

March 11, 2012  
Third Sunday of Lent



the  
EVANGELIST

SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Celebrating Marriage



*Bishop Frank J. Dewane was the celebrant and homilist at the wedding anniversary Mass, Saturday, March 3 with 396 registered couples celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25 years or more. (Photo by Bob Reddy, Diocese of Venice)*

In celebration of marriage, some 396 registered couples, including a couple married for 72 years, attended the wedding anniversary Mass at St. John the Evangelist Saturday, March 3. Bishop Frank J. Dewane was the celebrant and homilist. Twenty-five parishes were represented at the Mass with 153 couples from St. John the Evangelist. In all, 19,110 total years of marriage were represented at the Mass.

In attendance were six couples who were celebrating 70 plus years of marriage. John and Julia Giblin, of St. John, represented the longest-married couple with 72

years of marriage. Frank and Marie Nicolette, of St. John, celebrated 70 years.

Following Bishop Dewane's homily the couples renewed their Marriage Vows and exchanged a kiss.

After the wedding anniversary Mass, the couples were treated to a reception in the Parish Life Center.

In February a wedding anniversary Mass was held at the Epiphany Cathedral in Venice for the parishioners in the northern area. In total, 777 registered couples celebrated their wedding anniversary at one of these two Masses.

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

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

**March 10, 2012 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Brianna Marie Harrison Mom, Dad & Brothers

**Vigil Services**

3:00 PM + Virginia Toth Paula Walsh  
5:00 PM + Matt Szczepank Barbara J. Cascio

**March 11, 2012 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Vicki Martin Sharon Cogan & Matt Nemmers  
9:00 AM + Sue Boucher Jackie Gibson  
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners  
1:15 PM + Jiri Kodera Nancy Tuck & Arthur Goldstein  
5:00 PM + Gloria Doogan Dennis Doogan

**March 12, 2012 Monday**

8:00 AM + Jerome Boyd Bill & Gen Willis  
9:00 AM + Anne Lebreche Kay & Joe Reid  
12:00 PM Kitty McMillan Stanclif James & Kathleen Powell

**March 13, 2012 Tuesday**

8:00 AM + Betty Carrier Loving Husband Lou  
9:00 AM Raymond Catlaw Susan & John Mulligan  
12:00 PM Margaret Reardon John & Margaret Whitaker

**March 14, 2012 Wednesday**

8:00 AM + John Carnavelli Albert & Sheryl Pullano  
9:00 AM + Florence & Primus Miller Jane Miller  
12:00 PM Mary Jane Whitaker & Kevin Melgard John & Margaret Whitaker

**March 15, 2012 Thursday**

8:00 AM + Michael Mazun Joan & John Stile  
9:00 AM Owen Murphy Mary Murphy Wheeler  
12:00 PM John Watson Elsa & James Cattano

**March 16, 2012 Friday**

8:00 AM + Reginald Metcalf Lee Youlio  
9:00 AM + Robert Martin Ginny Martin  
12:00 PM + Paul Hummel Peter DeFrancesca

**March 17, 2012 Saturday ~ St. Patrick's Day**

8:00 AM Thomas O'Rourke Peg Cuschieri

9:00 AM Special Intentions

**Vigil Services**

3:00 PM + Paul & Marie Greenlaw Audrey Olander  
5:00 PM Mathew Garrity Kate Ferreira

**March 18, 2012 Sunday**

7:00 AM Allen Marchioni Joe and Jean Carpino  
9:00 AM + Michael Blacklidge Michael & Ellen Blacklidge  
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners  
1:15 PM Fortunata Puleio Toscano Family  
5:00 PM + Michael Leone Lorraine Leone

*Flowers in Memory of Wendy Murphy Burke ~ Requested by the Family*

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

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, March 10, 2012**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Vigil Services**

Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19;  
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

**Sunday, March 11, 2012**

**Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny;  
Daylight Saving Time begins**

Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19;  
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

**Monday, March 12, 2012**

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday, March 14, 2012**

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday, March 15, 2012**

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday, March 16, 2012**

**Abstinence**

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday, March 17, 2012**

**St. Patrick**

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

**Vigil Services**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10;  
Jn 3:14-21  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**Sunday, March 18, 2012**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10;  
Jn 3:14-21  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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

## *Saint John the Evangelist Schedule for Lent*

### **Daily Masses will be:**

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

### **Saturday Morning Masses will be:**

8:00 a.m.

### **Stations of the Cross will be:**

Fridays following Noon Mass and at 7:00 p.m.  
On Good Friday Stations will also include Veneration of the Cross.

### **Reconciliation:**

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

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

### **Lenten Penance Service:**

April 3, 7:00 p.m.

## ***Calling On All Physicians***

All physicians and health care workers are invited to attend the 5th Annual Catholic Bioethics Seminar on Saturday, April 21. The annual Bioethics Seminar "Dignity and Destiny" will be at the Resurrection Parish Center (on Cypress Lake Dr. in Fort Myers).

World-renowned speakers and authors, including George Weigel, John Haas, Rita Marker and Theresa Deisher will present bioethical topics from the Catholic perspective.

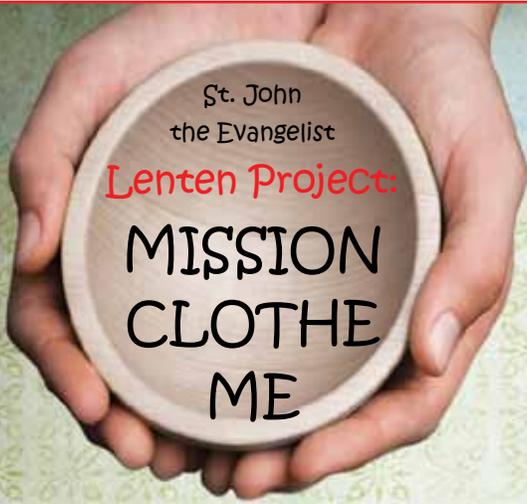
The seminar will make physicians and health care workers aware of the Catholic teachings and how they play a part in those teachings.

The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane at 8:00 a.m. Conference cost is \$30 for general admission, \$10 for students, and is free to clergy. Scholarships are available.

For more information or to register, visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org) and link to the Bioethics Seminar.

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**Next week's bulletin will include the schedule for Holy Week and Lenten Penance Services in our area.**



Join the children and families of St. John the Evangelist and the Mission Office of the Diocese of Venice as we seek to share our blessings with those less fortunate on the Island of St. Lucia...

**How can you help?**

- \_\_\_ Donate clothing from the suggested list.
- \_\_\_ Make a donation to St. John the Evangelist for \$50 for each child you would like to sponsor. Please write "Mission Clothe Me" in the memo if paying by check.

\*\*\*Clothing will be loaded onto a container and sent to St. Lucia in June. Items may be dropped off at the Parish Office from now until June 1st.

We will begin to collect new clothing for infants, children and teenagers right away. The children are in need of everyday play clothes, as well as fancier clothing to wear to church on Sundays. Currently, Wal-mart and Target have clothes on sale for these age groups that are very affordable. Items to begin shopping for include:

**For Boys:** Collared shirts, t-shirts, shorts, dress pants, socks and shoes.

**For Girls:** Sun dresses, dress tops, t-shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes and hair accessories.



## PARISH CLERGY



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

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

## SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

### *Sacrament of Baptism*

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

### *Sacrament of Matrimony*

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

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

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

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

### **All Administrative Staff 239.566.8740**

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

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

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

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

**Choir Director**  
Ellie (VanderMeuse) Roberts: 682.5609

**Sacristan**  
Lorna Woonsam: *Ext. 133*

**Communications**  
Kathy Sims: *Ext. 128*

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

**Religious Boutique**  
Marianne Brooks: 591.4668

### **Education Staff**

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

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

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

Middle School - Tom Oram: 566.8740, *Ext. 179*

**Director of RCIA**  
Margie Lynch: 514.2927

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

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

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

Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
*(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)*

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
(until all are heard)

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Daily Mass:**

*Monday-Friday*  
8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

### **Saturday Vigil Masses:**

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

### **Sunday Masses:**

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

### **Contemporary Sunday Mass:**

5:00 p.m.

## FOR OUR RECORDS

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

## BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Please submit all ordinary time submission requests by Thursday at 10:00 a.m. **10 days prior** to the Sunday publication you are requesting. You can **e-mail:** [kathys@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:kathys@saintjohntheevangelist.com) or drop your submission off in the parish office.

### **Mass Cards**

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

### **Mass Intentions**

We are currently accepting intentions for 2013.

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

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

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## PARISH INFORMATION...

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## Please Be Aware!

March 5, 2012

Dear Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist,

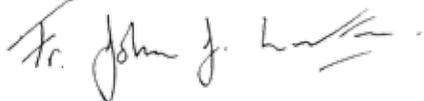
Many of you have probably seen individuals who have been standing at the church doors holding signs and begging after the Masses this past month. People have felt somewhat uncomfortable as they pass by not knowing what to do. Of course, as people leave the Mass, these panhandlers are hoping they can prey on your emotions and Christian sentiments. These individuals are highly organized in going around coffee shops during the week and around various churches during the weekend. They are collecting considerable amounts of money as they plead their cause and make their rounds.

St. John the Evangelist has a very active St. Vincent de Paul Society in which the poor are served on a regular basis. As a parish we remain committed to collecting funds and food to help those who have fallen on bad times. Indeed, we have a St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance which will benefit the poor served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, as well as a collection that will be taken up on St. Patrick's Day at Mass. St. John's is also creating a relationship with St. Matthew's House in which we will give people the opportunity to serve the local homeless. We are most certainly committed to those who are truly poor.

If you are approached by these opportunists in the future, please direct their attention to one of the priests or to one of the staff. I kindly ask that you refrain from offering them money. Money can always be offered to St. Vincent de Paul Society, who in turn will address the poverty of our area. If someone is truly in need, they will certainly receive aid.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. John J. Ludden.

## Pocket Change Sunday Jamaica Outreach Program

Pocket Change builds homes for the homeless in Jamaica  
**Weekend of April 14, 15, 2012**

*Please save up your Pocket Change*

If you will not be here for that weekend, you may drop off your collection at the parish office. Collection baggies are available in the vestibule

**It makes "cents" to make a difference**



***We Thank you....as always***

## Fr. Patrick Desbois to Speak About Slaughter by Christians "Obeying Orders" Thursday, March 22

A coalition of Catholic, Jewish and University groups have arranged a lecture by Fr. Patrick Desbois, a French priest who wrote *Holocaust by Bullets*, an investigative account of the discovery of mass graves of about 1.5 million Jews in the Ukraine and Eastern Europe. The unusual aspect of his discoveries was that instead of mass-murder by trickery of "showers" that were actually gas-chambers, the mass murder was accomplished one-by-one, by a bullet to the head.

He will speak of the horribly personal character of the slaughter by Christians "obeying orders." Fr. Debois lives in Paris, France, and this will be his sole Florida appearance, except for a Clergy Seminar the next day. The lecture will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, at St. John the Evangelist Parish Life Center. Call the parish office for reservations.

## Magnificat Breakfast Saturday, March 24

Magnificat Breakfast will be held Saturday, March 24, 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center in Fort Myers. A ministry to Catholic women, Magnificat welcomes Mother Lucy Lukasiewicz of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, a Franciscan Charismatic Religious Congregation.

Advanced registration required by mail. Seating is limited; no walk-ins. Please send a \$20 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Joanne Tarantino, 16550 Heron Coach Way #206, Fort Myers, FL 33908. Requests must be postmarked by March 16. For more information, call 239.481.6967.

## "Quo Vadis" Discernment Group to Meet Wednesday, March 28 in

Father Cory Mayer, the Director of Vocations, Diocese of Venice, will host a special group meeting for men who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood. The meetings will be held Wednesday, March 28 in the St. John library from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. Attendees will spend time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and participate in a discussion with other men discerning God's will in their life. Food and refreshments will be provided.

For additional information, please call 941.484.9543.

## Thank You

Thank you for your consideration in returning the hymnals and Mass Worship Aid cards in a neat manner to the back of the pews.

The Ushers are extremely grateful.

## PRAYER GROUPS

### Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

The Centering Prayer group meets weekly on Mondays. On Wednesday mornings, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass (9:45 a.m.) Centering Prayer will be held in the Parish Library. Following Centering Prayer, both groups pray Lectio Divina. Everyone is welcome. (Brochures are available in the foyer.)

### Divine Will Prayer Group

Are you hungering and thirsting for the Lord. Come. Grow in the knowledge of his most adorable will where you will be filled to overflowing with his love. The group meets on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. in the Claussen Center, room 15. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

### Liturgy of the Hours

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

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

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

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

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

## THROUGH THE DARKNESS

### BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

#### Ensign Stuart Campbell

U.S. Navy

#### Bradley N. Chartier

U.S. Army

#### Sgt. Chris Counts

U.S. Marine Corp

#### James Cunningham

#### BM3 Charley Davidson

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

#### Specialist Anthony J. Diamante

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

#### Joshua Emmons

U.S. Air Force

#### Lt. Bernardo Garcia

U.S. Marines

#### Lt. Joseph Gilig

1st Marine Division \* LAV Recon

#### Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer

U.S. Marine Corp \* LAV Recon

#### Spec. Adam C. Janes

U.S. Army, Ft. Bragg, NC

#### Lt. John Meyers

U.S. Army

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

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

#### Lt. Martin Palmer

U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

#### Capt. Oliver Schrang

U.S. Army

#### Lt. Joseph Schafer

U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

#### Houng Tran

U.S. Army

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

Deployed on U.S.S. Boxer

## PRAYER LIST

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

Tom Abele	Nancy Fitzgerald	Marjorie Nelson
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Allard	John Flesher	Darlene Nicholas
Jacob Andrew	Thomas Flood	Peter Nicolleta
James Bashaw	Donna Flynn	Frank O'Connor
Jennifer Basile	Fino Giordano	Tyler Ostos
Makayla Basile	Zachary Blaise Goduti	Maryla Panagos
Don Beaton	Ann Gray	Ron Parker & Family
Douglas Becker	Deacon Al Groh	Richard Parkillo
Linda Berry	Jack Haag	Diana Picaro
Anthony Bove	Thomas Hartsell	Angela Perry
Matt Brown	Gerald Heyen	Susan Peterson
John Callahan	Scott Hoban	Joe Pohrer
Edward Carney	Karen Hohne	Angela Preuss
Christine Cassara	Mary Charlotte Hollohan	Timothy Ray
James Castaldi	Don Howley	Dale Reynolds
Baby Murphy Chapman	Val Hunt	Jason Reynolds
Eunice Chowdry	Don Hutten	Joseph Ryan
Senise Clairmont	Mario Incatasciato	Chrisito Sarage
Jordan Cole	Florence John	Leonard Sbrocco
James Conant	Cade Joslin	Carol Seiffert
Jennie Costello	Dawn June	John Skoviak
Thomas Cress	Bob K.	Jean Smith
Virginia D'Agostino	Maggie Kaeser	Jeff Smith
Bart DeBartalo	Wayne Lee	Mary Sobleman
Vincent DeStasio	Lois Liuzzo	Derek Stender
Owen Destino	Anita & Laura Lombardi	Andrew and Christian Suarez
Donna DiMaggio	Ray M.	Betty Sundstrom
Rose Dunn	Gerry Magyar	Margaret Sweikert
Connie Eckert	Jason Matute	Patricia Trapnell
Edelsberg Family	Jeanne Majeskei	Theresa
Teresa Edgerton	Robert Moalli	Winona Ugone
Rita and Carl Edward	Alex Moody	Don Wilson
Nick Episcopo	Rev. Richard Mueller	Thomas Wood
Ann Marie Esposito	Thomas Murphy	Amy Young
Elsa Everstijn		

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

*Please add to the PRAYER LIST*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please print first and last name

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**LET US PRAY...**

# You're Invited

Parish Appreciation Day Picnic  
at St. John the Evangelist

Sunday, April 15th from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Hot Dogs · Hamburgers · and all the fixings

Soda, water and beer included

No admission charge, but pre-registration  
will be required.

More information in future bulletins.

Hosted by the St. John Men's Club

# St. Patrick's Day Masses

8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day Masses on Saturday,  
March 17 will be at 8:00 and 9:00  
a.m. The 8:00 a.m. Mass is the regular  
Saturday morning Mass.

The 9:00 a.m. Mass is the celebration  
of St. Patrick. Following this Mass St.  
Vincent de Paul will host a reception  
in the Parish Life Center.

All are invited.

# Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children 12 and Under

GAMES

PIZZA  
&  
SODA

ICE  
CREAM

Saturday, April 7, 2012

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.** Return by Sunday, April 1.

Deposit form in church collection basket or return to parish office during business hours.

SPONSORED BY ST. JOHN MEN'S CLUB

# J.O.Y. Club Will Celebrate St. Patrick's Day March 15

The senior citizens group, the J.O.Y. Club, will  
have its St. Patrick's celebration on Thursday,  
March 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the PLC. Please call  
the office to make your reservation as Peter  
Heaney will make an Irish dessert for us and  
we need to know the number attending.

We will have an Irish movie and an Irish sing-  
a-long. Wear green!

St. John the Evangelist

Totally  
Catholic VBS



June 11th - 15th  
Celebration Mass and  
Dinner June 16th

For more info:

Contact Char Youngs,  
566-8740, ext. 123 or

charlene@saintjohntheevangelist.com

SAVE THE DATE

**Altar Servers:**

Neal Borter 804.357.5712

**Arts & Liturgical Environment:**

Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

**Calling & Caring:**

Deacon Al Groh 566.8740 ext. 125

**Homebound**

Maureen Wurtz 593.0475

**Greeters & Ushers:**

John Smith 598.2306

**Jamaica Mission:**

Al &amp; Ann Kerns 514.1553

**Lectors:**

Victor Yepez 290.9090

**Daily Mass Lectors:**

Rosemary Slevin 596.7057

**Prayer Group:**

Linda Reilly 821.8982

**Respect Life:**

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

**Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.**

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

**AGA (Alienated Grandparents**

**Anonymous).** Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. First Thursdays 1:00 p.m. in the Library; third Thursdays 7:00 p.m. in the ballroom. www.aga-fl.org

**March 15:** Carol Golly, LCSW - RPT-S, Child Specialist, Licensed Play Therapist, Specialist Collier County Family Law Court Cases. Topic: "Specific Behaviors of the Alienating Parents; What Insidious Specific Behaviors are Used to Effect Parental Alienation in the Child; Long Term Effects on the Children of Alienation".

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

431.7376

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

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

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

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

**Philothea.** Women ages 20-45 meet to support & encourage one another through the joys & struggles of life, work and motherhood in a Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Martha Oram: 566.8740, ext. 177

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

**Religious Gift Shop.** Miniature statues of Saint John, Mary and the Crucifix above the altar are available for \$35.00 each. We still have a few copies of "Women of the Passion" by Joan Lynch of our parish. This is an excellent read for Lent. First communion, confirmation and baptism cards have arrived, as well as special gifts for these occasions. We do have a special Sun Catcher for St. Patrick's Day! Stop in and browse awhile. Open Saturday and Sunday and after daily Mass. 591.4668

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

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

**Sing-A-Long** at Nursing Facilities. Tuesday, March 20 at Arbor Trace in Naples at 3:15 p.m. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

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

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

# Support The St. John the Evangelist Golf Team

***In their effort to help the homeless***



A team from St. John's Parish (Scott Schlossberg, Bob Claussen, Brian Youngs and Jim Coogan) has agreed with other golfers to step out and extend a hand to the homeless of our community. This effort is going to take place during the St. Matthew's House / Immokalee Friendship House 15th Annual Golfathon to be held at Imperial Country Club on April 17th, 2012.

You can help in their effort by sponsoring them or the team in the Golfathon.

Will you sponsor them for \$2.00, 5.00 or even \$10.00 per hole?

All proceeds will benefit St. Matthew's House and Immokalee Friendship House. This ministry offers a homeless recovery program to assist men, women, and women with children take back control of their lives and return to self-sufficiency. They also provide food and other support for

those in need, in an environment that is both compassionate and disciplined. St. Matthew's House depends totally on private contributions for its operations.

Please sign the commitment sheet below with the amount of your sponsorship.

All contributions are tax deductible.

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Yes!! I agree to sponsor St. John the Evangelist Team in the St. Matthew's House / Immokalee Friendship House 15th Annual Golfathon to be held on Monday April 17th, 2012 at Imperial Country Club.

Sponsorship Opportunities PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Contributor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  \$ 10.00/Hole Heaven Sponsor  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  \$ 5.00/Hole Angel Sponsor  
 City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  \$ 2.00/Hole Saints Sponsor  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per Hole  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Specific Gift

On the "memo" area please not the name of player or team being sponsored. If using a company check or a check that does not show the contributor's name and address, please include that information on the check. Please make checks payable to St. Matthew's House, 2001 Airport Rd. Naples, FL 34112 (All contributions are tax deductible.) *The Dean Lind Memorial Golfathon is a fundraising event of St. Matthew's House, a 501 (c)3 not for profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible.*

## ***Follow Up Parish Mission "A Taste of Silence" Continues With Tapes***

For six Mondays, continuing Monday March 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center, the tapes of Father Thomas Keating on Centering Prayer will be shown. All are welcome.

The showing of these tapes on Centering Prayer serve as the follow-up to Father Carl Arico's mission, "A Taste of Silence."

The two St John the Evangelist Centering Prayer meetings are on Monday evenings at 5:30 in room15; and, on Wednesday mornings in the library at 9:45 (following the 9:00 Mass).

## ***Applications Available until April 13 for Catholic School Scholarships***

St. Vincent de Paul Society Naples District Council will once again award \$3,500 Martin J. Cunniffe Scholarships for students in need of financial help who will attend a Catholic high school during the 2012-2013 academic year, as well as \$3,000 scholarships for students who will attend one of the local Catholic elementary schools.

Families of all recipients must be active parishioners.

Please call 775.1667 and ask for Linda for an application. Final deadline for completion and receipt of all applications is April 13, 2012.

## **Hymns for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 10 & 11, 2012**

Entrance Hymn:	<b>374</b>	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Preparation Hymn:	<b>414</b>	Your Words Are Spirit and Life
Communion Hymn:	<b>516</b>	Taste and See
	<b>410</b>	Humbly, Lord, We Worship You
Closing Hymn:	<b>235</b>	Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
<i>Closing Hymn at 9 AM</i>	<b>246</b>	Led By the Spirit



If your eyes are watering, your throat is itching and your nose is running uncontrollably, then you can thank Mother Nature. Due to the lack of cold weather this winter, many of the trees and shrubs that bloom later in the spring are confused and now in full bloom. I have deemed this the “perfect storm” with regards to the multitudes of pollen polluting our breathable air. From Oak to Pine to the dreaded

Melaleuca, many of us are being tortured. In addition, our vehicles are being covered by a thick film of yellow. This past weekend’s brief rain did very little to rid the atmosphere of this “toxin.” Let us hope that all of the flora and fauna have completed their bloom in the next week or so.

As a reminder, Saturday, March 17 is St. Patrick’s Day and we will once again be celebrating the annual St. Patrick’s Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul will be the recipient of the entire collection taken on St. Patrick’s Day. 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 next Friday, March 16, 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!

After nearly a year, Paul Todd is returning to St. John the Evangelist to perform a “Concert for Life” to benefit the Pro-Life ministries of Collier County. The concert will be held on Thursday, March 29 in the ballroom of the Parish Life Center. Special guests include Paul Todd, Jr., Gabriela Frei, Christie Cole and Amy Van Wyk. Tickets are available in the parish office for \$25.00 per person. Please see the flyer in this bulletin for further details.

As you know, we have a very strong relationship with St. Matthew’s House. Representatives from our parish visit local grocery stores on a weekly basis, pick up non-expired food and deliver to the St. Matthew’s kitchen where the food is then prepared for the homeless in our community. Every year, St. Matthew’s House holds a golf-a-thon which has become their single largest fundraiser. Last year, this event netted over \$250,000.00. In 2010, St. John the Evangelist participated in the golf-a-thon

and we have been invited to do so again in 2012 on April 17. I have assembled a team to represent the parish and in the next several weeks, you will see a flyer in the bulletin with information on how you may sponsor the team. Basically, you will be asked to sponsor our team at a particular dollar amount for each hole played. You also have the option of simply sponsoring the team at a set dollar amount. Please consider sponsoring this incredible organization.

With three weeks remaining, we have not yet sold 1/3 of the 300 tickets needed for the Reverse Raffle to take place. Have you purchased your ticket? As you read my column, the raffle is only three weeks away. I certainly do not want to cancel the raffle, however, we MUST sell all 300 tickets for the event to take place. If you are waiting in the wings, I kindly ask that you purchase your ticket this week so that we may gauge interest and make any decisions accordingly. I know there are a lot of events taking place this season and there is generally a cost associated with each. This event is unlike any of the others as it is a true win-win. You assist the parish in reaching our CFA goal and enjoy a magnificent evening of entertainment with the possibility of going home with much more than you left with.

Thanks to Mark Stahlman and Stahlman Irrigation for repairing the lake fountain at the front of our campus. The fountain is now working very well and is lit at night providing a very nice aesthetic for passersby. If our dry weather persists much longer, our lake level will be so low that the fountain will be the only indicator that we have a lake.

By taking a quick glance at the collection summary you will see that we have eclipsed the 25% mark with regards to the 2012 Catholic Faith Appeal campaign. If you have yet to make a pledge for the annual appeal, please consider doing so. I am confident that 2012 will be the year that we exceed our goal and begin a new streak of success.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA  
General Manager

## St. John the Evangelist Reverse Raffle

Benefiting the Catholic Faith Appeal

**Saturday, March 31st, 2012**

**6:30pm**

St. John Parish Life Center

**\$100.00 per ticket**

(need not be present to win)

**First Prize: \$10,000.00**

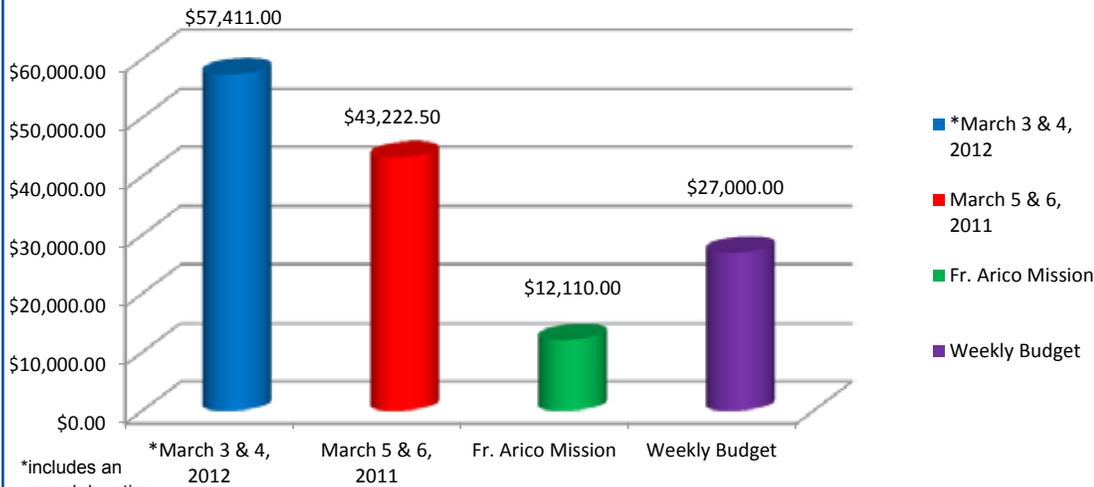
Dinner for 2

Open Bar

Entertainment by Tom Oram

*Available in  
Parish Office*

## Collection Summary



## YTD/CFA Summary



## Holy Week Retreat at Diocesan Retreat Center in Venice

Easter Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord, Thursday, April 5 through Easter morning, April 8, (begins with support on Holy Thursday and ends after breakfast on Easter Sunday) at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice.

Retreat includes accommodations and meals; Evening Mass of the Lord's Support; Way of the Cross; Celebration of the Lord's Passion; Easter Vigil and Sunrise Liturgy of the Eucharist; opportunities for Sacrament of Reconciliation; meditations; Eucharistic Adoration; and morning and evening prayer.

Registration deadline is March 29. For costs and additional information call 941.486.0233 or e-mail [olphinfo@olph-retreat.org](mailto:olphinfo@olph-retreat.org).

## Concert for Life

Hosted by Paul Todd Charities, Inc.

**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Concert at 6:30 PM

Concert to Benefit the Pro-Life Ministries of Collier County

Music By:



Paul Todd



Gabriela Frei



Paul Todd Jr.



Christie Cole



Amy VanWyk

Tickets are \$25.00 per person

Event Location:  
St. John the Evangelist Ballroom  
625 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Naples, FL 34108  
(239) 566-8740

Tickets available at:

St. John the Evangelist  
Parish Office

Call Scott at (239) 566-1678  
for more information.

## Spotlight on Stewardship: Did you know?

Over 1,000 people attended our last Faith and Wine event in conjunction with Faith and Ale and the CCW of San Marco parish. Faith and Wine is a new ministry to St. John and seeks to bring women of all ages together to explore our Catholic faith as we get together in fellowship. With three more events left this year, we welcome all women to attend for an evening of great fun, faith and fellowship. In March, Bishop Frank Dewane will speak to us on the sacrament of marriage. In April, award-winning author and parishioner, Joan Lynch will talk about her book, "Women of the Passion". Finally, to complete our inaugural season at St. John, mission assistant director, Elma McCaughey will speak about her experiences as a missionary and what is being done to support those in need through the work of our mission office in the diocese, which is headed by mission director Fr. John J. Ludden, our pastor. For more information about this ministry and to purchase tickets to our upcoming events, go to [www.faithandwine.com](http://www.faithandwine.com), or contact Faith and Wine president Mary Beth Clary at [mbclary@porterwright.com](mailto:mbclary@porterwright.com)

# 5 PM Contemporary Mass Music Worship Aid

## Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>: the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Lent

Opening Song      **Sanctuary**      John Thompson / Randy Scruggs © 1982 Whole Armor Publishing Company & Full Armor Publishing Company (Admin. by peermusic). CCLI Song #24140. Reprinted under License #2008891. All rights reserved.

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

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 19)      Music by Tom Oram. © 2003, 2012 A Chasing After Wind Music (BMI). All rights reserved.

Response

Lord, you have the words of ev - er - las - ting life;

Lord, you have the words of ev - er - las - ting life.

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

Preparation Song      **414 Your Words Are Spirit and Life**      Bernadette Farrell

*Sanctus* / Memorial Acclamation (A) / Great Amen / *Agnus Dei* • *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist*

Communion Song      **516 Taste and See**      Bob Hurd

Meditation      **Hungry**      Kathryn Scott      CCLI Song No. 2650364 © 1999 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire) (Admin. by Vineyard Music UK). Kathryn Scott. All rights Reserved. CCLI License No. 2008891

<p><i>Verse 1</i> 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 (<i>chorus</i>:)</p>	<p><i>Verse 2</i> 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 (<i>chorus</i>:)</p>
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I'm fall - ing on my knees, of - fer - ing all of me.

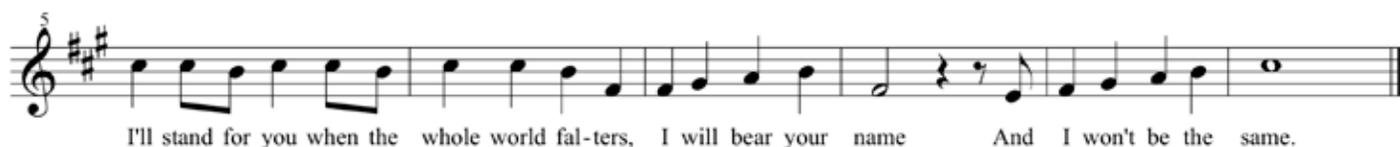
Je - sus, You're all this heart is liv - ing for.

V.1) You gave me a title, although I didn't know you. You called my name, and blessed me with life.  
Now I've squandered the fortunes of my childhood, given in to a world of lies...

But I can't hide forever from what I know is true; Jesus, I surrender my life to you— (to chorus)

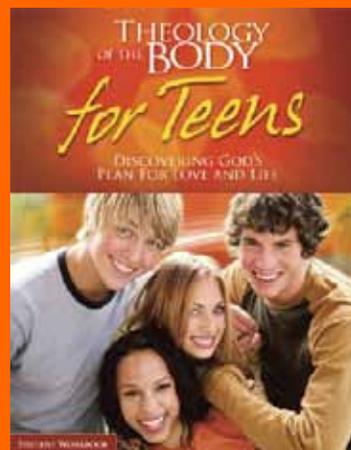
V.2) The mountains, they move at the sound of your holy name; the lame will walk and the blind will see.  
I know you want my heart, I know that I am nothing; you are the source of ev'rything...

And I can't live forever, unless I live in you; Jesus I surrender my life to you— (to chorus)



## Theology of the Body for Teens

This seminar is geared towards explaining the Church's compelling vision for love and life, as exemplified in the life and teachings of Blessed John Paul II. Meetings are for **8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders** on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 PM, For more information and / or to register, please contact **Martha Oram**, Interim Director of Youth Ministry, via email at [mjr.oram@gmail.com](mailto:mjr.oram@gmail.com) or in the office at **239-566-8740 ext. 177**. Don't miss it!!!



## Sacred Music In Sacred Spaces

*Our new concert series, presented monthly to St. John's and the Naples Community  
Offered free of charge, with the intent to praise God.*



Next FREE Concert: **3 PM THIS Sunday!**

*In Recital: Virginia Oram, mezzo soprano*

*Virginia Oram, a member of the voice faculty at Valparaiso University, will return to St. John to present to us a recital, with friends Ellie Roberts (soprano) and Tracy Leonard (horn), and of course, her favorite oldest child (piano). Please join us in the Choir Room of the Claussen Center for an afternoon of beautiful art song!*

# The Word & Life

*Exodus 20:1-17*

*Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11*

*1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

*John 2:13-25*

## *Cleansing Absurdity*

The arrival of Jesus as Messiah has a profound impact on our lives as Christians. Jesus is the one who brings salvation. He is the bridge between heaven and earth. The teaching of Jesus challenges the conventional wisdom of his day and cleanses the absurd practices that had become common place in the Judaic faith. In today's gospel we encounter an angry Christ. The people of Jesus' day

were hungering for intimacy with God as they tried to reconcile their failures. It was common for the people to sacrifice animals in atonement for their sins. The temple traders benefited from the people's guilt, and the sale of animals for sacrificial offering became a lucrative business. Jesus recognizes the people's faith. He confronts the abuses of the day traders. The anger that Jesus demonstrates is a justified refusal to allow anyone to fool around with God's mercy. The temple was a house of prayer — not a place for people to be taken advantage of. Jesus' sign would be to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days. For the discerning Christian we know this means his death and resurrection, the once-and-for-all sacrifice that would bring atonement for sin!

The Christian experience has from time to time bargained with the mercy of God. The Reformation occurred because of the absurd practices that had become the fabric of the ecclesial life. One of the common abuses was that of the sale of indulgences. People believed if they bought and sold indulgences that they could buy their way into heaven and be afforded salvation. The only problem was that the Reformers went too far. The Reformation provoked the much

### **Reflection Questions**

1. What are some of the foolish notions in your life that get in the way of God?
2. How have you experienced God's mercy?
3. Where have you demonstrated mercy and compassion in your relationships?
4. How passionate are you as a disciple of Christ?
5. Name the times in your life when you have made a stand to witness to truth?
6. What needs to be cleansed in your life to enable you to become closer to God?
7. How do the 10 Commandments offer you a blueprint for your choices and a compass for your life?

needed reform to the Roman Catholic Church. In many aspects, the reformers threw out the baby with the bathwater. They refused to recognize Christ's real presence in the Eucharist and also refused to accept the great commissioning of Jesus bestowing authority upon the apostles and their successors. The Counter Reformation provided the people of the Church with a solid tradition in which they could encounter the mercy of God without the trappings of wealth. The mercy of God could be experienced through the Sacrament of Penance.

If we are truthful with ourselves, we have all played games in our relationship with God. How many of us promise God that we are going to walk away from a recurring sin and break that promise? People find it hard to let go of the sin of the past. One of the greatest sins we commit is not allowing God to forgive us. It is absurd to believe that God will not forgive us when we are contrite. The whole project of Jesus' mission was to reconcile the world to himself by the blood of His cross. We can use the Ten Commandments to see what God expects from us. *Each commandment points to the significance of right relationship with God and with one another.* Human weakness breaks that right relationship. However, God constantly invites us to come back and to be reconciled with Him. This is the beauty of Lent. We are reminded every time we celebrate Mass, that the once-and-for-all unbloodied sacrifice, that Christ intends reconciliation and intimacy with us. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we can name our sin and allow Christ to forgive us and bring us incomprehensible healing.

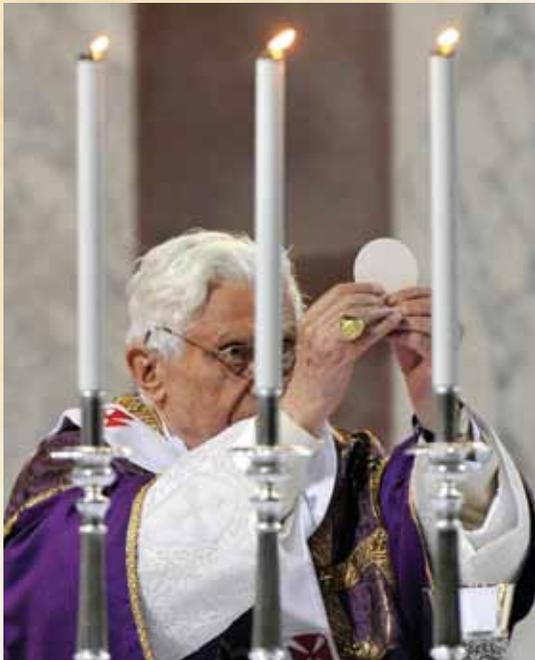
## Reflecting on the Sunday Readings with Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor



## Prayer

*We pray: Be merciful to us, O Lord, for we have sinned! May our hunger for you bring us to the threshold of eternal life. Enable us to experience your Truth and forgiveness through the gift of the Church. Encourage us in the midst of failure and help us to move on. Create within us a new heart so that we may experience You in new ways. Amen.*

## Wisdom of the Fathers



“Our heart is restless for God and remains so, even if every effort is made today, by means of most effective anaesthetizing methods, to deliver people from this unrest. But not only are we restless for God: God's heart is restless for us. God is waiting for us. He is looking for us. He knows no rest either, until He finds us. ... That is why He set out on the path towards us, to Bethlehem, to Calvary, from Jerusalem to Galilee and on to the very ends of the earth. God... looks out for people willing to ‘catch’ His unrest, His passion for us, people who carry within them the searching of their own hearts. ... This was the task of the Apostles: to receive God's unrest for man and then to bring God Himself to man. And this is your task as successors of the Apostles”.

— *Pope Benedict XVI, in a homily on the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan 6, 2012*

*Pope Benedict XVI elevates the Eucharist during Ash Wednesday Mass in Rome.*

# Faith Formation

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## Mark Your Calendar

**April 5**

*Holy Thursday*

**April 6**

*Good Friday*

**April 7**

*Holy Saturday*

**April 8**

*Easter*

**May 11**

*First Holy Communion Rehearsal*

**May 12**

*First Holy Communion Ceremony*

## Faith Formation News

**Holy Thursday...**on April 5, 2012, commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with the disciples. The liturgy held at St. John at 7 p.m. includes the "Washing of the Feet."

**Good Friday...**on April 6, 2012, commemorates the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. It is a day of fasting and abstinence.

**Holy Saturday...**on April 7, 2012, commemorates the day that Jesus Christ's body is laid in the tomb. The Easter Vigil Mass, celebrated in the evening, welcomes the Elect and Candidates into full communion with the Church.

**Easter...**on Sunday, April 8, 2012 commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**First Holy Communion Rehearsal...**will be on Friday, May 11, 2012, 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 12, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in the church. All sacramental children should report to their teachers in the ballroom at 9:00 a.m. for pictures and final preparations. Cake and refreshments will be served in the ballroom after the ceremony.

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## Convert your heart during Lent

When we were young Catholics, Lent meant giving something up and welcoming it back at Easter. Now we know that Lent is so much more. Lent is about conversion. Each year we have the chance to leave behind old ways of living to embrace new life. The goal is not just to abstain from sin during Lent but to root it out of our lives forever.

**The moment of truth.** Conversion begins with accepting responsibility for our failures. Start by taking an honest look at your life and identify all the ways that sin keeps you from living the way Jesus taught us to live. Know that it may take courage to face your shortfalls. **The moment of cleansing.** There can be no healing or conversion when you harbor unconfessed sin. Make a full Confession to a priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Tell him everything. Don't worry if you have been away for a while. The priest will be happy to guide you and to welcome you back to God's friendship. **The moment of conversion.** There can't be just one moment of conversion. It is necessary to convert our hearts every day. Daily prayer, frequent confession, and regular reception of the Holy Eucharist will keep our hearts filled with God's love. Then we can embrace new life at Easter.



Growing in Faith, February 2012, Success Publishing

## Why do we practice almsgiving?

Christ said that the poor would be with us always and stressed the importance of helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. He said that when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, we do it for him. Our bishops have said that we need to care for the poor. For example, to fulfill Christ's words, the Church recommends that we donate 5% of our income to the Church and 5% to charity. That's almsgiving.

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## How You Can Get Involved?

**Faith Formation** is looking for catechists, teacher aides, and clerical support for the 2012-2013 school year.

**Families in Christ** is looking for team members to serve on hospitality, set-up and the game committee for the 2012-2013 school year.

Please contact Margie Lynch, Director of Faith Formation, if you desire to become more involved in your church.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

### GRADE 1

**Life Question:** What should you do when you hurt someone's feelings?

**Gospel Question:** Why did Jesus go to the temple?

### GRADES 2-3

**Life Question:** What groups do you belong to?

**Gospel Question:** How do you show you belong to Jesus?

### GRADES 4-5

**Life Question:** What does God ask of you?

**Gospel Question:** What changes does Jesus' anger prompt him to make?

### GRADES 6-8

**Life Question:** What groups in your school control areas or activities?

**Gospel Question:** Why does Jesus chase the merchants and moneychangers out of the Temple courtyard?

### GRADES 9-12

**Life Question:** What do you know about human trafficking?

**Gospel Question:** Why does Jesus cleanse the temple?

### ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

An altar server is uniquely joined in the Heavenly Supper of the Lamb and serves in the company of angels eternally singing "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts." Altar servers are currently being trained at St. John the Evangelist. If you have received First Communion and are interested in serving in an intimate way during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, please contact Neal Borter on (804) 357-5712 or email:

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**Rite of Sending...** was conducted at Saint John the Evangelist on Sunday, February 26, 2012, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Catechumens (unbaptized) are recommended to the Bishop for the Rite of Election and sign the parchment for the Book of the Elect. Candidates (baptized) are deemed ready to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church and go forth to the Rite of Election to be recognized by the Bishop. This year's RCIA class has one catechumen, Selena Tran and five candidates: Blake Carroll, Megan Contino, Wayne Goebel, Barry McWilliam, and Larissa Sgarlato.

**Rite of Election...** was held on Sunday, February 26, 2012, at the Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, FL. All parishes in the diocese send their catechumens to have their names entered into the Book of the Elect and send their candidates to be recognized by the Bishop. The Elect and the candidates will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass.



Signing the parchment for the Book of the Elect



RCIA class with the Bishop at the Rite of Election



St. John's RCIA banner at the Rite of Election



Candidate renewing his baptismal promises

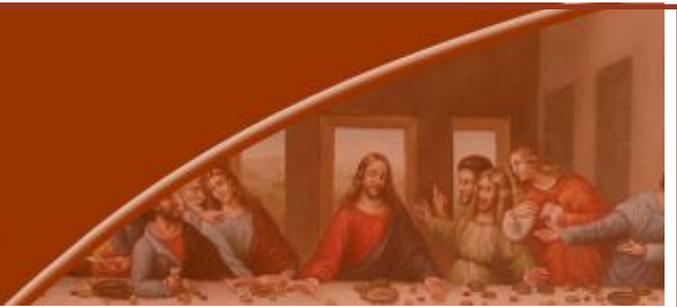


Rite of Sending with Fr. John



# Faith & Ale

A Gathering of Catholic Men



## Brian Burch

President of CatholicVote.org

A lay movement of committed Catholics & patriotic Americans who believe our nation's founding principles are good and true, and worth fighting for.

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

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

**6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

SUGGESTED DONATION - \$15

Faith & Ale is a once-a-month gathering of men from across the diocese. We gather for food, drink and camaraderie, followed by an inspirational speaker and ample time for Q&A.

All men are invited - the saints, the sinners and everyone in between. If you are interested in the implications of Faith and morality on our daily lives, families and society, please join us!

**For more information visit [www.FaithandAle.com](http://www.FaithandAle.com)**

### MISSION STATEMENT

Faith & Ale strives to encourage, exhort, and equip men to be spiritual leaders in their homes, workplaces, and parishes.



# Faith and Wine

## Bishop Frank Dewane joins the ladies of Faith and Wine

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Please join us as we welcome Bishop Dewane on **Tuesday, March 20, 2012**, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom (625 111th Avenue North, Naples).

Bishop Dewane serves as the spiritual leader of more than 250,000 Catholics in the 10-county Diocese of Venice in Florida. He was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as the second Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in 2006.

**We encourage you to pre-pay for this event** by going to [www.faithandwine.com](http://www.faithandwine.com) and click on "Registration for Events". Or you can simply sign up and drop off your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." at the St. John office. The cost is \$10 if you prepay and \$15 at the door.

Faith and Wine is a group of diverse women, all at different places along their faith journey, who seek fellowship with each other and a greater understanding of their Catholic faith in order to enrich their lives and help them cope with the ever-changing challenges presented by today's society. Sponsorship opportunities are available - please e-mail Mary Beth Clary at [mbclary@porterwright.com](mailto:mbclary@porterwright.com) for more information. Join us and find out why more than 200 women have been attending Faith and Wine events!

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



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

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

**Mass - 5 p.m.**

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

*Blessing of Holy Altar & Dinner Immediately After Mass*

**Sit-down dinner served family style at guests' tables  
catered by Cappelli's**

**Dancing to the Music of Night Train**

**All Tickets \$40.00**

Tables of 8  
available

Don't forget  
to wear  
**RED**

**Menu Prepared Especially For St. John's St. Joseph's Day Dinner**

**Family Style at Guests' Tables**

- Italian Tossed Salad  
Iceberg & romaine tossed with  
carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes  
& our red wine vinaigrette-
- Antipasto Tray  
Pepperoncini, cherry peppers,  
marinated artichoke hearts,  
mushrooms & roasted peppers
- Tuscan White Bean Salad
- Tomato & Basil Brochetta
- Rosemary Ciabatta
- Grissini Breadsticks
- Penne Cappelli  
Penne pasta sautéed with diced  
tomatoes, artichoke hearts, capers,  
basil & garlic
- St. Joseph's Pasta  
Topped with toasted breadcrumbs
- Broccoli Rabe ala Olio
- Sicilian Baked Cod
- Zeppoles  
Traditional St. Joseph  
pastries
- Biscottis
- Colombian Coffee

**Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Saint John Council 11281**

## BIG BAND DANCE

**Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

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

*Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era*

*Featuring the Live Southwest Florida 16-piece Orchestra*

*Sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller & Stan Kenton*

Remaining Big Band Dances for this season are:  
**March 27 and April 10**

*Singles  
Welcomed*

**Sponsored by the St. John Men's Club •  
Call 239.394.0470 to reserve a table of 8**



**Admission:**

\$10.00 cash  
only at the door  
~ includes snacks

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

- Beer ~ \$2.00
- Wine and  
Mixed Drinks  
~ \$3.00

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

**FRIDAY NIGHT FISH BAKE**  
**at St. John the Evangelist PLC during Lent**

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

**LAST FISH BAKE**  
**OF THE SEASON**  
 March 30  
 (No Fish Bake on Good Friday)  
 Serving From  
 5:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy the St. Pat's Day Festival  
 Friday, March 16 and  
 the St. Joseph's Feast  
 Friday, March 23

**COST:** \$ 12.00 Adults • \$5.00 under 10 years old

(Take Out  
 Available)

**SPONSOR & HOST:**  
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Tickets at  
 Door Only

**Pancake Breakfast March 11th!!**

**Come Support Your Boy Scouts!**

Boy Scout Troop 168 will hold a pancake breakfast on March 11th after the morning Masses. With your donations this fundraiser will help us raise money for summer camp and other activities. Please join us in the ballroom for mouthwatering pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee, tea and juice. If any boys, age 11 or older, are interested in joining Boy Scouts, this is a perfect opportunity to see what it is all about.



**St. Patrick's Festival Celebration**  
 in the Parish Life Center Ballroom  
**Friday, March 16, 2012**

In aid of St. Vincent de Paul Society

Welcome Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. • Dinner at 7:30 p.m.  
 Entertainment throughout the evening featuring  
 Harp & Thistle Pipe & Drum Band Tir Na Nog Irish Dancers  
 Featured performer: St. John's very own "Black Velvet Band"  
 And for your dancing pleasure: Guest DJ  
 Guest Chef: Anna Howe of Here's Howe Catering

Tickets are only \$50 per person and are available at the Parish Office  
 Get your tickets early as seating is limited to 350

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

*a "wearin' of the Green event" Black tie optional*

*Tables of 8 or 10 may be reserved*

*Live Auction*

**OPEN BAR**

# Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner

The St. John Youth Ministry invites you and your family to a Spaghetti Dinner

## Sunday, March 18

*Menu Includes:*

**Spaghetti and Meatballs**  
**Meatless Spaghetti**  
**Salad**  
**Italian Bread, Butter**  
**Cookies**  
**Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade**  
**Wine Available**

Serving between  
5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

*Tickets:*

\$10.00 per Person  
Kids 12 & Under FREE  
(Open Seating)

Tickets on Sale in Parish Office  
until Tuesday, March 13

*Proceeds:*

**Will help send the St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry to a Steubenville Retreat and on a Mission Trip this summer to St. Lucia with Fr. John**

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22	At Sea
23	Philipsburg, St. Maarten
24	St. Thomas, USVI
25	At Sea
26	At Sea
27	Miami, FL

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