

February 24, 2013

Second Sunday of Lent

the
EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr. John Will Celebrate Special Mass of Thanksgiving for Pope Benedict XVI on Wednesday, February 27

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we journey through this Lenten Season, be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones during this special time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

At this time please join me in prayer for Pope Benedict XVI, for his health and well-being, and in thanksgiving for his service to the Church. Throughout his pontificate, the Holy Father has been a loyal and active Shepherd. Through his teachings and writings he promoted an authentic personal relationship with Christ. His constant care for the sick, the poor, and seeking peace in the world have inspired us all.

Pope Benedict XVI's resignation takes effect at 8:00 p.m. Roman time (2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time) on February 28th. Please also pray for the Cardinals who — with the guidance of the Holy Spirit — are preparing to convene in conclave to elect the next Successor of St. Peter. Let us unite in prayer with all Catholics around the world and offer our private prayers for Pope Benedict XVI, the Church, and the next Successor of Saint Peter.

On the evening of Wednesday, February 27th there will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving for Pope Benedict XVI at all Parishes within the Diocese of Venice. **(At St. John the Evangelist the Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. Fr. John will be the celebrant.)** Allow me to encourage you and your family to participate at this Liturgy during this historic moment in the life of the Church.

While counting on your continued prayers and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you my sincere and profound gratitude.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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



For a special prayer for Pope Benedict XVI see page 5

Pope Benedict XVI waves after celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican February 13. (Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)



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www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com • E-mail: info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com
Daily Mass: 8:00 & 9:00 a.m., Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3 & 5 p.m. — Sunday: 7, 9, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5 p.m.

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Mass for Deceased (*) and Special Intentions**Requested by****February 23, 2013 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Peggy Pert Marvin & Nancy Wheeler

Vigil Masses

3:00 PM + Frank & Fortunata Dimaio Robert Dimaio

5:00 PM + Bob Morrissey 5:00 Mass Eucharistic Ministers

February 24, 2013 Sunday

7:00 AM + Arlene Walsh Peter DeFrancesca

9:00 AM + Glen Incitti Family

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Lambert, Louise & Robert Abell Kathy & Bob Sims

5:00 PM + John Silva Family

February 25, 2013 Monday

8:00 AM + Harry Witt Harry W. Witt

9:00 AM + Pat Lintner Dick & Marilyn Powers

Noon + Betty Brykala Vincent Lesprogata

February 26, 2013 Tuesday

8:00 AM Darius & Darrian Harrison Mom & Dad

(Baptism Anniversary)

9:00 AM + Fr. Jim Curtin Mary & Fran McFarlin

Noon + Eleanor Cirlincione Allen & Dolores Mullen

February 27, 2013 Wednesday

8:00 AM + Ann Doyle Barbara & Bernard Kelly

9:00 AM + Veronica Daley Ed Gaussein

Noon + Larry Litwin Allen & Dolores Mullen

February 28, 2013 Thursday

8:00 AM + William J. McCool Madeline & Jack Gaffey

9:00 AM + Sharon A. Sama Parents

Noon + Rose Magliano Cusiner

March 1, 2013 Friday

8:00 AM + Kay Peley Delores Kernochan

9:00 AM + Francesca Coppola Nick & Ida Lagrasta

Noon + Rose Trottier Mr. & Mrs. C. Pousson

March 2, 2013 Saturday

8:00 AM Gerry Mierzwa Jim Folllese

Vigil Masses

3:00 PM + Ami Durante Janet D'Addario

5:00 PM + Bob Morrissey 5:00 p.m. Mass Eucharistic Ministers

Flowers in Memory of James S. Underwood's 80th Birthday

~ Requested by his wife Joan A. Underwood

March 3, 2013 Sunday

7:00 AM + Nick DeFrancesca Peter DeFrancesca

9:00 AM + Edward Wakim Patricia Wakim

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Rosemary Damico Janet D'Addario

5:00 PM + Laura & Antonio Carpentieri Phyllis & Gus Barbaro

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, February 23, 2013****St. Polycarp; Purim (Jewish observance)***begins at sunset*

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Vigil Masses

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;

Phil 3:17 - 4:1 [3:20 - 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Sunday, February 24, 2013**Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion**

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;

Phil 3:17 - 4:1 [3:20 - 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Monday, February 25, 2013

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 1, 2013**World Day of Prayer; First Friday;****Abstinence**

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 2, 2013**First Saturday**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Vigil Masses

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6,

10-12; Lk 13:1-9; *Alternate readings (Year A):* Ex

17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

[5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Sunday, March 3, 2013**Third Sunday of Lent**

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6,

10-12; Lk 13:1-9; *Alternate readings (Year A):* Ex

17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

[5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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

Contact Maureen Wurtz 593.0475

THIS WEEK'S MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE...SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH • WWW.SAINTJOHNTHEEVANGELIST.COM

Life Matters



God was definitely smiling on us for the kickoff of 40 Days for Life and the prayer walk. As I pulled up on Goodlette Road, I saw 40-50 Donahue Academy students from Ave Maria lined up on the sidewalk. They were smiling and waving to passing motorists, carrying signs and praying to form a truly beautiful sight.

St. John parishioners met a different challenge from God on our day on Friday, February 15. The day was gloomy and drizzly with a small but dedicated turnout. They were blessed, however, with a visit from a lady who pulled off of Goodlette Road to explain that she had once had an abortion and she encouraged the prayer warriors to keep up the good work and prevent someone else from making the same mistake she made. Moments like that make the damp and the drizzle worth it.

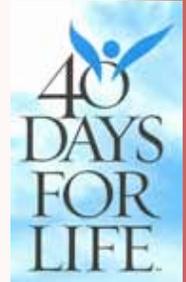
This Monday, February 25, is our regular Parish commitment Monday. That day, on the fourth Monday of every month, we support the other regulars who are at Planned Parenthood week after week, all year long. **Please join Fr. John from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in prayer for an end to abortion outside Planned Parenthood in Naples.** Monday is abortion days on Creech Rd. The atmosphere is even more prayerful as we recognize that children are losing their lives inside. But we are there, once a month, to pray for those children, to pray for the mothers and fathers to change their minds, and also to pray for the abortionist and the staff members who truly believe they are providing a valuable service to these poor women. God's grace, through our prayers, is the best way to chip away

at these attitudes. We must always be the face of loving concern for all of those involved at Planned Parenthood; the patients, the staff and the doctor.

Please join us on Monday and add you humble prayers to change the minds and hearts of all involved. We have had an effect since we began almost three years ago. At that time, Planned Parenthood was performing abortions every week. They are now performing abortions EVERY OTHER WEEK. Thanks be to God.

Look for Respect Life members outside at Masses this weekend to sign up and receive important information.

Tuesday, March 12 is the last designated St. John prayer opportunity during the 40 Days for Life campaign. However, parishioners may pray outside Planned Parenthood for the end of abortion at any time.



article submitted by Loretta Judy, Respect Life

Respect Life



There are over 6,700 children alive today who would have been abortion statistics if 40 Days for Life volunteers hadn't cared enough to go out and witness to a mom or dad at the most critical moment of that child's life — the day they were scheduled to die. Be a witness for life during the Lenten 40 Days for Life Campaign in Naples. Pray for an end to abortion! See www.40daysforlife.com/naples for details. To learn more about 40 Days for Life, read amazing true stories in the new book available at www.40daysforlife.com.

Saint John the Evangelist Lenten Schedule

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., except March 15, when we will have "Repent & Believe", part of the Sacred Music in Sacred Spaces series.

On Good Friday, Prayer Around the Cross will 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:

March 26, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Week:

March 24 ~ Palm Sunday

March 28 ~ Holy Thursday

March 29 ~ Good Friday, Prayer

March 30 ~ Blessing of the Easter baskets; Easter Vigil

March 31 ~ Easter Sunday

More specific celebrations and times will be published in a later bulletin.

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Thomas Kelly	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Rob Chalhoub	
Deacon Frank Panicia	
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
Fax: 239.325.2100

Administrative Assistant & Records

Melanie Harrison: Ext. 113

Assistant to the Pastor

Martha Oram: Ext. 123

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Tom Oram: Ext. 179

Choir Director

Ellie Roberts: 682.5609

Sacristan

Lorna Woonsam: Ext. 133

Communications

Kathy Sims: Ext. 128

Memorial Garden

Scott Schlossberg: Ext. 114

Religious Boutique

Jackie Gibson: 325.2107

Director of Maintenance

Marcos Burgoa: Ext. 117

Education Staff

Director of Faith Formation

Margie Lynch: 514.2927

Director of Youth Ministry

Bill Maguire: 566.8740, Ext. 177

Director of RCIA

Margie Lynch: 514.2927

Family Ministry

Charlene Youngs: 566.8740 Ext: 123

email staff members at:

info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

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., 9:00 a.m. & Noon (during Lent)

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 2013.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2014 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 Second Sunday of Lent, February 23 & 24

Entrance Hymn:	237	The Glory of These Forty Days
Preparation Hymn:	241	Turn To Me
Communion Hymn:	520	O Sacrament Most Holy
	354	The Lord Is My Light
Closing Hymn:	235	Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Choral Anthems at the 9 & 11:15 AM Masses

At the Offertory	If You Search With All Your Heart	Craig Courtney
At Communion	Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place	Lanny Wolfe

Celebrating 50 Years of Marriage



Ron and Judi Hemond will celebrate their "50th" wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 24 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. They were married on February 23, 1963. Ron is a member of the Adult Choir and a lector. Judi serves on the Hospitality Committee after the 11:15 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Hemond!

Bishop Dewane Will Celebrate Appreciation Mass for All Diocesan Volunteers

During this Year of Faith, Bishop Frank J. Dewane invites all of the volunteers throughout the Diocese of Venice to three separate Masses, each with the intention of expressing appreciation and thanks to all volunteers. The goal of celebrating three separate Masses is to reduce the travel-time for many individuals and to honor the greatest number of people.

The Masses will be held Tuesday, March 5 at Our Lady of Light Parish in Estero for volunteers in Lee and Collier counties.

These important Masses provide a "thank you" and formal sign of appreciation for the volunteers of our parishes and those throughout the Diocese. Each Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. and will be followed by a reception in the respective parish hall. To register, please go to www.dioceseofvenice.org/volunteermass and follow the prompts. To register by phone, please call 941.441.1136. For more information please call Gail Ardy at 941.484.9543.



Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI

O God, true shepherd of all the faithful,
look with kindness on your servant
Pope Benedict XVI,
whom you set as head and shepherd of
your Church.
We give you thanks for your grace at work
in him
as he has led us by word and example:
in his teaching, in his prayer, and in his
great love.
Grant him your strength in frailty,
comfort in sorrow,
and serenity amid the trials of this world;
and guide your Church, built on the
rock of Peter,
with the power of your Spirit
as we continue on the path that leads to you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Ladies of St. John's Monthly Luncheon February 28

The Ladies of St. John's monthly luncheon will be on Thursday, February 28 at Carrabba's at 11:30 a.m. Carrabba's is located at 4320 Tamiami Trail N. across from the K-Mart shopping Center. Please mail your check in the amount of \$17.00 to: Clelia Tenerowicz, 6588 Chestnut Circle, Naples, Florida 34109. Call Barbara Fenn at 261.1894 with your RSVP by Saturday, February 23.

JOP Second Collection March 1 and 2

As you know, the Jamaica Outreach Program has four second collections per year for our sister Parish, St Pius X in Kingston, Jamaica. The next second collection will be March 1 and 2.

Thanks for your generosity.

— Jamaica Outreach Program

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE:

All alumni, families and friends
- Naples St. Patrick's Parade,
Saturday, March 16. Parade
begins at 11:00 a.m. from parking
lot of St. Ann's Church (4th St.
S and 10th Ave S). Limited car
space available. Contact: Mike
McCarthy 239.403.0762.

Couples Special Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Leo Parish, Bonita Springs, March 9

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 9, at St. Leo Parish in Bonita Springs.

Family and friends may join in the celebration at the reception immediately following the Mass in St. Leo's Parish Center. Please call the parish office at 566.8740 for reservations no later than March 4.

JOP Food Drive Packs the Container... Remarkable! JOP Says Thank You

A humble thank you seems inadequate when we try to express our appreciation for the overwhelming support given to our annual Food Drive on behalf of an untold number of recipients in the neighborhood of St. Pius X parish in Kingston, Jamaica.

The Jamaica Outreach Program is indebted to the parishioners of St. John for the 780 entries registered on our inventory list. That number represents a lot of food and the most we have ever collected. It was well above the 600 entries we prayed for. Happily, the people of Blessed Pope John XXIII parish in Fort Myers also staged a food drive for their sister parish, St Martin de Porres in Kingston. Their effort added enough cartons of food to our container to bring us to a total of over 900 entries on the inventory list. The container left the St. John parking lot filled to its doors. Remarkable!

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge those who dropped off cash donations in lieu of food, which will help cover shipping costs. Finally, a nod of gratitude is due to the JOP sorters and packers who donated hours of service to this annual effort. They added an important ingredient to the delivery of food which was so generously donated.

— *Jamaica Outreach Program*

Prayer for the Year of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths the holy Catholic Church teaches because You have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die.

We turn to you in humble supplication for ourselves and our Parish and Diocese in which we work, live, and pray, that this Year of Faith may be a true source of renewal for each of us. May we be strengthened to live our faith in the midst of the world with joy and love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Extraordinary Ministers Needed

Volunteers are desperately needed at the 1:15 Sunday Mass to serve as Extraordinary Ministers.

If available, please contact Lorna at 239.287.6536.

Family Fun and Ministry Day

Sunday, March
10 from Noon
to 3:00 p.m.

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NEW!

**A GUIDE TO
CATHOLIC PRAYER**

Perfect for Lent

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Wednesday, February 27th in the Library from 5:45pm-7:00pm

Catholicism for Catholics with a Finger-food Pot Luck!

St. John Youth Ministry

Life Teen's Edge Summer Camp

Middle Schoolers (Incoming 6th graders through outgoing 8th graders): Get ready for the most incredible summer experience of your life! I was able to secure spots to attend Life Teen's Edge Summer Camp. *Spots are limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis.*

We will do fundraising. No student will be denied for financial reasons.

Dates: July 29th – August 3rd.

More details will follow.

Meanwhile, check out the links below for great videos of the camp.

<http://lifeteen.com/media/video/camp-covecrest-hiawasse-2012-week-17-edge/>

<http://catholicyouthministry.com/summer-camp/>



Steubenville Youth Conference

High Schoolers (Incoming freshmen through outgoing seniors): Get ready for the most incredible summer youth conference in the country! I have secured spots for the Steubenville Youth Conference. *Spots are limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis.*

We will do fundraising. No student will be denied for financial reasons.

Dates: June 14-16. More details will follow.

Check out the link below for great videos of the conference.

<http://www.steubenville.org/>



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(mobile) 239.330.5955



High School Youth meets Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the ballroom

Middle School Youth meets Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Claussen Center Seminar Room

Altar Servers:

Neal Borter 804.357.5712

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

Calling & Caring:

Deacon Al Groh 566.8740 ext. 125

Eucharistic Ministry

Ernest Woonsam 947.8618

Homebound

Maureen Wurtz 593.0475

Greeters & Ushers:

John Smith 598.2306

Jamaica Mission:

Al & Ann Kerns 514.1553

Lectors:

Victor Yepez 290.9090

Daily Mass Lectors:

Rosemary Slevin 596.7057

Pastoral Council:

Jack Kindsvater jkinds@me.com

Prayer Group:

Linda Reilly 821.8982

Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

Stewardship Council:

Bob Claussen naplesrgc@gmail.com

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 at 1 p.m. in the library and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the PLC ballroom. aga-fl.org

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

Al-Anon. Monday 9 to 10 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. 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 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. Saturday: 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Jackie Gibson: 325.2107

Evangelization. Designed to psychologically bring back individuals who have left the Catholic Church. Deacon Al: 566.8740, ext. 125

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. Starting Feb. 12 sessions will be held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in room 13 of the Claussen Center. Dee: 594.7193 or Carol: 992.4190

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 p.m. 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 7:30 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K John A. Fazackerley FN 495.5380

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. Anne Orem: 566.9636

Ladies of Charity. Meets the second Friday of every month, volunteers in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank and visits local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. For friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound, call Jan Sukay: 431.7376. If interested in joining, call Valerie Matulis: 390.3545

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. 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 - 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 & encourage one another through the joys & struggles of life, work & motherhood in Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7 - 9 p.m. Martha Oram: 566.8740, ext. 123

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

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 after 8:30 a.m., Mass in PLC. Bill Smart: 566.8740

Sing-A-Long at Nursing Facilities. Tuesday, March 5 at Millennium House, Bonita Springs; Tuesday, March 19 at Arbor Trace, Naples; both 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. We are currently studying the book "Come and See The Gospel of St. Mark" by Emmaus Road Publishing. You are welcome to join at any time. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

PRAYER GROUPS

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.

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. Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m., Room 15, Claussen Center. Centering Prayer will meet in the Parish Library on Wednesday mornings following the 9:00 a.m. Mass (9:45 a.m.).

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	Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer U.S. Marine Corp * LAV Recon
Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army	Specialist Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army
S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force	Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett U.S. Marine Corp
Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy	David Jensen
Bradley N. Chartier U.S. Army	Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army
BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)
Specialist Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army, serving in Ft Bragg, N.C	LCpl. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force	Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	Lt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army
Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines	1Lt. Robert Pedrigo U.S. Army
Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army
Cpl. Dylan Granza (Serving in Afghanistan)	Lt. Gregory Spencer U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)
	Lt. Kelly Spencer U.S. Air Force
	Houng Tran U.S. Army
	IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)

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 Morning Prayer 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.)*

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:

Julie Burke and Dottie Weiner

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

Joan Abele	Donna Flynn	Jeanne Majeske	Peter Renucci
Tom Abele	Tara Follese	Edward Malloy	Linda & Tom Riley
Deidre Anne Alyward	Barbara Fuller	Ann Maniuszko	Don Robinson
Jacob Andrew	John & Julia Giblin	F. Mansfield	Tony Ross
Ed Barber	Richard Goepel	Richard Maynard	Jesse Sanchez
Agatha Barczynski	Patricia Greene	Judy Mazza	Maria Scarcella
Jerry Barton	Rick Greenwood	Bill McConnell	Cathy Schloendorn
Makayla Basile	Tim Hagan	Catherine & John McCugker	Alfred Schrang
Jennifer Basile	Kathleen Hall	Bob McEvoy	Claire Scott
Linda Berry	Charlotte Hallohan	Margaret McGinness	Carol Seiffert
Mary Bessner	Melanie Harrison	Carolyn McNichols	Joanne Semonetti
John Brooks	Leslie Haywood	Melina Megaris	Judy Shea
John Calahan	Gerald Heyen	Nancy Meleo	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Christine Canapari	Mary Kay Hoban	Carlos Metz	Teresa Shengulet
Tiffany Baumann Cantelupe	Karen Hohne	John Miller	Annette Sholette
Kathleen Caputo	Cheryl & Jeff Horkey	Shirley Moran	Liam Sjostrom
Christine Cassara	Val Hunt	Ed Moriarty	Kathleen Skahill
James Castaldi	Madeline Hurley	Rich Moriarty	Jean Smith
Rosalia Castro	Mary Hutten	Rev. Richard Mueller	Jeff Smith
Members of the Claussen Family	Helen Hyduk	Sebastian Nagy	Ray Stankard
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Jim Diamante	Kevin Nichols	James Patton	Peter Tunucci
Carol Dickeson	Colleen Kirkmaier	Michael Paul	Dolores Varone
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Nancy Dineen	Al LaRocco	Patty Pilkington	Jim Vinton
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Ann Marie Esposito	Wayne Lee	Ginny Poon	Eileen Wharburton
Tiffany Feidler	Irma Leonard	Joe Pohorer	Maureen Wilkinson
Troy Feidler	Mary Lenick	Kathleen Preston	Tom Wright
Thomas O. Flood	William Line	Angela Preuss	
	Victor & Marie Louise Lisabeth	David Pupo	
	Shari Lussier		

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

LET US PRAY...

FEBRUARY 24, 2013 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Please see page 20 for the consolidated financial statement (July 1 – December 31, 2012) with a comparison to the same period last year. This six month statement encompasses four of the months where we generally operate “in the red.”

I will now touch on a few points of interest with regards to the statement.

The most glaring item appears on the first line as Offertory Collection. As you can see, we recognized an increase of nearly 20% over the same period in 2011. Total receipts for the six month period increased nearly 13%.

Income from the Divine Gift Boutique increased nearly 32% over the same period last year.

On the expense side, after very few staffing changes, we were able to reduce salary expense by over 2%.

Under facilities expense, you will notice an expenditure of \$72,222 for property and liability insurance. This expense is generally not recognized until the second half of the fiscal year. Due to much better than expected cash flow for the first six months, we were able to recognize this expense in September. By doing so we were able to take advantage of a 3% discount for early payment, thereby saving the parish over \$3,000.00.

We were also able to recognize a larger portion of our tuition subsidy responsibility during the first six months of the fiscal year.

Due to a complete new line of merchandise in the Divine Gift Boutique, expenses increased substantially. Sales thus far in the second half of the fiscal year have increased nearly 100% over the same period last year.

Overall, we recognized a loss of just under \$10,000.00 for the first six months of the fiscal year versus a loss of over \$138,000.00 in the same period last year. All of this while recognizing numerous expenses earlier than expected. This bodes extremely well for us moving forward. And let’s not forget that we exceeded our goal for the 2012 Catholic Faith Appeal. So not only will we not have to recognize a CFA expense in the next six months, we will instead have an extra \$60,000.00 returned to the parish to be used for our parish ministries.

None of this would be possible without your continued generosity. Thank you so much!



Since we are discussing finances, did you take a glance at the collection summary for last week? The offertory collection was in excess of \$50,000.00. This was the first time that we have broken the \$50,000.00 threshold since February of 2007. Allow me to thank you once again for your extreme generosity. As I have mentioned on numerous occasions, we generally operate “in the red” seven out of twelve months. We depend on the increased seasonal income in order to build a buffer to allow us to survive the lean summer months. As you know, our average weekly operating budget hovers around \$27,000.00 depending on the time of year. During the months of May through October, we fail to meet budget and must use our surplus to operate efficiently.

Please see the registration form in this bulletin (*page 19*) for Family Fun & Ministry Day. Please complete the form and either drop in the offertory basket or return to the parish office by March 10. Remember that there is NO COST associated with this event, however, we must have a fairly accurate count in order to ensure that we have enough food on hand to satisfy everyone. We want you in attendance for this family-oriented day!

Tickets for the St. Patrick’s Day Party are now available in the parish office for a cost of only \$25 each. The ticket price includes a full Irish buffet and an open bar complete with Irish Whisky and Bailey’s Irish Cream. (*See page 21 for more details.*) Please join us for this fun event while supporting our St. John’s St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Have you attended a Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Bake this Lenten season? If not, I strongly suggest you do so. The Knights offer a healthy baked alternative to the typical Friday Lenten Fish Fry. For only \$12, you will receive a full meal complete with a fantastic Clam Chowder. There is also a children’s menu for only \$5. Chef Marty takes painstaking detail to ensure that each piece of fish is prepared to perfection. Please support your Knights of Columbus and give it a try. You will be pleasantly surprised.

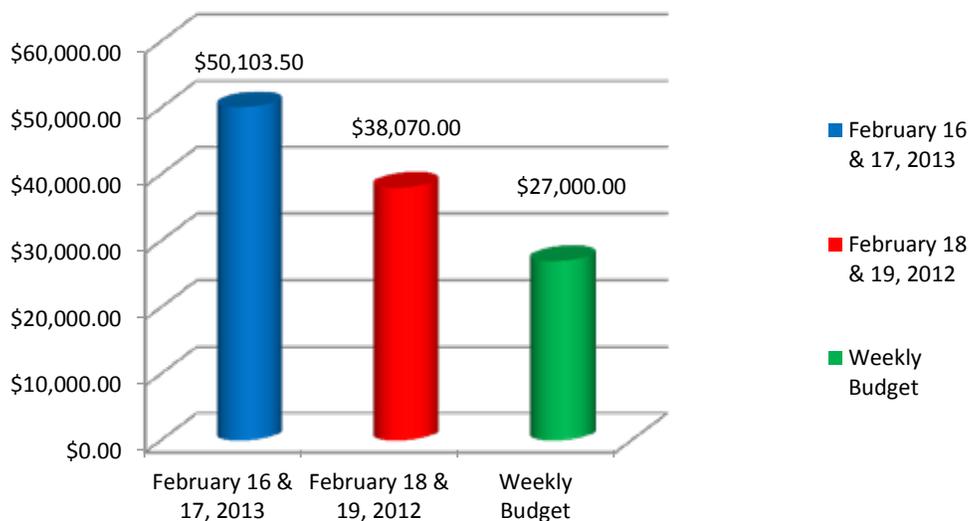
Please welcome Randy Dwayne Harrison II (born February 16 at 9:45 p.m., 6 lbs. 14 oz., 18 1/2 inches) as the newest

member of our parish family. Randy II is the son of Melanie, our long time administrative assistant. Congratulations to Melanie and Randy on the arrival of your beautiful baby boy.

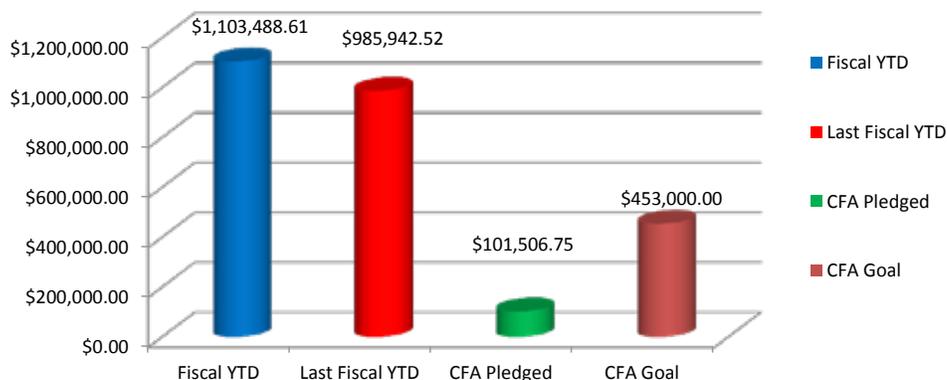
In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager

Collection Summary



Fiscal YTD (7/1/2012-6/30/2013) & CFA Summary



*The Catholic/Jewish Dialogue
invites you to experience a
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led by*

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at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 11

in the St. John's PLC

*Don't miss this opportunity
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the Jewish liturgy and ritual foods
of the Last Supper of Jesus*

Reservations required

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Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry, pure and ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - gi-ving, I'll be a li - ving sanc-tu - a - ry for you.

Kyrie • 4 (page 5 of the missalette)

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 27) Music by Tom Oram. © 2013, A Chasing After Wind Music (BMI). All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Response (cf. v.1a) The Lord is my light and my salva-tion. The Lord is my light and my sal - va-tion.

Gospel Acclamation

Lenten Gospel Acclamation Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

Preparation Song **Deep Within** David Haas Reprinted under OneLicense.Net A-718037. All rights reserved.

Deep with - in I will plant my law,
not on stone, but in your heart.
Fol - low me, I will bring you back, you will
be my own, and I will be your God.

Verses

1. I will give you a new heart, a new spir - it with -
2. Seek my face, and see your
3. Re - turn to me, with all your
D.C.
in you, for I will be your strength.
God, for I will be your hope.

Communion Songs **This Is Jesus** Jim Cowan



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

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

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

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

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354 The Lord Is My Light Christopher Walker

Closing Song **237 The Glory of These Forty Days** ERHALT UNS, HERR

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Upcoming **Friday, March 15th**, at 7 PM in the Church: **REPENT & BELIEVE,**
our annual Lenten service of sung prayer

The Word & Life

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Luke 9:28B-36

The Voice That Calls to Each of Us

*I*n our gospel today we recall the event of Christ's transfiguration. As the apostles headed out for a walk with their Rabbi, they probably had no idea what would happen as they climbed the mountain to pray. They encounter the extraordinary magnificence of God on what they thought would be another ordinary day. Peter, James and John witnessed the face of Jesus change in appearance as well as his clothes. In this moment the apostles realize that Jesus is more than ever they imagined. One could say that they experienced Christ in his divinity and glory. The voice from heaven tells them, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Jesus' authority is given him by heaven – an authority that brings eternal life, not only to the apostles but to the entire world.

The voice spoken from heaven, also invites us to listen to words of Christ. Every time we hear the gospel proclaimed, we encounter God's voice speaking to us. Jesus always speaks to the heart of the matter in the midst of the vast circumstances in which he finds himself. Whenever we hear the words of Christ calling us to forgive, to heal and transform our lives in the proclamation of the gospel and the homily of the priest, God is speaking to the heart of our own situation – especially when the Liturgy of the Word strikes a chord.

We are also all called to see the extraordinary reality of God in the ordinary things that we take for granted. If we look through the lens of our Christian experience, then we will ultimately find Christ in places where he has always been. The face of Christ changed in appearance on the mountain 2000 years ago – today that face is transfigured in many different guises. Jesus, God's Son, continues to speak to us every time we come to the mass. Jesus is present in the Sacred Word proclaimed to us. Jesus appears to us at the altar under the forms of Sacred Bread broken,

Reflection Questions

1. Identify the ways that Jesus speaks to you?
2. What challenge is he giving to you?
3. How does the gospel shape your life?
4. In what ways does the reality of Jesus change your life?
5. If Christ were sitting in your living room with you, what do you think that he would be asking you?
6. Are you willing to respond to such wisdom?
7. Where do you feel that Christ is present in the world?
8. What does that mean for you?

and blessed wine outpoured. However, his presence is not to be limited to our Mass. At the very end of the Mass, we are called to go in peace and encounter Christ in society. We are challenged to see Christ's presence in the face of the poor, to hear his voice in the voices of the vulnerable who have no-one to speak for them, and to embrace Christ in the needs of our world. This act of listening involves a great sacrifice and act of will to recognize the divine fingerprint of God engraved upon the shattered souls of our society.

The event of the Transfiguration reminds us that God reveals himself throughout human history. Peter, James and John receive a foretaste of Christ's divinity and resurrection. As we recall this experience today, we call to mind the glory of Christ that will be revealed to us in the transition from this life to eternal life. As we, and all those belonging us leave this world, Christ will illuminate the darkness of death and lead us to a place of eternal light.

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



Prayer

As we continue to go through our Lenten journey, we pray that we open our hearts and our eyes to your presence around us, O Lord Jesus. May we be attentive to the needs of others around us. Enable us to hear your voice calling out to each one of us. Inspire us to be generous with our time and our treasures to transfigure the darkness of the world into a beacon of light and hope. Amen.

Wisdom of the Fathers

“Today’s Gospel reading also reminds us of this, re-proposing to us the episode of the Transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor. Awestruck at the sight of the transfigured Lord who was speaking with Moses and Elijah, Peter, James and John were suddenly overshadowed by a cloud, out of which came a voice which proclaimed: “This is my beloved Son on whom my favour rests; listen to him”.

When one has the grace to live a strong experience of God, it is as if one is living an experience similar to that of the disciples during the Transfiguration: a momentary foretaste of what will constitute the happiness of Paradise. These are usually brief experiences that are sometimes granted by God, especially prior to difficult trials.

No one, however, is permitted to live “on Tabor” while on earth. Indeed, human existence is a journey of faith and as such, moves ahead more in shadows than in full light, and is no stranger to moments of obscurity and also of complete darkness. While we are on this earth, our relationship with God takes place more by listening than by seeing; and the same contemplation comes about, so to speak, with closed eyes, thanks to the interior light that is kindled in us by the Word of God.

The Virgin Mary herself, among all human creatures the closest to God, still had to walk day after day in a pilgrimage of faith (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, n. 58), constantly guarding and meditating on in her heart the Word that God addressed to her through Holy Scripture and through the events of the life of her Son, in whom she recognized and welcomed the Lord’s mysterious voice.

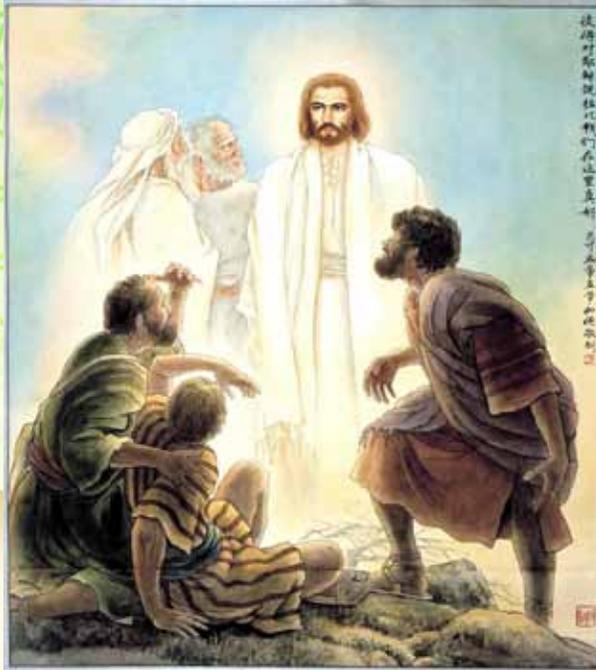


Pope Benedict XVI from the window of his apartment overlooking St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican February 17. (Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)

And so, this is the gift and duty for each one of us during the season of Lent: to listen to Christ, like Mary. To listen to him in his Word, contained in Sacred Scripture. To listen to him in the events of our lives, seeking to decipher in them the messages of Providence. Finally, to listen to him in our brothers and sisters, especially in the lowly and the poor, to whom Jesus himself demands our concrete love. To listen to Christ and obey his voice: this is the principle way, the only way, that leads to the fullness of joy and of love.”

— Pope Benedict XVI, *Angelus Address: 12 March, 2006*

Faith Formation



Transfiguration of Jesus

Mark Your Calendar

March 20

First Communion Activity Night

March 28-31

Easter Triduum

May 3

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

May 4

First Holy Communion Ceremony

Faith Formation News

First Communion Activity Night...will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 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. All sacramental students must participate.

Easter Triduum...starts on the evening of Maundy Thursday and ends at Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Thus, the Triduum consists of three full days which begin and end in the evening.

First Holy Communion Rehearsal...will be on Friday, May 3, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom and the church. This will be the only rehearsal. Attendance is mandatory for all children receiving the sacrament.

First Holy Communion Ceremony...will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the church. Sacramental students should report to their teachers in the ballroom at 9:00 a.m. for pictures and final preparations. Cake and refreshments will be served afterwards outside the main entrance of the church.

Faith Formation continues on page 17



By Kathleen M. Carroll

When my eldest graduated from basic training, he stood in formation with the rest of his unit—dozens of young men in black trench coats and black berets carrying rifles and the same stern, serious expressions. Though I hadn't seen my son in weeks, I stood and stared with all the other families: None of us could pick out our own children.

Today's Gospel story of the transfiguration reminds us how hard it can be to see people—especially those to whom we're closest—as they really are. We clothe our family members with labels and rarely check to see if they still fit. It can sometimes take a dramatic experience to demonstrate that "the funny one" is clinically depressed or "the slacker" has become wildly productive.

It might be a good Lenten discipline to try to see our loved ones as though we're meeting them for the first time. We may find a few surprises close to home. And it wouldn't hurt to look at ourselves with new eyes as well. That could be the biggest surprise of all.

Bringing Home the Word, February 24, 2013, Franciscan Media

Scripture

LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

Transfiguration of the Lord

The Transfiguration of the Lord is one of the most spectacular events in the Gospel. Jesus took Peter, John and James up a mountain to pray. Jesus became a radiant figure and began to talk with Elijah and Moses.

The three discussed Jesus' coming journey to Jerusalem and what awaited him there – his death and Resurrection. A cloud came over them and a voice said, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him."

This Gospel shows that Jesus was a man of prayer. He often went off by himself to pray. In fact, some think this was Jesus allowing his disciples a glimpse into his prayer. It was at such a high level that he could converse with prophets and hear God's voice.

Praying is not only for times of trouble or danger. Prayer is something for us to learn and to do regularly. It involves talking and listening. By listening we learn to hear God's voice in us.

What can a parent do? Reinforce the importance of prayer to children by joining them in prayer at bedtime and any other occasion that arises.

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

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
THIS WEEK**

GRADE 1

Life Question: What will you be when you grow up?

Gospel Question: What are some ways you can pray to Jesus?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: How can you walk with Jesus during Lent?

Gospel Question: How do the Holy Spirit and voice from the cloud bless Jesus?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: Who are two people you admire and imitate?

Gospel Question: What do Peter, James, and John realize about who Jesus is in the Gospel?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus' appearance in the Gospel reveal about who he is?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: When have you witnessed suffering?

Gospel Question: What do Peter, James, and John learn on the mountaintop with Jesus?

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Easter Food Baskets for Needy in Immokalee

Guadalupe Social Services/ Catholic Charities Dioces of Venice is again preparing to distribute over 575 Easter Food Baskets to those most needy in Immokalee.

If you wish to share in this effort to feed the farmworkers who bring food to our tables, please send your contribution to Guadalupe Social Services, PO Box 5034, Immokalee FL 34143.

The estimated cost of each Easter Food Basket is \$26.

The Knights of Columbus will host "Friday Night Fish Bake"

at St. John the Evangelist PLC during Lent
Dinner will be served from 5 PM to 7 PM

Remaining Friday Nights in Lent: March 1, 8 and 15

(No Fish Bake on Good Friday)

\$12.00 Adults, • \$5.00 under 10 yrs. old

Tickets at Door Only



Take Outs Available

Menu

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

"Friday Night Fish Bake"



(Top) Chef Marty Welzmuller, of the Knights of Columbus, adds garnish to the baked fish prior to plating it for the first Fish Bake of the season. (Immediately Above) Other Knights and spouses set up the food for serving.



Catholic Men's Conference

Celebrate the Year of Faith



Scott Hahn

An exceptionally popular speaker, author and teacher, Dr. Hahn has delivered numerous talks nationally and internationally on a wide variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith. Hundreds of these talks have been produced on audio and video by St. Joseph Communications. His talks have been effective in helping thousands of Protestants and fallen away Catholics to (re)embrace the Catholic faith. He is currently a Professor of Theology and Scripture at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he has taught since 1990, and is the founder and director of the Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology.



Dr. Peter Kleponis

Peter C. Kleponis completed his doctorate in psychology at Capella University. He is a Licensed Clinical Therapist and is Nationally Certified Counselor. Peter has participated in the development of a new DVD series with Catholic Familyland on the addiction that is most damaging to marriages and families today - internet pornography.

Gus Lloyd

Gus is a husband and father of four. He has hosted the morning show on Sirius Catholic Satellite Radio since 2006. Gus is the author of the popular book *Magnetic Christianity*. He speaks at conferences and parishes around the country on topics ranging from spirituality to apologetics to being a Catholic in today's world.



Saturday, March 2, 2013
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Closing Mass at 2 p.m.

PLACE: Bishop Verot High School • 5598 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers
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Diocese of Venice Attn: Men's Conference,
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For more information, call the Diocese of Venice at 941-484-9543.

Family Fun and Ministry Day

Sunday, March 10 from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Meet with representatives from the Ministries and enjoy a family fun-filled afternoon.

A celebration of all of our families.

Event will be held in the courtyard, ballroom and back fields near the Claussen Center.



If you are a retiree, single parent or the parents of a family of 12, We want you in attendance!

Something for Everyone!



- bounce houses and obstacle courses
- a dunk tank
- a climbing wall
- numerous crafts
- a balloon toss
- potato sack races
- a cake walk
- and many more activities
- a clown and a juggler who fabricates balloon characters
- live entertainment in the ballroom for those wanting to simply relax



Food and More Food!

- a full picnic fare complete with hamburgers and hot dogs
- snow cone, cotton candy and popcorn
- Beer and wine



ABSOLUTELY FREE, but you must RSVP by March 6.
Family Fun and Ministry Day (March 10) RSVP

Please complete and drop in the collection basket or drop off in the parish office. Thank you for your co-operation.

Family Name _____

Number in family attending _____

Phone Number _____

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Statement of of Receipts and Disbursements

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013

Receipts	<u>July 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012</u>	<u>July 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Assessable Receipts			
Offertory Collection	811,468	678,838	19.54%
Special Parish Collections	2,013	4,302	
Rental Income	13,932	18,202	
Votive Candle Offering	11,614	11,318	
Interest on Checking Account	534	484	
Total Assessable Receipts	839,561	713,144	126,417
Non Assessable Receipts			
Religious Education Fund Drives and Fees	12,734	12,664	
Gifts and Donations (restricted)	31,635	33,095	
Youth Ministry	4,711	1,095	
Interest Income - Diocesan Savings Accounts*	3,349	4,164	
Bequest	-	-	
Mass Stipends	4,321	4,179	
Stole Fees	12,838	12,225	
Total Non Assessable Revenue	69,588	67,422	2,166
Other Income			
Festival Income	-	1,070	
Religious Store Income	8,597	6,830	
Memorial Garden Income	40,850	61,350	
Total Other Income	49,447	69,250	(19,803)
Total Receipts From All Sources	958,596	849,816	108,780 12.80%
Disbursements			
Personnel Expense including Salaries and Benefits (10 full time and 17 part time clergy and laity)***	454,532	464,931	(10,399) -2.24%
Facilities Expense (includes rectory)			
Repairs, Maintenance, and Cleaning	129,452	128,111	
Church Renovations (Includes lighting)	45,071	99,578	
Utilities including telephone costs	60,075	64,500	
Property and Liability Insurance/Taxes*	72,222	173	
Rent and Household Expenses	15,719	21,837	
Table Expense	2,544	2,375	
Vehicle Maintenance and Insurance	1,930	467	
Janitorial/Cleaning	4,047	5,263	
Total Facilities Expense	331,060	322,304	8,756
Ministry Expense			
Music Expense	16,371	15,521	
Religious Education including R.C.I.A.	9,991	19,552	
Continuing Education and Retreats	-	6,024	
Religious Publications	835	101	
Hospitality	10,501	10,272	
Youth Ministry	2,902	3,505	
Family Life	4,406	3,744	
Pastoral	10,118	9,591	
Liturgy Expense	19,019	20,916	
Total Ministry Expense	74,143	89,226	(15,083)
General and Administrative Expense			
Advertising Expense	1,232	1,714	
Subsidy to Parishes	32,500	31,274	
Tuition Assistance	14,629	6,505	
Office Expense	15,743	26,702	
Contracted Services	7,023	11,367	
Stewardship and Fund Raising	13,958	10,506	
Total General and Administrative Expense	85,085	88,068	(2,983)
Other Expenses			
Festival Expense	-	746	
Religious Store Expense	13,681	5,918	
Memorial Garden Expense	9,532	16,803	
Total Other Expense	23,213	23,467	(254)
Total Disbursements	968,033	987,996	(19,963)
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts	(9,437)	(138,180)	128,742

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
23rd ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH
March 22nd, 2013
5 P.M. MASS FOLLOWED BY DINNER/DANCE



Celebrant/Homilist: Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia, S.A.C., S.T.D., V.F.

("la tavola di San Giuse")

ENTERTAINMENT: "LEGENDS OF LAS VEGAS."

Sit down Traditional St. Joseph Feast Dinner (Catered by "Frisco's")

Soup & Salad Course

Italian market salad served with a classic minestrone soup.

Entree

Grouper broiled with Italian bread crumbs and pimento herb butter, Penne Pasta Milanese & fave beans sauteed with sweet peppers and red onions.

Dessert

Masarcapone Stuffed Zeppole



Open Bar 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

All Tickets \$40.00 per person (Tables of 8 available)

Tickets on Sale in February after Masses, PLC, or Contact Bill Warvel

wwarvel@aol.com; 239 331 7151



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St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday, March 17th 🍀 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

| Dinner 🍀 Dancing 🍀 Silent Auction |

| Music by Jim Dalia "The DJ with Class" |

Open Bar 🍀 Traditional Corn Beef Dinner 🍀 Casual Dress
Be Wearing Your Green!

Tickets: \$25.00 per person. On sale in the Parish Office
Please make checks payable to: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

BIG BAND DANCE

Remaining Dances:

Tuesday, March 5
Tuesday, March 19
Tuesday, April 2

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in

St. John PLC

\$10.00 cash only
at the door

- includes snacks

Dance to the Music of the

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Understanding the Gospels

Presented by Deacon Hal Brenner

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is conducting a course on **Understanding the Gospels** which continues on consecutive Tuesdays. Classes are held from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Parish Life Center. The course will cover the four Gospels with background on when, why and to whom they were written, as well as the central themes of each Gospel. Also presented will be methods to read, understand and interpret the Bible.



Course Objective

The objective of the course is to develop a richer understanding of God's message to us and to grow in our faith. All are welcome and there is no charge for the class. To register please call Deacon Hal Brenner at 566.8740, extension 174 and leave a message.

Class 8 - 2/26/13 Key Biblical Dates

Luke's Good News

Class 9 - 3/5/13 Tools for Biblical

Interpretation

Luke's Good News of Mercy

Class 10 - 3/12/13 The Bible — Process and Understanding

Luke's Grand Finale

Class 11 - 3/19/13 How to Read the Bible

The "Un-Synoptic" Gospel

Class 12 - 3/26/13 Review/Summary/ Images of God

John's "Book of Signs"

Class 13 - 4/2/13 THE Relationship

From Death to Life

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