there they also offer a rosary to the siblings.

Anyone wishing to donate a new or used rosary may drop off the rosaries in the altar server room adjacent to the Religious Boutique during Mass times. On weekdays the rosaries may be dropped off at the office during regular business hours.

“We are very grateful to those who have already donated rosaries,” Pat said.

### Theology on Tap Resumes February 23

Theology on Tap continues its commitment to providing interesting speakers in a relaxed young adult atmosphere. The events will be held in Naples the last Thursday of each month starting February 23 at Fred’s Food, Fun and Spirits, 2700 Immokalee Road. Theology on Tap will run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Admission is free and attendees are welcome to purchase food and drinks. For further information please contact George Smith at gsmith@dioceseofvenice.org.

In order that we may enhance communication within the parish through our new email module, we must have your email address. We will use the email address to send out newsletters and pertinent emails relating to upcoming events which you may want to be involved. Thank you for your cooperation.

Drop in the collection basket or turn in at the parish office.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Hymns for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 18 & 19, 2012

Entrance Hymn: **451** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Preparation Hymn: **435** On Eagles’ Wings

Communion Hymn: **499** Gift of Finest Wheat

**457** There Is a Balm in Gilead

Closing Hymn: **365** Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

**Altar Servers:**

Neal Borter 804.357.5712

**Arts & Liturgical Environment:**

Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

**Calling & Caring:**

Deacon Al Groh 566.8740 ext. 125

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy****Communion:**

Dennis Powers 591.0593

**Homebound**

Maureen Wurtz 593.0475

**Greeters & Ushers:**

John Smith 598.2306

**Jamaica Mission:**

Al &amp; Ann Kerns 514.1553

**Lectors:**

Victor Yepez 290.9090

**Daily Mass Lectors:**

Rosemary Slevin 596.7057

**Prayer Group:**

Linda Reilly 821.8982

**Respect Life:**

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

Bill Smart 566.8740

**Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.**

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

**AGA (Alienated Grandparents**

**Anonymous).** Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. First Thursdays 1:00 p.m. in the Library; third Thursdays 7:00 p.m. in the ballroom. www.aga-fl.org  
**Guest speakers:** February 16: Caryn Hacker, A.C.S.W., D.C.S.W., "How Your Energy Influences Your Situation" ~ March 1: Vickijo Letchworth, Elder Abuse Counselor Advocate

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Evangelization.** Designed to help people leaving the church. Deacon Al 566.8740, ext. 125

**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. Jim Follse, Grand Knight: 495.9741

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

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

**Ladies of Charity.** Meets the 2nd Friday of every month, volunteers in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank and visits local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. Also friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound. Jan Sukay. 431.7376

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

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

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

**Narcotics Anonymous.** Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 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. Martha Oram: 566.8740, ext. 177

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

**Religious Gift Shop.** Our shop is brimming with new merchandise. First Communion and Confirmation gift items have arrived, and we are also selling the miniature statues of Saint John, Mary and the Crucifix above the altar. Our parishoner Ernie Woosman has written and published a children's book that is also available as well as "Women of the Passion" by Joan Lynch of our parish. Lots to see so, come in browse. Open Saturday and Sunday and after daily Mass. The gift shop is in need of volunteers after Mass on Wednesdays. 591.4668

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

**Sing-A-Long** at Nursing Facilities. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Imperial Health Care in Naples and Tuesday, Feb. 28 at Emeritus in Bonita Springs, both at 2:00 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, 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m., Library. The new bible study resumes January 12. Linda Reilly, 821.8982

# President of Catholic Charities USA to Address Poverty in America March 7

Rev. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, will discuss the alarming growth of poverty in America at a Wednesday, March 7 event co-sponsored by the St. William Catholic Church and Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples. His topic is "Think and Act Anew to End Poverty in America." The event will take place at St. William's church.

The nationwide network of Catholic Charities agencies saw the number of people they serve balloon to 10.3 million in 2010 from 7.7 million in 2007, when the Great Recession began. In response, Fr. Snyder wrote *Think and Act Anew: How Poverty in America Affects Us All and What We Can Do about It*. Catholic Charities USA has launched a campaign to cut poverty in half by 2020.

The March 7 event begins at 7:00 p.m. with a reception and book signing to follow. St. William Roman Catholic Church is located at 601 Seagate Dr. in Naples.

## Parish Mission With Fr. Carl Arico

### February 27, 28, 29

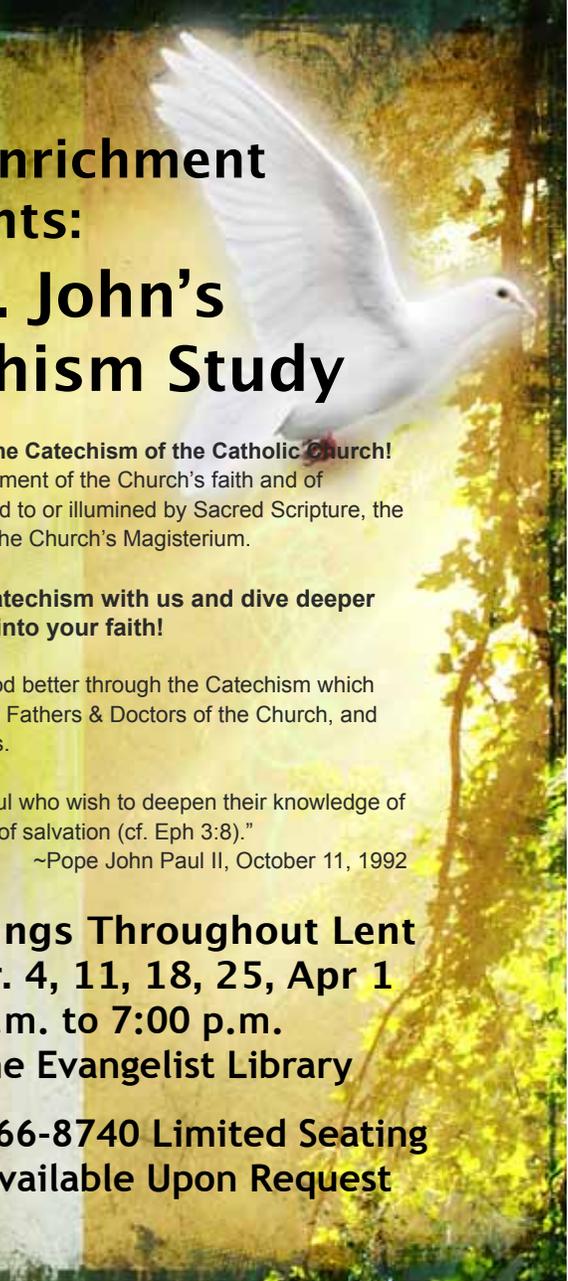
Fr. Carl Arico will lead our parish mission in "A Taste of Silence" this month. The mission will be offered to the parish Monday, February 27, Tuesday, February 28 and Wednesday February 29 following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Additionally, the mission will be offered from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the church, with Benediction to follow. Fr. Arico will concelebrate at all the Masses the weekend of February 25 and 26.

### *Jamaican Choir Members Need Host Families for March 23-25*

A blended choir from three parishes serviced by the JOP (Jamaica Outreach Program) will be performing at four or five Masses on the weekend of March 24-25. They will need housing from the afternoon of March 23 to the morning of March 26. We are hoping hosts and hostesses will step forward to welcome these songbirds and musicians into their homes for the designated time.

A welcoming get-together is in the planning stages at a local restaurant for Friday evening, March 23. The JOP will pay the fare for the Jamaicans that night. Hopefully, our hosts will join in the gathering. Fr. John will host a farewell dinner for the group and their hosts on their last night in Naples Sunday evening March 25. If you can accommodate our guests, please contact Martha Mador at 239.992.2646 or email [martha@madors.net](mailto:martha@madors.net)



## Adult Faith Enrichment Presents: St. John's Catechism Study

Join us for a study of the **Catechism of the Catholic Church!**  
The Catechism is a statement of the Church's faith and of Catholic doctrine, attested to or illumined by Sacred Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition, and the Church's Magisterium.

**Come study the Catechism with us and dive deeper  
into your faith!**

We will come to know God better through the Catechism which draws from the Bible, the Fathers & Doctors of the Church, and various Papal documents.

"It is a gift to all the faithful who wish to deepen their knowledge of the unfathomable riches of salvation (cf. Eph 3:8)."

~Pope John Paul II, October 11, 1992

**Sunday Evenings Throughout Lent  
Feb. 26, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr 1  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
St. John the Evangelist Library**

**RSVP Today! 566-8740 Limited Seating  
Babysitting Available Upon Request**

### ***Catholicism Project Extended***

The Catholicism Project will continue for six more weeks due to popular demand for this brilliant multimedia event!

The group meets Thursdays in the ballroom following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Participants may attend one, several or all the meetings and may bring a friend.



Please welcome Barbara Kuryea (Finance Council Member) as she discusses the many different variables of the Catholic Faith Appeal at all Masses this weekend. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge for the 2012 annual appeal. Thank you for your consideration.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has worked tirelessly to beautify our campus for "season." With the exception of a few cool snaps, mother nature has been very kind allowing our beautiful landscaping and annuals (especially the impatiens) to flourish all around the campus. Unfortunately, a bizarre "Downy Mildew" has developed and is now wiping out all the impatiens in Collier County and beyond. There is nothing on the market that will eradicate this mildew. Our impatiens on campus have been infected and in a matter of weeks, they will all be defoliated. We are currently in the process of trying to replace the impatiens with another annual that is immune to the mildew. I felt it necessary to inform all of you that this is not the result of neglect but rather a factor of mother nature and the circle of life. Please bear with us as we replace the infected impatiens.

Last week I alluded to the fact that we are going to host a reverse raffle on March 31. I also promised to include details of the reverse raffle in my column this week. Below are the details.

By now, you are all aware of my passion for the Catholic Faith Appeal. Not only do your contributions towards the CFA support countless ministries within the Diocese of Venice, they also satisfy a very important component of our annual budget. We are constantly trying to come up with new and innovative ideas to assist us in reaching our annual goal. We are going to host a Reverse Raffle as a fundraiser for the Catholic Faith Appeal. For those who remember, we hosted just such an event in 2010 and raised \$12,000 for the CFA.

Here is a brief explanation of how the raffle works: "What is a Reverse Raffle?" It is exactly what the name implies. Rather than the first ticket drawn winning the raffle, the last ticket drawn in a Reverse Raffle is the big winner. In this particular instance, we will be selling 300 tickets for the raffle at a cost of \$100 each. The winning ticket (or the last one drawn) will win \$10,000.00. This is a great return on a \$100 investment. In addition, your \$100 ticket also gains you (and a guest) admission to the party where you will enjoy dinner, entertainment and an open bar. In order to keep everyone's interest throughout the evening, we will also offer cash prizes randomly as the raffle progresses. The first ticket drawn will win \$100 as will every 25th ticket drawn for the remainder of the raffle. So in other words, 12 lucky attendees will get their

money back and enjoy a great evening of entertainment at no cost. In addition, Tom Oram will be performing before the raffle begins and then playing 30 minute sets after the drawing of every 100 numbers. You need not be present to win, so if you are headed back to your northern residence and unable to attend, you are encouraged to purchase a ticket with the comfort of knowing that we will either send you a check for your winnings or keep your winnings in safekeeping until you return in the fall.

If you have never attended a reverse raffle, let me assure you that it is a lot of fun. When the drawing is down to the final ten ticket holders, there is a great deal of excitement in the air creating an "electric" atmosphere. I have hosted several of these events in the past several years and on many occasions, there are multiple winners as the final three to five ticket holders have opted to split the \$10,000.00 grand prize. In 2010, the final four ticket holders split the \$10,000.00 prize and took home \$2,500.00 each. So allow me to recap....For \$100, you will receive admission for two, a catered meal by Cappelli's, an open bar and entertainment by Tom Oram, as well as the chance to win \$10,000.00. I can think of no better deal locally for a cost of \$50 per person. The Reverse Raffle will take place on Saturday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Parish Life Center. Tickets will be available beginning Monday in the parish office. This is a great opportunity for all of us to support the Catholic Faith Appeal while enjoying great entertainment and great camaraderie. We must sell all 300 tickets in order for the event to take place.

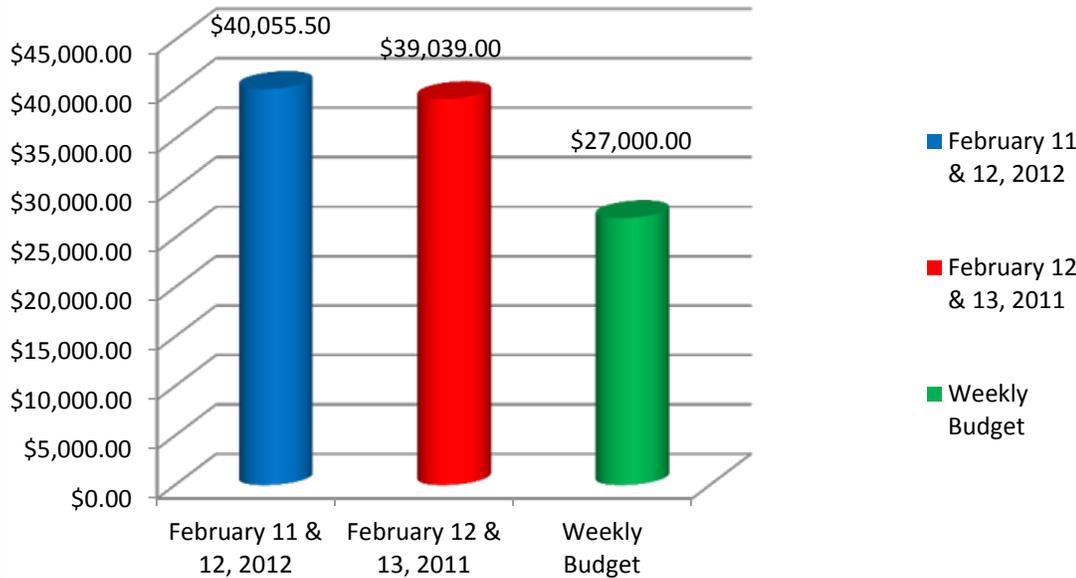
We have sold two benches thus far in our new bench campaign. If you are interested in purchasing a granite bench to honor or memorialize a loved one, please contact me at 566.1678 to discuss your options. The cost is \$3,000.00 and if needed, I will work with you on payment terms. There are two remaining in the memorial garden, one in the prayer garden and several in the courtyard adjacent to the prayer garden.

Several parishioners have responded to my request for help with the sandwich program for the Immokalee Friendship House. After further discussion with representatives from the program, the immediate need is for a driver (or drivers) on Tuesdays to actually deliver the sandwiches to Immokalee. If you are interested, please contact Barb Mambuca at [mambuca@comcast.net](mailto:mambuca@comcast.net). Thank you for your interest in this fantastic program which benefits those most in need.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA  
General Manager

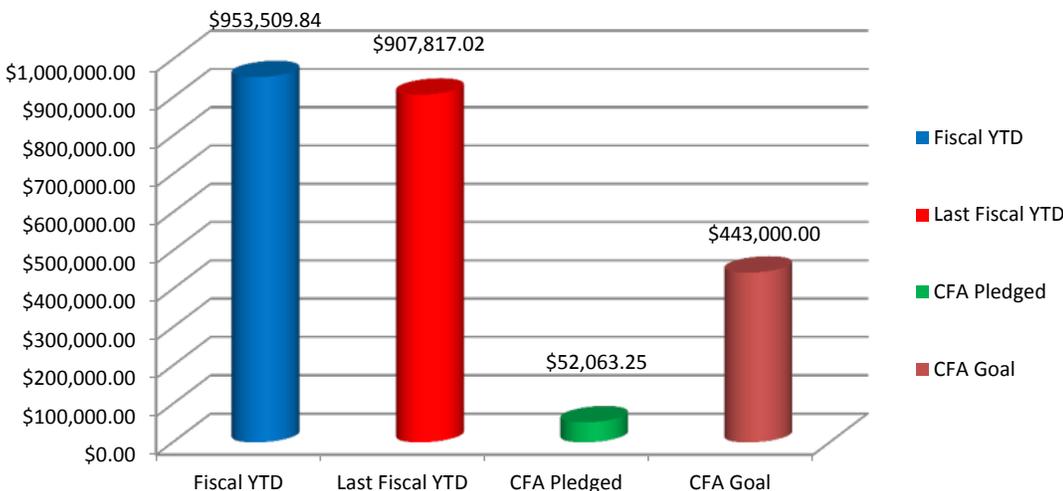
## Collection Summary



## Annual Rice School Priests Concert February 24

Fr. John will perform in the third annual Rice School Priests Concert Friday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m., at Epiphany Cathedral Hall in Venice. Other performers include Msgr. Gerard Finegan, Father Fausto Stampiglia, S.A.C., Father Michael Cannon, Father Dave Cottingham, C.S.Sp., Father George Ratzmann and other guest entertainers. In addition, there will be dancing, light hors d'oeuvres, gourmet chocolates and complimentary drinks. Seating is limited. Tickets are available for \$30 through the Rice School by contacting Jennifer at 941.766.7334.

## YTD/CFA Summary



## Lost and Found

If you have lost anything in church, please check the lost and found section in the Religious Gift Shop by Thursday, February 23. All items will be removed Friday, February 24 and donated to the needy. Ladies gold band found. Call Lorna at 566.8740.

## Reverse Raffle Tickets Available Monday in Parish Office

### St. John the Evangelist Reverse Raffle

Benefiting the Catholic Faith Appeal

Saturday, March 31st, 2012

6:30pm

St. John's Parish Life Center

\$100.00 per ticket

(need not be present to win)

First Prize: \$10,000.00

Open Bar

Dinner

Entertainment by Tom Oram

## Training for New Extraordinary Ministers

"Thank You" to all new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have recently expressed an interest in joining our ministry. We plan to conduct a training session very soon for all new ministers. If for any reason you have not yet been contacted by a representative from our ministry concerning this training session, please telephone Dennis Powers at 591.0593. This notice includes registration of new ministers for all hospital, nursing homes, homebound and church Masses.

# 5 PM Contemporary Mass Music Worship Aid

## Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>: the 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

Opening Song      **God of Wonders**      Byrd / Hindalong      Words and music by Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong; CCLI Song No. 3118757 © 2000 New Spring / Storm Boy Music / Meaux Mercy. All rights Reserved. Reprinted under CCLI license #2008891.

V.1) Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky,  
The heavens are your tabernacle,  
glory to the Lord on high!

V.2) Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light;  
When I stumble in the darkness,  
I will lift your name by night.

God of won - ders be - yond our gal - ax - y,      You are ho - ly, \_\_\_\_\_

ho - ly. \_\_\_\_\_ The un - i - verse \_\_\_\_\_ de - clares \_\_\_\_\_ Your maj - es - ty,      You are

ho - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord of heav - en and \_\_\_\_\_ earth, \_\_\_\_\_

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

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 41)      Music by Tom Oram. © 2006, 2012 A Chasing After Wind Music (BMI). All rights somewhat reserved.

Response (cf. v.5b)

Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned a - gainst \_\_\_\_\_ you; \_\_\_\_\_

5 Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned a - gainst \_\_\_\_\_ you. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Preparation Song      **Love Has Come**      Matt Maher      Reprinted under LicenSing Online #U19759.

Verses

1. With one voice the an - gels sing  
2. God the Fa - ther, El - o - him,  
3. God of Cov - e - nant, di - vine,  
4. Now sal - va - tion has \_\_\_\_\_ come

1. songs that make cre - a - tion ring.  
2. voice of thun - der, spir - it, wind:  
3. lead us to the end of time,  
4. in the New Je - ru - sa - lem.

1. Proph - ets hear and call us to  
2. breathe on me your ver - y life;  
3. be - yond sor - row, be - yond fear,  
4. Danc - ers dance and sing - ers roar; pro -

1. live in spir - it and in truth. (to Verse 2)  
2. grace will make the dark - ness bright.  
3. be - yond pride and earth - en tears.  
4. claim - ing Je - sus Christ is Lord!

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

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Communion Song      **494 One Bread, One Body**      John Foley, S.J.

Meditation      **435 On Eagles' Wings**      J. Michael Joncas

Closing 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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# The Word & Life

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

*Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24B-25*

*Psalm 41:2-3, 4-5, 13-14*

*2 Corinthians 1:1-22*

*Mark 2:1-12*

## *A Foolish Notion Healed*

**W**hen we journey through the gospel, we quickly discover the radical nature of Jesus' message. In today's gospel, Jesus speaks to the notion of sin and infirmity. It was the belief of ancient Israel that illness or infirmity was the fruit of sin. The Jews of Jesus' time regarded the person who was suffering as someone affected by their sin or one of their ancestors. When Jesus sees the suffering of the paralytic and the persistence of his

friends and their hope for healing, He says, "Child, your sins are forgiven." The debate that ensues allows Jesus to teach the world. The scribes suggest that Jesus is blaspheming because God alone could forgive sin and Jesus was not God for them. The question Jesus asks confronts their foolish notions, "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'?" Jesus then commands the paralytic to do the latter. The unthinkable then occurs – he picks up his mat and walks! In this experience of healing, Jesus is teaching that he has power over the notion that binds the paralytic and he heals it. Jesus teaches them that he has the power to forgive sin and to work the miracle of faith.

As the Church journeys through time, we are called to realize that this same power remains with us. Mother Church still has the authority to forgive sin and offer healing where suffering exists. Forgiveness is a constant challenge to the Christian way of life. The priest has the power to forgive sin, but the penitent has to be resolved to let go of the sin. Holding on to sin can cripple

### **Reflection Questions**

1. Do you believe that God punishes sin through making others suffer?
2. What does Jesus teach us about this approach?
3. What in your life needs to be healed?
4. What are the burdens that weigh you down?
5. Name some of the foolish notions in your life that contradict God's will for you.
6. How is God challenging you to move beyond some of these notions?
7. In what ways are you going to aid others in knowing God's healing presence?
8. Where does forgiveness need to be experienced in your life?

us. Refusing forgiveness leads to isolation of the one who has sinned and leaves no room to acknowledge another's conversion and contrition. If we hold on to another's sin, it holds on to us and leads to resentment. It stands in the way of God and isolates the mercy and love that He is ready to bestow upon our world. Healing takes place when we allow God to work his miracle through us.

As people of faith, we need to be persistent in being agents of healing and forgiveness. The people who brought the paralytic to Jesus were persistent and went to great lengths for their friend to encounter Christ and his healing and forgiveness. This is a beautiful image to take to heart as a Church. Sometimes people go to great lengths to show others how they "do not belong to the Church" because of their past or present lifestyle and remind them they are outside of the Church's graces. Would not it be more productive and Christ-like to go to great lengths in showing the sinner how he or she can belong? The language of Mother Church is that of transformation and redemption. Christ did not intend his people to remain in sin. Rather, Christ intends everyone to walk in the light of his truth and to be reconciled and healed by our heavenly Father. We have the power within each one of us to initiate forgiveness, mercy and healing, and to continue Christ's work on earth!

## Prayer

*We pray: Heavenly Father, consume us with the power of your love. Allow your initiative to bring forgiveness and be inscribed upon our hearts. Let your mercy, truth, forgiveness and healing, flow forth from us like a never-ending stream. May Christ's example shape our lives. Amen.*

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



## The Saints & You

**"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."**

— St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)



*St. Francis of Assisi prominently featured in our Paniccia Prayer Garden.*

# Faith Formation



## Upcoming Events

**February 22**

Ash Wednesday

**March 4**

Families in Christ

**March 7**

First Communion Activity Night

**April 8**

Easter

## Faith Formation News

**Ash Wednesday...**is on February 22, 2012. One of our parish priests will be giving ashes to Faith Formation students at the beginning of class.

**Families in Christ...**the last session of Families in Christ for this faith season will be on Sunday, March 4, 2012, in the ballroom from 9:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendars! Join us for whole-community catechesis. Come and enjoy reflections, skits, table study, games, prizes, and refreshments. Live the Gospel and be a witness to your faith. Meet other members of our faith community and have fun. Attendance at Families in Christ is a requirement for all Faith Formation students. Childcare is available for preschool and kindergarten.

**First Communion Activity Night...**will be on Wednesday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom, seminar room and classrooms. Banners will be made that will be hung in the church for the First Holy Communion Ceremony.

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## Lenten Obligations

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) and Good Friday (April 6<sup>th</sup>). In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. The U.S. bishops define fasting as eating one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted as necessary to maintain strength.



Growing in Faith, February 2012, Success Publishing

## Why do Catholics wear ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday?

To ancient Jews, wearing sackcloth and sitting in ashes showed repentance and humility, and acted as a penance. Thus, the early Church adopted the practice of wearing ashes at the start of Lent to show repentance, too.

The ashes on our foreheads are an outward sign of our desire to repair our relationship with God during Lent. As he places the ashes on our foreheads, the priest says, "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return," to remind us that our time on earth will pass away but our life in Heaven lasts forever.

Partners in Faith, February 2012, Success Publishing

## A Lenten Wreath

Press seven purple candles and one yellow candle into a Styrofoam ring. Decorate it with silk flowers or fresh greens. Light a candle on Ash Wednesday and the rest of the week. The second Wednesday, light two, and so on. Light the yellow candle on Easter and celebrate our new life in Jesus!

Partners in Faith, Lent Edition 2012, Success Publishing

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

### GRADE 1

**Life Question:** Who needs forgiveness?  
**Gospel Question:** Who does Jesus forgive?

### GRADES 2-3

**Life Question:** When do we need to say, "I'm sorry?"  
**Gospel Question:** Who does Jesus forgive?

### GRADES 4-5

**Life Question:** Why are "I forgive you" such hard words to say?  
**Gospel Question:** Why do you think Jesus forgives the paralyzed man's sins before he heals him?

### GRADES 6-8

**Life Question:** What paralyzes people? What paralyzes you?  
**Gospel Question:** Why do you think Jesus forgives the paralyzed man's sins before he heals him?

### GRADES 9-12

**Life Question:** What is hard to forgive?  
**Gospel Question:** What is the power of forgiveness?

### ADULTS

**Life Question:** What is your experience of forgiveness?  
**Gospel Question:** How does sin paralyze and forgiveness give life?

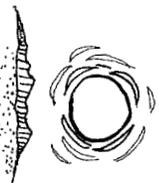
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# LENT 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying" (Catechism of the Catholic Church).</p>						
<p><b>26</b> After Mass, decide what you need to change in your life in order to truly experience Jesus' love during Lent.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Raise the level of your prayer today and really think about the meaning of the words you are saying.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Put a cross, crucifix, or other image of Jesus in each room of your home to help keep you focused on him.</p>	<p><b>22 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Attend an Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear the cross of ashes all day.</p>	<p><b>1 MARCH</b> Resolve to say only positive things about yourself and others today.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Pray for the people in the world who can't afford to have meat as a regular part of their diets.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Make a list of the ways you can support the poor, and resolve to do one activity each week.</p>
<p><b>4</b> Choose someone who has passed away or someone who needs extra help as your Mass intention today.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Pray an extra Rosary today and every day this week.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Forgive someone who has hurt you.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Ask Jesus to heal whatever separates you from feeling God's bountiful love.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Read the Ten Commandments (<i>Exodus 20:1-17</i>) and resolve to live them.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Share a meatless meal with friends and tell them why you are abstaining.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Visit a nursing home and read to a resident, take someone for a walk, or pay someone attention.</p>
<p><b>11</b> Take one idea from today's Gospel reading or homily to implement during the coming week.</p>	<p><b>12</b> At the end of the day, make an examination of conscience. Pick one change to make.</p>	<p><b>13</b> Look for evidence of God at work in your life today.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Deal with anyone in your life who may be interfering with your relationship with God.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Try to find the time to read an entire Gospel at one sitting. (Hint: St. Mark's Gospel is the shortest.)</p>	<p><b>16</b> Make a fresh start on your Lenten journey today. Renew your Lenten observances.</p>	<p><b>17</b> Attend a parish Reconciliation Service or go to Confession on your own.</p>
<p><b>18 LAETARE SUNDAY</b> Celebrate the halfway point of Lent. Do something fun after Mass today.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Go to a private room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Ask God for a new grace today that will bring you closer to him.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Resolve to go the entire day without judging or criticizing anyone.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Pick one way you can simplify your lifestyle to make more room for God.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Figure out how much money you saved by abstaining from meat and give it to the poor.</p>	<p><b>24</b> Trim down your possessions and give what you don't need to the poor.</p>
<p><b>25</b> Look around your neighborhood today for signs of new life.</p>	<p><b>26</b> Get up an extra 15 minutes early each day for the next two weeks and spend that time in prayer.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or <a href="http://www.catholicrelief.org">www.catholicrelief.org</a>) to see how you can help.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Make a conscious effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.</p>	<p><b>29</b> Today, pray for someone you don't like.</p>	<p><b>30</b> Eat a pretzel as a reminder that Catholics used to fast from milk, butter, eggs, cheese, cream, and meat.</p>	<p><b>31</b> Perform some act of service for your parish. Ask at the rectory for suggestions.</p>
<p><b>1 APRIL</b> Place palms around each image of Jesus in your home. Welcome the Messiah into your heart.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Recite the Profession of Faith or the Apostle's Creed each day this week.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Notice someone who may be hungry for love or attention and satisfy that hunger.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Forgive an offense you may have suffered and let God be the final judge.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Look for someone who is poor or homeless and share your food.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Meditate on the Stations of the Cross today. Try to imagine yourself at the scene of each one.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Think about a way in which you might have betrayed Jesus. Ask his pardon.</p>

## 50s, 60s and 70s Music Comes Alive at Sock Hop

Approximately 230 people listened and danced to the sounds of the 50s, 60s and 70s at the Sock Hop January 27 sponsored by the Men's Club.

DJ and vocalist entertainer Detroit Joe Turner was the hit of the evening playing memorable tunes non-stop from 6:30 to 10: p.m. Attendees also enjoyed the Hula Hoop contest, the Twist dance contest and the Best Dressed Sock Hop couple contest with all winners getting a \$25.00 gift card to Mel's Diner.

The Men's Club served 50 pizzas, lots of salad, cookies and, of course, popcorn, which was a big hit, as well. Wine, beer, soda and water were all included in the price of the admission ticket.

"Everyone had a fantastic time and wanted to know if we could have another Sock Hop before season ends," said Any Sanfelippo, Men's Club president. "Unfortunately, we'll have to wait until February 1, 2013, for our next one."



### DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Church has a rich history in the United States. Today we continue to build the Church by the witness of our lives as baptized Catholics.

The American Catholic Community has supported the Annual Collection for the Black and Indian Missions since its establishment in 1884. Your contributions from here in the Diocese of Venice support missionaries in the United States who are evangelizing in the African American and Indigenous Catholic communities, as well as Eskimo and Aleut communities. Churches and Schools in these impoverished areas depend on evangelization grants for pastoral ministry, Catholic schools and religious education programs.

The theme for the 2012 Collection echoes the recent announcement of Pope Benedict XVI being a special "Year of Faith." The theme is "*Faith: Anchored in Jesus, Alive in Mission.*"

The weekend of February 25 and 26, 2012 all will be asked to participate in the Black and Indian Mission Collection. We evangelize by the witness of our faith and by our sacrifice for the Black and Indian Missions. Remember, be anchored in Jesus, alive in mission! Thank you for your continued generosity.

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration and my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

## Sacred Music In Sacred Spaces

*Our new concert series:  
Monthly concerts,  
offered free of charge,  
with the intent to praise God!*

Next **FREE** CONCERT:

**7 PM Friday,  
February 24**

**REPENT &  
BELIEVE**

This moving service features several talented soloists, our choirs, and our clergy combining to make for a powerful start to your Lent!

# The 22nd Annual St. Joseph Feast & Holy Altar

**Friday, March 23, 2012 in the PLC**

**Mass - 5 p.m.**

*Celebrant: Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia, S.A.C., S.T.D., V.F.  
Blessing of Holy Altar & Dinner Immediately After Mass*

**Sit-down dinner catered by Cappelli's**

**Dancing to the Music of Night Train**

**All Tickets \$40.00**

*Tables of 8 available*

*Don't forget  
to wear  
RED*

**SAVE THE DATE ~ More details to follow ~ SAVE THE DATE**

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Saint John Council 11281



## OFF TO THE RACES AT GULFSTREAM PARK

**Friday, February 24th**

Bus leaves the Parish Life Center promptly  
at 9:45 a.m. — *be onsite by 9:30 a.m.*

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

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

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



**\$78 per person**



*Only 50 seats available.*

To pre-register by February 22,  
contact Melanie in the parish office,  
566.8740, ext. 113

### New Nutritional Ministry



**20% Proceeds to St. John Evangelist  
Create a WIN-WIN-WIN**

**Win 1** - Purchase your vitamin/mineral supplement  
through the ministry or sponsor a child

**Win 2:** 20% proceeds to St. John the Evangelist for  
St. Matthew's House

**Win 3:** **Help** support thousands of malnourished  
children from the US and globally – at  
**NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU!**

For more information:

“Nutrition with Purpose” Seminar

**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 7:00 – 7:30 pm**

St. John the Evangelist Library  
(building behind church, near ballroom)

Or call, Danica Stenberg – 239-207-7548

Outreach Coordinator

[www.Switch4StJohn.com](http://www.Switch4StJohn.com)

# FRIDAY NIGHT FISH BAKE

## at St. John the Evangelist PLC during Lent

### MENU

Baked Fish  
 Rice Pilaf  
 Macaroni and Cheese  
 Coleslaw  
 String Beans Almandine  
 Stewed Tomatoes  
 New England Clam Chowder  
 Bread & Butter  
 Coffee, Iced Tea,  
 Lemonade & Soda  
 Dessert

### DATES OF FISH BAKE

Ash Wednesday  
 & Friday Nights in Lent

February 22  
 February 24  
 March 2  
 March 9  
 March 30

(No Fish Bake on Good Friday)

Serving From  
 5:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m.

### COST

\$12.00 Adults  
 \$5.00 under 10 years old  
 Tickets at Door Only  
 (Take Out Available)

### SPONSOR & HOST:

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## St. Patrick's Festival Celebration

in the Parish Life Center Ballroom

Friday, March 16, 2012

In aid of St. Vincent de Paul Society

Welcome Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. • Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Entertainment throughout the evening featuring

Harp & Thistle Pipe & Drum Band Tir Na Nog Irish Dancers

Featured performer: St. John's very own "Black Velvet Band"

And for your dancing pleasure: Guest DJ

Guest Chef: Anna Howe of Here's Howe Catering

Tickets are only \$50 per person and are available at the Parish Office

Get your tickets early as seating is limited to 350

Please contact Peter Heaney at [peter@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:peter@saintjohntheevangelist.com)  
 or 290-8484 for any additional information.

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 of the Green  
 event"  
 Black tie  
 optional

Tables of 8  
 or 10 may  
 be reserved

Live  
 Auction

OPEN  
 BAR

# Pro-Life Council Dinner

February 21 at 6:00 PM

St. John the Evangelist Parish Life Center Ballroom

6:00 PM Hospitality Hour

- Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres • Cash Bar

7:00 PM Dinner

8:15 Speaker Melissa Odhen (Abortion Saline Survivor)

9:00 PM or about Homeward Bound

Tickets are \$50 per person

Naples Pro-Life Council  
938 3rd Avenue North  
Naples, FL 34102  
tel: 239.262.LIFE [5433]  
fax :239.331.8436

For information and reservations, please call

**239.262.5433**



## BIG BAND DANCE

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

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*

Remaining Big  
Band Dances for  
this season are:

**March 13**

**March 27**

**April 10**



### Admission:

\$10.00 cash  
only at the door  
~ includes snacks

**Cash Bar:** Water  
and Soda ~ \$1.00

- Beer ~ \$2.00

- Wine and  
Mixed Drinks  
~ \$3.00

**Dress:** Country  
Club Casual  
(No shorts please.)

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