

March 10, 2013
Fourth Sunday of Lent



the
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SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Journey to Calvary



Bible Story Time continued to celebrate Lent with an inter-active and age-appropriate Stations of the Cross for our little ones. Children made their own cross, wore Jesus' garment and held Veronica's cloth. Bible Story Time participants walked over to the church, talked about each station, and sang "God Is So Good." When Jesus fell for the first, second and third time, the children also fell. They wiped their faces as Veronica did for Jesus with a tissue. The children also surrendered their garment as Jesus did. We concluded by praying the Our Father. It was a wonderful introduction to Christ's journey to Calvary.

(text and photos by Jennifer Grenardo, Bible Story Time Director)



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www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com • E-mail: info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com
Daily Mass: 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. & Noon, 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****March 9, 2013****Saturday**

8:00 AM + Henry Fetzer

Ralph & Pat Riley

Vigil Masses

3:00 PM + The Griffin Family

Geraldine Griffin

5:00 PM + Frank Sestito

Sandy & Al Pistocchi

March 10, 2013**Sunday**

7:00 AM + Rita Pritchard

Mary Lou Doucette

9:00 AM + Joan & Al Moser

Children

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Dr. Frank Healey

Redden Family

5:00 PM + Brianna Marie Harrison

Mom, Dad & Family

*Altar Flowers in Memory of Ryan Healy - Requested by Joyce & Neil Glynn***March 11, 2013****Monday**

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

Janet D'Addario

9:00 AM + Sue Boucher

Jackie Gibson

Noon + Gloria Doogan

Dennis Doogan

March 12, 2013**Tuesday**

8:00 AM Virginia Wieburg

Forrest & Mary Ann Murphy

9:00 AM + Faro Agrusa

Frank & Maria Leone

Noon + Franz Kofler

Family & Luis Kofler

March 13, 2013**Wednesday**

8:00 AM + Marie (Dolly) Scornavacca

Genevieve Ardito

9:00 AM + Elemer & Octavia Rosenthal

Jan Tremblay

Noon + Albert Paré

Joe Oxx

March 14, 2013**Thursday**

8:00 AM + Albert Paré

Jennie & Perry

9:00 AM + Faro Agrusa

Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppe Alongi

Noon + Mario Magistro

Vincent Perrotta

March 15, 2013**Friday**

8:00 AM + Mario Magistro

Marie Gianni

9:00 AM Jane Sheehan

David & Sally Russell

Noon + Mrs. Giovanelli

Lee & Blasing Penkowski

March 16, 2013**Saturday**

8:00 AM + Robert DeShields

Village Oaks Kindergarten Team

9:30 PM Celebration of St. Patrick

Vigil Masses

3:00 PM + Virginia Schneitz

Mary Heet

5:00 PM + Keith Kurnath

Ken & Marianne Kurnath

March 17, 2013**Sunday**

7:00 AM + Pat Conway

Peter DeFrancesca

9:00 AM + Joan & Al Moser

Children

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Dr. Frank Healey

Irene Opalka

5:00 PM + John Flynn

William & Patricia Pfau

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, March 9, 2013****St. Frances of Rome**

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Vigil Masses

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32. *Alternate readings (Year A):*

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Sunday, March 10, 2013**Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny;***Daylight Saving Time begins;**Girl Scout Sunday*

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32. *Alternate readings (Year A):*

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Monday, March 11, 2013

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 14, 2013

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 15, 2013**Abstinence**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 16, 2013

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Vigil Masses

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;

Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps

130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Sunday, March 17, 2013**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;

Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps

130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5 available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 and 5:00 p.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.**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...**

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Life Matters



As we battled the cold last week, reports came from 40 Days for Life all across the country of people praying in subzero temperatures, even in the middle of the night. Those stories are so inspiring! You can read about all those wonderful stories at 40daysforlife.com and sign up to receive the daily stories and prayers. When we find it hard to give up an hour of praying, think of those praying around the country where it's 17 degrees in the middle of blowing snow outside. All of this is worth it for 245 babies saved so far in this campaign, that we know of. We literally have it made in the shade, thanks to our new respect life SPF 50 umbrellas. Those umbrellas make praying in the Florida sun a whole lot easier, regardless of the weather. Look for us today at the parish picnic to sign up for our last opportunity to pray as a parish community in this year's

40 Days for Life campaign, which is Tuesday, March 12. The campaign runs through March 23.

The Naples Pro Life Council has announced that they will be bringing in a Sidewalk Counselor Trainer on April 5. Contact me, Rosemary Erickson or the Pro Life Council if you feel called to participate in this important work of helping women choose life when contemplating abortion. Attending

the training session is not a commitment to sidewalk counseling; you may attend and find out it's not for you.

One final thought: I had the TV on the other day and a commercial jumped out at me. It was for a technical school, which explained that the biggest problem in America is the lack of skilled workers to fill jobs. Of course, they were trying to sell another person on getting the necessary skills, but I was wondering why we have to go out and campaign for people to fill jobs in order for our American future to be solid? Could it be that we have killed off 55 million American workers in the last 40 years that could have been productive citizens right now?

Please join Fr. John on Tuesday, March 12 in prayer for an end to abortion outside Planned Parenthood in Naples. This 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

Saint John the Evangelist Lenten Schedule

Daily Masses:

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

Saturday Morning Masses:

8:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross:

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.

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

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

Lenten Penance Services – Local Area Churches

St. Agnes – Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

St. Leo – Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs

St. Peter the Apostle – Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.

5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

St. Finbarr – Monday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m.

13520 Tamiani Trail East, Naples

St. Ann – Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

475 9th Avenue South, Naples

St. William – Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

601 Seagate Drive, Naples

St John the Evangelist

Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 9 & 10

Entrance Hymn:	493	Shepherd of Souls
Preparation Hymn:	533	The Cry of the Poor
Communion Hymn:	114	Taste and See
	452	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Closing Hymn:	292	Lift High the Cross

Choral Anthems at the 9 & 11:15 AM Masses

At the Offertory	Come Into His Presence	<i>Lynn Baird</i>
At Communion	My Shepherd Will Supply My Need	<i>arr. Mack Wilberg</i>

Sixth Annual Catholic Bioethics Seminar Saturday, April 13

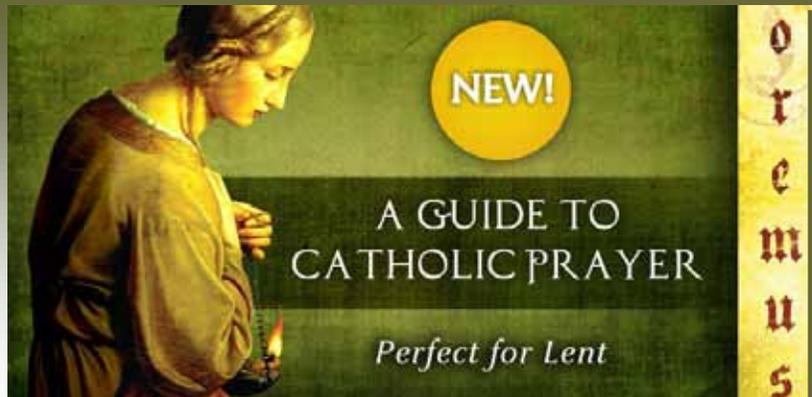
Everyone is invited to the annual Catholic Bioethics Seminar on Saturday, April 13 at Resurrection Parish in Fort Myers. This seminar is designed for physicians, healthcare workers, clergy and students, but anyone with an interest in these topics is welcome. Seating is limited.

World-renowned speakers Rev. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Rev. Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D., Nikolas Nikas J.D. and Wes Ely, M.D. will present bioethical topics from the Catholic perspective.

For more information or to register, visit www.floridacma.org and link to the bioethics seminar. For general questions, call Dr. Steve Hannan at 239.849.6908.

2013 Emerald Ball March 16

Catholic Charities of Collier County invites everyone to the 2013 Emerald Ball on March 16 at the Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort in Naples. Evening includes a live auction, cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. For more information contact: Michelle Doaz, 239.455.2655, michelle@catholiccharitiescc.org, or Ruth Smith at 239.641.7955 or rms59@comcast.net.



Week Two: Wed., March 13th

5:45pm-7:00pm

IN THE LIBRARY @ ST. JOHN'S

“How to Make the Most of your Prayer Time”

JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND WEEK ON CATHOLIC PRAYER

Stephanie Wardein has synthesized the BRAND NEW “Oremus” Study of Catholic Prayer (Ascension Press). This eight week small group study will be condensed to each Wednesday through LENT. Our final meeting will be the Wednesday of Holy Week. This study will prepare you for the Easter Triduum. Join us!

**Join us EVERY Wednesday in the Library from 5:45pm-7:00pm
Catholicism for Catholics with a Finger-food Pot Luck!**

Hygienists and Dental Assistants Needed for Series of Mission Trips to Jamaica

The Jamaica Outreach Program is planning a series of dental missions this year to The Van Domelen Dental clinic on the grounds of our sister Parish St. Pius X in Kingston, Jamaica. Seven dentists have agreed to join the mission trips, but we are having difficulty in securing dental hygienists and dental assistants to complete the mission teams.

A generous donor has agreed to subsidize the traveling expenses of any licensed dental assistant or hygienist who wishes to join the dentists in their service to the poor in Kingston. The clinic is nearly new and is considered a state of the art facility by dental professionals here and in Jamaica.

Interested parties should contact Roger Plante for further information at 239.948.2145 or by e-mailing rogerpsold@gmail.com

Ladies of St. John's Monthly Luncheon March 20 at Worthington Country Club

The Ladies of St. John's monthly luncheon will be on Wednesday, March 20 at Worthington Country Club in Bonita Springs. The cost is \$17.00 all inclusive. Please call Barbara at 261.1894 for reservations and mail a check to Jo Vaccaro, 1941 Curling Ave, Naples, FL 34109 by March 15.

Directions: North on US 41 to Bonita Beach Rd. Make a right and go past 1-75 to the stoplight. Make a right onto Bonita Grande to gate house. Check in with guard. Then make left and drive straight to clubhouse.

Nursery for March 10

On Sunday, March 10 the nursery will be closed after the 11:15 a.m. Mass



The Lenten Season is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery of our Faith. The Arts and Liturgical Environment Ministry prepared the images above to portray this special time leading up to Easter. The scene is located in the church Narthex.

Mass in Celebration of St. Patrick Saturday, March 16 9:30 a.m.

Celebration of St. Patrick Mass on Saturday, March 16 will be at 9:30 a.m. *The 8:00 a.m. Mass is the regular Saturday morning Mass.*

The 9:30 a.m. Mass is the celebration of St. Patrick. Immediately following this Mass St. Vincent de Paul will host a reception with Irish coffee in the Parish Life Center.

All are invited.



Faith and Wine

Jim Towey

Thursday, March 14, 2013

Please join us as we welcome Jim Towey, President of Ave Maria University, who will be speaking to us on "**Lessons We Can Learn From Today's Catholic College Students**". Mr. Towey's presentation last year drew over 300 ladies so make sure you register early! We anticipate that he will deliver an interesting and humorous look at his experiences and observations "from the trenches". He will also talk about what all of us can learn from these lessons.

Thursday, March 14th

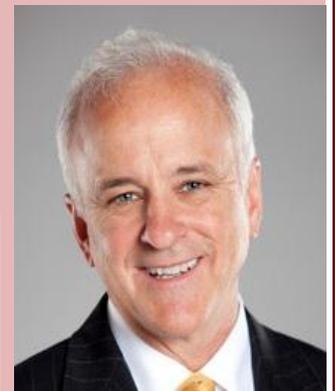
6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom

(625 111th Avenue North, Naples)

\$15 prepay/\$25 at the door

(this includes a light dinner, a glass of wine or other beverage, and the speaker)



We encourage you to pre-pay for this event on or before March 11th by going to www.faithandwine.com and clicking on "Registration for Events". Or you can mail (post-marked before March 7) or drop off (before March 11th) your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." to Mary Beth Clary, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP (in The Mercato) 9132 Strada Place, 3rd Floor, Naples, Florida 34108.

Spotlight on the Youth

by Tiana Ferrante

This is the first installment in what will be an ongoing series of interviews that introduce you to some of the wonderful young people in our youth group.

Youth ministry is more than pizza and socializing after Mass. The educational aspect prepares teens, like me, to stay Catholic after high school. Learning about the Catholic faith in Youth Group has been an integral part of my high school experience. Whether we teenagers learn by exploring the Bible or renewing our commitment to the sanctity of life, we experience God in the Youth Room each Sunday.

One of my favorite memories of Youth Group was our visit to the nursing homes during this Christmas season. Before we arrived via the Naples Trolley, we created Christmas cards for those in the homes. While the fronts of the cards varied in style (some with cute reindeer and others with sophisticated Nativity



scenes), most had "God bless you" and peaceful Christmas greetings written inside. After learning more in Youth Group about the importance of the corporal works of mercy, particularly visiting the sick, my friends and I were enthused and ready to be a light in those lives that night. We shared the joy of Christ with our older brothers and sisters by singing Christmas carols and giving them our homemade cards. Yet, the best part of the night was simply enjoying their smiles and company, along with some Italian cookies and candy canes.

As I prepare to study English and Communication in college up north, I know I will be more proactive about my faith because of my participation in the St. John youth group.



upcoming events:

April 17: Bert Ghezzi
February 19, 2014: Patrick Coffin



DAMIAN GODDARD

SPORTS BROADCASTER, MARRIAGE ADVOCATE

Damian was fired by a major sports broadcaster for supporting traditional marriage. Today, he has a new calling: Defending the Sacrament of Matrimony. His testimony is powerful.

March 20

6 pm - 8 pm

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

Suggested donation at the door: \$15
Season tickets available

Faith & Ale is monthly gathering of men. We gather for food, drink, camaraderie, and an inspirational speaker. All men are invited: the saints, the sinners and everyone in between. Faith & Ale strives to encourage, exhort, and equip men to be spiritual leaders in their homes, workplaces, and parishes.

FaithAndAle.com

Altar Servers:

Neal Borter 804.357.5712

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Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

Calling & Caring:

Deacon Al Groh 566.8740 ext. 125

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Maureen Wurtz 593.0475

Greeters & Ushers:

John Smith 598.2306

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Lectors:

Victor Yopez 290.9090

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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 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 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Circle of Comfort. If you have cancer, or are taking care of someone who does, you may be facing challenges that may leave you feeling overwhelmed, frightened, alone and in need of comfort. Let us share our experience of faith, strength and prayer with you. We help each other live one day at a time through encouragement, prayer, laughter or whatever it takes to bring comfort to each other. Jim or Darlene 495.9741

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

Divine Gift Boutique (located across from the ladies restroom). 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 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)
Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)	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:

Walter Pizzo and Lillian Yope

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

Joan Abele	Jim Follese	Edward Malloy	Timothy Ray
Tom Abele	Barbara Fuller	Ann Maniuszko	Peter Renucci
Deidre Anne Alyward	John & Julia Giblin	F. Mansfield	Linda & Tom Riley
Jacob Andrew	Veronica Glennon	Kim Marino	Marie-Helene Robertazzi
Ed Barber	Richard Goepel	Richard Maynard	Don Robinson
Agatha Barczynski	Patricia Greene	Judy Mazza	Tony Ross
Jerry Barton	Rick Greenwood	Sharon McCarthy	Jesse Sanchez
Makayla Basile	Tim Hagan	Bill McConnell	Maria Scarcella
Jennifer Basile	Kathleen Hall	Catherine & John McCugker	Cathy Schloendorn
Linda Berry	Charlotte Hallohan	Bob McEvoy	Alfred Schrang
Mary Bessner	Leslie Haywood	Margaret McGinness	Claire Scott
John Brooks	Gerald Heyen	Carolyn McNichols	Carol Seiffert
Christine Canapari	Coleen Hill	Melina Megaris	Joanne Semonetti
Tiffany Baumann Cantelupe	Karen Hohne	Nancy Meleo	Judy Shea
Kathleen Caputo	Cheryl & Jeff Horkey	Carlos Metz	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Christine Cassara	Val Hunt	John Miller	Teresa Shengulet
James Castaldi	Madeline Hurley	Shirley Moran	Annette Sholette
Rosalia Castro	Mary Hutten	Ed Moriarty	April Sievers
Members of the Claussen Family	Helen Hyduk	Rich Moriarty	Liam Sjostrom
Anturo Ciro	Mario Incatasciato	Rev. Richard Mueller	Kathleen Skahill
Dotty Combs	Florence John	Sebastian & Josephine Nagy	Jean Smith
Paul Conte	Cade Joslin	Louis Naumoff	Jeff Smith
Nick Crnkovich	Timothy F. Kay	Loretta Necas	Ray Stankard
Edna D'Antuono	Yvonne Keenan	Frank Nicolazzi	Kay Sullivan
Connie D'Mucci	Sr. Margaret Ann Kelley	Peter Nicoletta	Robert Sulski
Brian Davis	Marita Kelly	Tyler Ostos	Pat Sutter
Jim Diamante	Kevin Nichols	Maryla Panagos	Tara and Children
Carol Dickeson	Colleen Kirkmaier	Barbara Parada	Rita Taranto
Diana Dieromin	Toni Kosak	James Patton	Patricia Trapnell
Joseph DiFrancisco	Al LaRocco	Michael Paul	Marge Traver
Nancy Dineen	David Land	Joan Peters	Peter Tunucci
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Ann Marie Esposito	Wayne Lee	Thomas Pimlott	Pat & Heloisa Velasquez
Tiffany Feidler	Irma Leonard	Ginny Poon	Jim Vinton
Troy Feidler	Mary Lenick	Joe Pohorer	Tom Wernes
Thomas O. Flood	William Line	Kathleen Preston	Eileen Wharburton
Donna Flynn	Victor & Marie Louise Lisabeth	Angela Preuss	Maureen Wilkinson
Tara Follese	Shari Lussier	David Pupo	Tom Wright

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

LET US PRAY...

MARCH 10, 2013 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Although we have had an extended cool spell recently with temperatures in the 60s during the day and 40s at night, it looks as though we will receive a break just in time for Family Fun & Ministry Day this Sunday. If the forecast holds, we will be treated to high temperatures on Sunday approaching 80 degrees under sunny skies. That is a far cry from the high

temperature of 58 degrees last Sunday. As a matter of fact, while I write my column, the Mid-Atlantic States are being ravaged by a late season winter storm which will eventually dump upwards of 18" of snow on New England. We sincerely look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday for a truly magnificent event.

It is that time of year again that the beautiful Tabebuia begins its annual bloom. Although I wish it would last longer, the bright yellow bloom is incredibly vibrant and a sure signal of the beginning of spring. Again this year, the Tabebuia bloom is a bit premature due to a very warm January; however the recent cool spell may have slowed the process giving us an extra week or two to appreciate the splendor of this tree. By the way, we have three yellow Tabebuia and one pink on campus.



As of this past Wednesday, we have sold 350 tickets for the St. Patrick's Day party to be held on St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17 in the PLC Ballroom. We are capping attendance at 400, therefore, if you have not purchased your ticket, I strongly encourage you to do so quickly. There will be performances during the evening by the Harp & Thistle band and our very own Irish Dancing troupe, "Tir Na Nog."

During the busy season months, parishioners sometimes end up sitting in the cry room due to space limitations in the sanctuary. While everyone is welcome in the cry room, please respect the parents with children that are seated there with no other options. The cry room is called the cry room for a reason. You will encounter crying children! If you are looking for peace and quiet during Mass, this is not the place for you. If you insist on sitting in the cry room, please do not take out your frustrations on the little ones.

Paul Todd and friends will host a concert for the benefit of the Jamaica Outreach Program on Friday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. The theme of the concert will be "The Great American Songbook" and will feature Paul Todd, Paul Todd, Jr., our very own Gabriela Frei, Christie Cole and Amy Van Wyk. This

show was performed twice last month to sold out crowds and is sure to please. This will also be a great opportunity for those who have not seen Paul perform in quite some time the opportunity to do so. Tickets are \$20 per person and will be available outside of Mass or in the parish office next week. Please see a flyer in next week's bulletin.

As a reminder, Sunday, March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. Because St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year, we will be celebrating the annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 16. St. Vincent de Paul will be the recipient of the entire collection taken on during this Mass. As you know, our St. Vincent de Paul Society assists needy families within our parish boundaries and sometimes beyond. Many families in our parish and community are in need of help in the way of rental assistance, utilities, fuel and even the basic necessities such as groceries. Through the generosity of your donations, St. Vincent de Paul is able to provide for

these families. In addition, the funds raised through our parish St. Patrick's Day party on March 17 will be used to benefit the St. Vincent De Paul Society here at St. John the Evangelist. Between both events last year, we raised in excess of \$18,000.00 to assist families in need. Following Mass, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will once again serve Irish coffee and pastries in the ballroom of the PLC. Entertainment will be provided by the Black Velvet Band, which is composed of members of our very own St. John the Evangelist parish. Don't forget to wear your green!

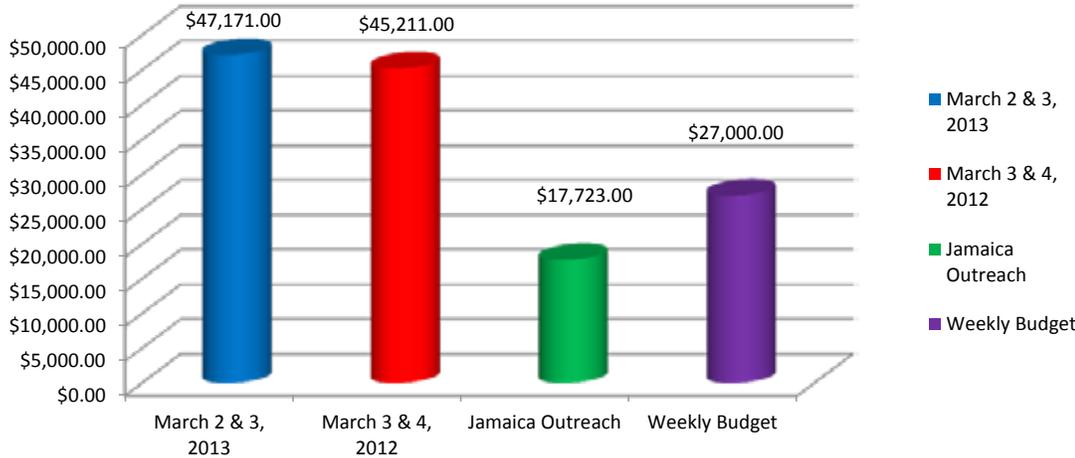
Have you stopped by the "Lest we Forget" Veteran's Memorial recently? We are nearly complete with this project that began in October. Four of the five benches have finally been engraved, the mahogany tree that interfered with the flags has been removed, the parking spot that detracted from the memorial has been turned into landscape, a Cocoplum hedge has been planted and the flags have now been up lit. We still have to place travertine on the four benches and engrave the final bench and we will be finished. You may still purchase engraved pavers at the base of the statue for only \$150.00 each. Ideally, we would like to sell out the entire center of the memorial. If you would like to purchase one, please contact me at 566.1678.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager

SCOTT'S CORNER...

Collection Summary



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



Project Prom Dress 2013 Donations

Help local high school students who might not otherwise be able to attend their proms by donating your new or gently-used men's and women's formal wear and accessories.

Donations may be dropped off at the *Naples Daily News*, 1100 Immokalee Rd., Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or at Platinum Total Fabricare, 3635 Tamiami Tr. N. until March 20.

Garments should be clean, in good condition, and on hangars. For more information call Diane Standish at 239.390.0330.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Understanding the Gospels

Presented by Deacon Hal Brenner

Classes are held from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Parish Life Center. To register please call Deacon Hal Brenner at 566.8740, extension 174 and leave a message.

Remaining Classes:

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

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE:

All Providence College 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.

The Catholic/Jewish Dialogue invites you to experience a

Jewish Seder Ritual

led by

Rabbi Sylvin Wolf

at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 11

in the St. John's PLC

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in understanding the Jewish liturgy and ritual foods of the Last Supper of Jesus

Reservations required

Please call 370-4277

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, March 10, 2013: the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Opening Song **292 Lift High the Cross** CRUCIFER

Kyrie • **4** (*page 5 of the missalette*)

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5 Taste and see, taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord; Taste and see, taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Preparation Song **Enough** Chris Tomlin CCLI Song No. 3599479 © 2002 worshiptogether.com songs | sixsteps Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing, Chris Tomlin | Louie Giglio All rights Reserved. CCLI License No. 2008891.

All of You _____ is more than e - nough _____ for _____ all of me, _____ for ev - 'ry thirst _____ and _____ ev - 'ry need. _____ You _____ sat - is - fy _____ me _____ with Your love, _____ and all I have _____ in You _____ is more than e - nough. _____

V.1) You're my supply, my breath of life
Still more awesome than I know
You're my reward, worth living for
Still more awesome than I know, and *(to Chorus)*

V.2) You're my sacrifice of greatest price
Still more awesome than I know

You're my coming King, you are ev'rything
Still more awesome than I know, and *(to Chorus)*
Bridge) More than all I want, more than all I need
You are more than enough for me
More than all I know, more than all I can say
You are more than enough *(to Chorus)*

Sanctus • **9** (*p. 14, missalette*) Memorial Acclamation (A) • **10** (*page 16*)

Great Amen • (*page 26*) Agnus Dei • **14** (*page 28*)

Communion Songs **114 Taste and See** James E. Moore

Hungry

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Verse 1

Hungry I come to you for I know you satisfy
I am empty but I know your love does not run dry
And so I wait for you; so I wait for you (chorus:)

Verse 2

Broken I run to you for your arms are open wide
I am weary, but I know your touch restores my life
And so I wait for you; so I wait for you (chorus:)

I'm fall - ing on my knees, of - fer - ing all of me.
Je - sus. You're all this heart is liv - ing for.

Closing Song

Trading My Sorrows

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

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

Sacred Music In Sacred Spaces Next FREE Concert:

7 PM in the church, **THIS Friday, March 15**

REPENT & BELIEVE

Our third annual Lenten service of sung prayer, featuring soloists including:

GABRIELA FREI JENNINE FUENTES ELLIE ROBERTS AND MORE

as well as several of our most talented teen musicians and our Adult Choir!

Please join us for a moving and beautiful evening of prayers & praise!

The Word & Life

Joshua 5:9A, 10-12
Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Friend of Sinners

Today's gospel account is often called the "Parable of the Prodigal son". We could also name this parable "The Parable of the Compassionate & Forgiving Father", or "The Parable of the Reluctant Forgiver". Jesus is criticized for his association with tax collectors and sinners. His religious contemporaries looked upon such people with disdain and most definitely disassociated themselves from such company. Jesus' choice to be with the tax collectors and sinners is a radical statement from God who wishes to dwell with those who are most in need of His message of redemption. Jesus' choice of parable is likewise a radical statement of the Incarnate Word, pointing out that God's initiative differs from that of the religious contemporaries of his day.

Let us examine this parable. The younger son is no stranger to sin. He disgraces his father by asking him to give him what would be naturally given him after his father's death. Such an action would bring disappointment to a father. After sinning, the young man decides to turn to his father for help. The response of the father in the story is unconditional love. Obviously, the older son resents the sinner — he refuses to celebrate the return of the prodigal son. This is a very human response to a very broken situation. The father invites the older son to participate in his compassion, mercy and forgiveness. Jesus is clearly demonstrating that it is the will of the Father in heaven to celebrate when a sinner returns to Him and offer his unbounded mercy and forgiveness. He is also teaching us that everyone has the right to be forgiven no matter what sin we have committed. Once we are contrite, the Father waits for our return. The older son represents the resentment that many often feel when someone has been given a second chance. The father in the parable ultimately shows us that we should turn such resentment into gratitude.

This parable challenges all of us to examine the way that we deal with the hurt that others can cause in our lives or those whom we love. When we ponder this parable, most of us could imagine ourselves, if we are honest with ourselves, occupying the shoes of every character of the story. It may well be the case that we have disappointed others by what we have said or done. Hopefully, we have thought about the wrong we have done and have been contrite for such sin and have asked for forgiveness. We might find ourselves in the shoes of the older brother resenting someone we know because of the pain they have inflicted upon us or someone we know. We often find

Reflection Questions

1. Explore each of the three characters in this parable. What does each character represent?
2. When the father catches sight of the prodigal son, who makes the first move in this exchange? Why?
3. How does my personal experience mirror the various aspects of this story?
4. What does sin mean to me?
5. What does it mean to be contrite?
6. When are some of the moments where I have experienced similar reconciliation and mercy?
7. What is my attitude toward those who have sinned against me or others?
8. What is God's attitude toward those people?
9. How is this parable relevant to me?

ourselves reluctant to forgive because we fear being hurt again or find it hard to trust. The character of the father shows us that Jesus invites us to love unconditionally, to forgive unconditionally, and to celebrate the generosity of our God. We are called to hate the sin but always to love the sinner. When Jesus Christ befriends the sinner, he is teaching us that we must do the same. At this point in our Lenten journey we are asked to search deep within and see if there are any person(s) or situations that need to be reconciled. If there are, we are invited to show the mercy and forgiveness of the compassionate Father.

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



Prayer

Lord, help us to be more like you. Let us turn any resentment we have into a gratitude that mirrors your compassion and concern for the world. Help us to be your instruments of forgiveness and peace. Amen.

Voices of Faith

A Parable of Mercy

Father: I formed my son in love
Creating a home, I provide for his care
My wisdom he heeds not
His mind is filled with countless voices

Son: My life is my own
The world is my oyster
I am free to do what I will
And devour what will satisfy me

Father: All that I have is his
My estate I promise to him
My treasure I offer to my son
To bring him security for future days

Son: But why toil on my Father's land
Why wait for freedom in future days?
His estate, his expectations I despise
For they are most displeasing to me in this
day and hour

Father: If only my son could realize
His delight and fulfillment is offered him
now
For our home is his shelter
The power of my love is his strength

Son: I want to wait not for a share of delight
Give mine inheritance now
For the world of indulgence waits for me
The world of delusion entices me

Father: My son I let you go free
With a heart beaten by worry
I surrender my treasure into your hands
Do with it what you will.... I will stand
watchful for your return.

Son: Now I hold treasure in my hand
Free to use it as I see fit
Eat, drink and be merry
Treasure spent on ladies used

Father: Here I stand in blessed estate
Waiting and watchful of the horizon
To catch a glimpse of a son's return
And welcome him to the warmth of home

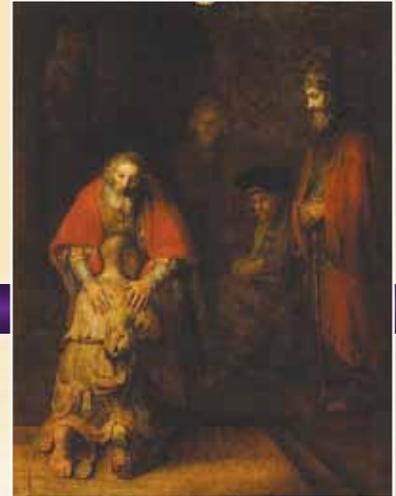
Son: My stomach is now swollen
And groin wasted in sinful pleasure
My desires grow faded, dim and grey
Famine brings me to my knees to
recognize hunger of heart

Father: As my son's heart grows hungry, here
I stand in blessed estate
Waiting and watchful of the horizon
To catch a glimpse of a son's return
And welcome him to the warmth of home

Son: My stomach grows hungry with treasure
squandered
The heart within me yearns for home
"Father I have sinned against heaven and
against you," are my thoughts
"Call me not your son!"

Father: The heart of stone now becomes
flesh, here I stand in blessed estate
Waiting and watchful of the horizon
To catch a glimpse of a son's return
And welcome him to the warmth of home

Son: My journey home sees life spent



And now I capture sight of blessed estate
My Father catches of me and runs to me
"Father I have sinned against heaven and
against you, call me not your son!"

Father: With my arms wide open I welcome
you home
I bid my servants "Quickly bring the finest
robe and put it on him;
put a ring on his finger and sandals on
his feet.

Take the fattened calf and slaughter it.
Then let us celebrate with a feast,
because this son of mine was dead, and has
come to life again;
he was lost, and has been found."

Son: My Father asks not for reasons of
treasure squandered
And bids me welcome home
For freedom and treasure lies here
In the warmth of my Father's home

Father: To you, my son, who look on
You are always with me in blessed estate
Everything I have is yours
Grieve not your brother's return
Your brother was dead and has come to life
again;
He was lost and has been found!
Share with me your Father's mercy!

Image: *The Return of the Prodigal Son*/Rembrandt Source: *WikipediaCommons*

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

Faith Formation



The Prodigal Son

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

I have to be honest. When I first read the story of the Prodigal Son, I thought of the father: “What a jerk!” I had five older brothers (not an Eagle Scout in the bunch) and often thought our parents were too lenient with them. Then I had a prodigal son of my own.

When my oldest enlisted in the army, I was furious. And hurt. And terrified. His deployment meant long, anxious months. He wrote when he could (which wasn’t often) and occasionally found the resources to respond to my worried text messages (“Alive?” “Yep.”) He did get hit badly, but when he came home with all his parts and more sense than he’d left with, all was forgiven. Years later, I’ll still sometimes end a conversation with, “Thanks for not dying in Iraq.” (He usually says, “Yep.”)

As much as we think we want the world to be “fair,” when it comes to spiritual matters, we all skew toward the prodigal. If we’re honest, we know we need God’s forgiveness far more than anyone needs ours. Our faith reassures us that we can have that mercy. In return, we’re asked to spread it around a bit — even to those who might not deserve it.

Brinaina Home the Word. March 10, 2013. Franciscan Media

REFLECTION

Our forgiving Father welcomes us back. We are often like the younger son of this Sunday’s Gospel, who cuts himself off from bonds that bind the family together. He takes his inheritance and goes to a far-off country.

When we break a promise, we break a bond with another person who counts on us to keep our word. When we put down another person as dumb or ugly, we cut them off from our smart, beautiful selves. We find ourselves in a far-off country, cut off from people who keep promises and appreciate friendship.

Jesus uses the story of the prodigal younger son to teach us about his forgiving father. The father in Sunday’s Gospel does not just welcome his lost son home when he has every reason to punish him. The father restores him to the family, gives him new clothes, and throws a party. The father of the story shows us what God’s forgiving love is like.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: Who forgives you?

Gospel Question: Why does the father forgive his son in the Gospel story?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: What does the word forgiveness mean?

Gospel Question: What does the forgiving father show us about what God is like?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: What can you forgive?

Gospel Question: How does the younger son change in the Gospel story?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: What can you forgive?

Gospel Question: What is valuable about how the father in Sunday’s Gospel cares for each son?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: What relationships give life?

Gospel Question: Why does the father in Sunday’s Gospel welcome rather than punish the younger son?

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society
Scholarship Deadline April 19**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Naples District Council has announced its annual scholarship program to assist needy students and their families in attending our local Catholic schools — both high school and elementary.

The Council will once again award the Martin J. Cuniffe Scholarships for students in a Catholic high school or those seeking admission. The scholarship provides \$3500.00 in financial aid.

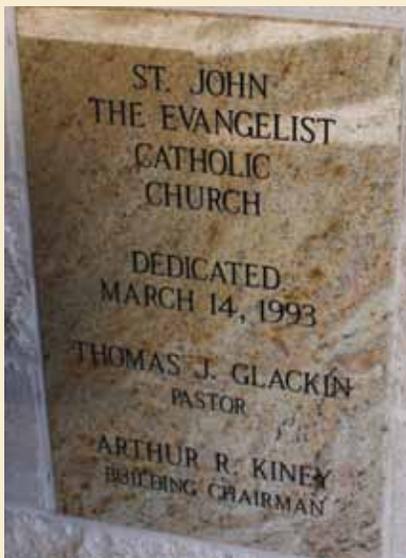
Also being awarded will be \$3000.00 scholarships for those attending or seeking admission in one of our local Catholic elementary schools.

To request an application, please call 775.1667 and ask for Linda. All applications must be received by Friday, April 19, 2013 to be considered. The deadline is strictly observed.

Spotlight on St. John
Did you know?

St. John the Evangelist was dedicated 20 years ago on March 14, 1993. At that time Bishop John Nevins was also presented with the blueprints to St. John the Evangelist. The first Mass at the new church was actually celebrated on December 24, 1992.

A plaque marking the dedication is located on the church building in the front of the church.



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

The Last Fish Bake in Lent: March 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

Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children 12 and Under

GAMES

PIZZA
&
SODA

ICE
CREAM

Saturday, March 30, 2013
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

St. John’s Parish Life Center, Courtyard and Ballroom
Easter baskets optional. Small Easter bags will be provided.

For more information, contact Andy Sanfelippo, 949.7122

Please include: Family Name, Number of Adults & Names & Ages of Children

Family Name	Number of Adults Attending
Names & Ages of Children	

MUST FILL OUT FORM TO PARTICIPATE. Register by Sunday, March 23.
Deposit form in church collection basket or return to parish office during business hours.
Or register online at: www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

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March, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Season of Lent is an appropriate time to reflect on how we have responded to the Gospel call to serve the poor and vulnerable. The Catholic Relief Services Collection reminds us that through our generosity we can help those struggling, both at home and around the globe.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds six Catholic agencies that work for the respect and benefit of our brothers and sisters in need. Catholic Relief Services' programs strive to alleviate poverty in developing countries and advocate for policies and programs that promote global justice and peace. Each program provides vital assistance, from pastoral support to humanitarian aid all over the world.

Funds from this special Collection help make it possible for a delegation from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) to visit India to see the extent of the fight against human trafficking. The Collection allows MRS to provide an on-the-ground response to help put an end to this modern form of slavery.

This Collection in our Diocese is scheduled for the weekend of March 9 - 10, 2013. This is the perfect opportunity for us to express our compassion and generosity.

You may visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information about the Collection and the organizations funded by it.

May God bless you and your families during this Lenten Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

**Next Magnificat Breakfast
Saturday, March 23**

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women. The breakfast will be held Saturday, March 23, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers.

Our speaker, Kathleen Beckman, is a member of the Magnificat Central Service Team. She is on EWTN Catholic TV and Radio. Her book, *Holy Rosary for Purity of Body, Mind and Spirit*, has been featured at priest and seminarian conferences in Europe and United States. "The most important part of my life occurs at daily Mass and holy hour. The fruit of an intensely Eucharistic life is service".

Advanced registration is required by mail. Seating is limited; no walk-ins. Please send a \$20 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Joanne Tarantino, 3315 Bermuda Isle Circle, Unit 128, Naples, FL 34109, or Shirley Ruehl, 11451 Pembroke Run, Estero, FL 33928, 239.949.7015. Requests must be postmarked by March 15.

Easter Spiritual Bouquet



For the Intentions of *(PLEASE PRINT)*

Living _____

Deceased _____

Your donation will furnish the Sanctuary with flowers during the Easter season and your loved ones will be remembered in the Easter Spiritual Bouquet during the Easter Masses. **DROP THE FORM AND DONATION IN**

THE COLLECTION BASKET OR DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS.

For your convenience, envelopes are also available in the Narthex

Donor Name _____ **\$** _____

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

Groupier 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

BIG BAND DANCE

Only Two Dances Left for This Season
Tuesday, March 19 and Tuesday, April 2

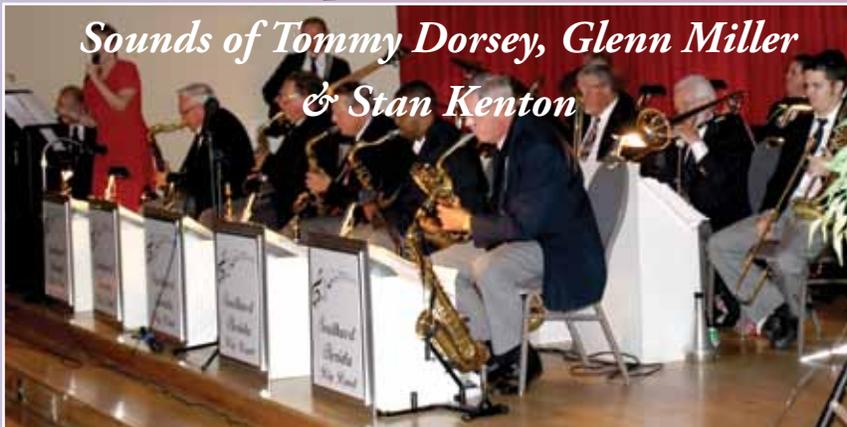
7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist PLC

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



To reserve a table of 8, call 239-394-0470

Singles Welcome

Admission:

\$10.00 cash only at the door ~ includes snacks

Cash Bar: Water and Soda ~ \$1.00

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

- Wine and Mixed Drinks ~ \$3.00

Dress: Country Club Casual
(No shorts please.)

Sponsored by the Men's Club



Direct from the Emerald Isles: The St. John the Evangelist

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

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

Dinner and Dancing

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

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Don't miss out on bidding for some very special gifts.



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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

All proceeds from this event, including the auction, benefit

St. Vincent de Paul Society.

JOIN FATHER JOHN AND YOUR ST. JOHN'S FRIENDS TO THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN

8 Days From Only \$794*

Private Masses with Father John!



Cocktail Party!



JANUARY 18, 2014

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Jan 18	Miami, FL - board		Celebrity Reflection 4:30pm
19	At Sea	~	~
20	San Juan, Puerto Rico	3pm	10pm
21	Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas	8am	5pm
22	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	8am	5pm
23	At Sea	~	~
24	At Sea	~	~
25	Miami, FL	7am	

*Receive \$25 per person discount on this package when making final payment by cash or check!

Reserve your cabin with only \$250 per person

Custom Motor Coach from Saint John the Evangelist Church will be available with minimum 35 passengers. (Free Parking Behind Claussen Center.)



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