

March 16, 2014
Second Sunday of Lent



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EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Second Collection Next Sunday to Build Facilities Maintenance Reserve

Dear Friends of Saint John the Evangelist,

Over the past few years, St. John the Evangelist Parish has undergone dramatic improvements to its complex. Managing an operation as large as St. John is no easy task. It involves the collaboration of both staff and volunteers. Our facilities and grounds are in use at all times during the day and every day of the week. The constant upkeep of our facilities is very time consuming and somewhat costly. The creation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the expansion of the Finance Council have proved very beneficial in our short-term efforts and long-term planning. The expertise these women and men bring to the table allow us to prioritize projects that require attention.

Both groups have petitioned for a Facilities Maintenance Reserve. **On March 23, 2014 (next weekend), we will take up a second collection to build this fund.** Such a fund has a threefold purpose:

- ✓ To provide funds for unanticipated emergency repairs.
- ✓ To plan capital improvements.
- ✓ To aid ongoing parish improvements and maintenance projects.

During any fiscal year, up to 50% of the funds raised would be available, subject to Finance Council approval, for repairs and ongoing parish improvements. The remaining balance will be restricted to a Reserve Fund, to be used only for future emergencies and capital improvements. It is my goal, over time, to build a significant reserve through this annual collection. As pastor of my previous parish, St. Charles Borromeo in Port Charlotte, I experienced first hand the devastation of Hurricane Charley. The insurance payouts were not enough to rebuild our facilities to current building codes. As you could imagine, asking parishioners to contribute in the midst of their personal losses was a daunting task. We simply need to prepare ourselves for such an event at St. John.

Last week, a letter from the Buildings and Grounds Committee and Finance Council illustrated the many accomplishments they have achieved through their collaboration. Scott's Corner also made note of the important contributions that these parishioners have made in creating a more beautiful parish complex and improved financial management. In his comments this week, our General Manager reviews the many capital improvements that will be necessary in the next several years.

I look forward to your support to establish this Reserve, and wish to thank again, the Finance Council and Buildings and Grounds Committee for their hard work and dedication on your behalf.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor



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Daily Mass: 8:00, 9:00 a.m. & Noon; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

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

Scan this tag with your smartphone to view our mobile website.

Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by

March 15, 2014	Saturday		
8:00 AM +	Ramy Garrido	Elita Gil	
	Sunday Vigil Mass		
3:00 PM +	Lambert & Louise Abell	Kathy & Bob Sims	
5:00 PM +	Billy Cullen	Arlene & Charlie Fetter	
March 16, 2014	Sunday		
7:00 AM +	Amber Whitaker	Peter DeFrancesca	
9:00 AM +	Raymond Szulik	Al & Ro Sterner	
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners		
1:15 PM +	Thomas Casarella	Sylvia & Tony DeFeo	
5:00 PM +	John Miller	Bob and Joan Loft	
	<i>Host and Wine in Memory of Kieran Devery ~ req. by Jeanne Murphy & Family</i>		
March 17, 2014	Monday		
8:00 AM +	Doris Weiner	Janet D'Addario	
9:00 AM +	Mary Hooper	Ellen Hooper	
Noon +	James & Agnes Driscoll	Joan & Tom Lynch	
March 18, 2014	Tuesday		
8:00 AM +	Gail Ziccardi	Bridget & Bernie	
9:00 AM +	Jacob Winkler	Merle & Janet Nett	
Noon +	Elizabeth Mary Carrier	Family	
March 19, 2014	Wednesday		
8:00 AM +	John G. McCarthy	Jody (Wife)	
9:00 AM +	Marion Sampson	Natalie & Brad Campbell	
Noon +	Ed Koscik	Bob & Goldie George	
March 20, 2014	Thursday		
8:00 AM +	Bonnie O'Keefe	Forrest & Mary Ann Murphy	
9:00 AM	Nick Episcopo	Terry & Sandy	
Noon +	Michael Metrick	Mary & Phil Cronan	
March 21, 2014	Friday		
8:00 AM +	Al Schrang	John & Maureen Wurtz	
9:00 AM +	Georgina Holmes	Ned & Mary Lou Leibig	
Noon +	Stella Storc	Julie & Wayne Hanson	
March 22, 2014	Saturday		
8:00 AM +	Frank DeNardis	Delores Kernochan	
	Sunday Vigil Mass		
3:00 PM +	Janice A. O'Connor	Douglas O'Connor	
5:00 PM +	Donald O'Connell	F.A. Registrou	
March 23, 2014	Sunday		
7:00 AM +	Kathelyn DeFrancesca	Peter DeFrancesca	
9:00 AM +	Joseph Pantaleo	Vicki Billiet	
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners		
1:15 PM +	Wendy Ann Murphy Burke	Family	
5:00 PM +	John T. Kelly	Fr. Thomas Kelly	

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 15, 2014

Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Vigil Mass

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Sunday, March 16, 2014

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday, March 17, 2014

St. Patrick

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

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

St. Joseph

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Spring begins

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

Friday, March 21, 2014

Abstinence

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 22, 2014

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

Sunday Vigil Mass

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Sunday, March 23, 2014

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS...

Saint John the Evangelist Lenten Schedule

Daily Masses will be:

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

Saturday Morning Masses will be: 8:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross will be:

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

On Good Friday, Prayer Around the Cross will include Veneration of the Cross.

Lenten Penance Service: Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

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.

Holy Week:

April 13 ~ Palm Sunday

April 17 ~ Holy Thursday

April 18 ~ Good Friday, Prayer

April 19 ~ Blessing of the Easter baskets; Easter Vigil

April 20 ~ Easter Sunday

April 27 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

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



Bishop Dewane Led Ash Wednesday Prayer Walk at Planned Parenthood



Thank you to all parishioners who have committed to give an hour or more of your time to pray for an end to abortion this Lent. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful, proven-effective pro-life campaign that has been embraced by over 600,000 people in 21 countries. More than 8000 babies have been saved and 45 abortion facilities have closed during past 40 Days for Life campaigns.

If you haven't had the opportunity to sign-up yet, there is still time. Our remaining prayer dates at Planned Parenthood are March 20 and April 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please contact Nancy or Paul Curti at plancurti@gmail.com or 612.616.1434 to sign up.

Bishop Dewane led a prayer walk for life at the Naples Planned Parenthood on Ash Wednesday, March 5.

text and photos by Nancy and Paul Curti, 40 Days Parish Coordinator



Bishop Dewane (upper left) led a prayer walk for life at Planned Parenthood on Ash Wednesday with several St. John parishioners walking with him.

Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

Wednesday, March 19 10:00 AM Bentley Village
 Lisa & Jeb Sloan req. by Carissa Posch
 Friday, March 21 10:00 AM Juniper Village
 + Frank DeFrank
 req. by Rose & Anthony Dolceamore

Special St. Patrick Day Mass and Celebration Monday, March 17

On the glorious feast day of St. Patrick on Monday, March 17, all parishioners are invited to celebrate with a special Mass at 9:00 a.m. The collection from that Mass is donated to the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference whose members help those in need right in the geographical boundaries of our church (zip codes 34108, 34109 and 34110). Immediately following Mass, in thanksgiving of your generous support, SVdP members invite everyone to a continental IRISH breakfast in the Parish Life Center with pastries, juice and real IRISH coffee. Fr. John will entertain by singing a few Irish ditties. Don't forget to wear your Green!

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	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

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Sacristan
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Director of Youth Ministry
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Director of RCIA
Margie Lynch: 228.3909

Family Ministry
Call the Office: 566.8740
email staff members at:
info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

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Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

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

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

FOR OUR RECORDS

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

Thank you!

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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

Mass Cards

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

We are currently accepting intentions for 2014.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2015 Mass availability and 2014 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.

PARISH VISION

*To Know, To Love, and To Serve God
in his church and our community*

PARISH INFORMATION...

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Jamaica Outreach Program



Jamaica Outreach Program

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Phone: 514-0290

www.jamaicaoutreach.org

Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope!

The Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP) is a local nonprofit organization that began in 1997 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Naples Florida. Its goal is to make a difference in the lives of the poor in its sister parish, St. Pius X, located in a desperately poor section of Kingston.

Annually the JOP replenishes a Food Pantry on the grounds of St. Pius X church. This year the Food Drive at St. John will be held March 22-23. The shipping container will hold up to 1000 cartons of food. The challenge is to fill it to its doors.

Where do your donations go?

The Food container travels from Naples to Coconut Creek, FL, where *Food for the Poor* puts it on an ocean-bound ship. From there the container is dropped on the docks in Kingston, and, after it passes "muster" with Jamaica Customs, is transported by truck to *Food for the Poor's* warehouse in Spanish Town, just outside Kingston. The contents are confirmed as to destination and, finally, the container with its contents is delivered to the St. Pius X Food Pantry. The parish staff and volunteers unload the container into the food pantry storage area; later they divide the food into family portions. Twice per month the St. Pius Food Pantry distributes food as available to up to 500 families. To those who donate, we extend heartfelt thanks for your willingness to help those among us who have the very least.



Bringing relief
Bringing relief
to over 500
to over 500
families...

JAMAICA OUTREACH PROGRAM

text submitted by Martha Mador, graphics by Robyn DeVille

#ToKnow #ToLove #ToServe

#ToKnow – Pope Francis' One Year Anniversary

Did you know that this week, on March 13, marked the one-year anniversary of Pope Francis' papacy? No matter what our individual viewpoints may be on particular matters, there is no doubt that this past year has been one of renewal and excitement in the Catholic Church. We have a motivating and compassionate force for direct engagement (mission) within our parish and the community around us.

And so the Church always goes forward, giving space to the Holy Spirit that renews these structures, structures of the churches. Don't be afraid of that! Don't be afraid of the newness of the Gospel! Don't be afraid of the newness that the Holy Spirit works in us! Don't be afraid of the renewal of structures!" – Pope Francis 2013-07-06

To that end, our Family Mission, the "new wineskin" (Matthew 9:17) of St. John, requests the ideas, priorities, and action of the entire parish, young and old, permanent resident, snowbird, snowflake, and everyone in between the ages of 5 to 115. Our Listening Sessions for the Family Mission begin April 23 and 27. As promised, I have posted the Listening Session Questions on the St. John website (<http://www.saintjohntheevangelist.com>). Please take a look and fill out the online survey.

#ToLove – Saints Day Events

We are so blessed with a vibrant parish, full of events for families,

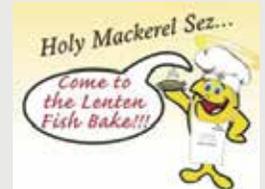
#FamilyMission

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couples, and kids. A few activities that are coming up include the St. Patrick's Day Party, the Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Bakes and the St. Joseph Feast. Please join us in supporting our parish and enjoy each other's company.



#ToServe – Rummage Sale Information

St. John is excited to announce the first annual Rummage Sale here at the church back parking lot on April 25 and 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. The proceeds from this sale will go to sponsor the Family Mission and our Youth Programs. We are looking for any items you are willing to donate, including clothes, shoes, small furniture, household appliances, accessories, toys, books, electronics, and other decorative items. Please contact me if you have larger items you would like us to pick up. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the Rummage Sale, please email: youthministry@saintjohntheevangelist.com. Drop off will begin Monday, March 31 at the church office.

SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST

24th ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

Friday, March 21, 2014 • 5 P.M. Mass
Followed By Dinner/Dance and St. Joseph's Altar

Traditional St. Joseph Feast Italian Dinner

Catered by Frisco's

APPERTIVO: Wine, Soda, Beer **ANTIPASTO:** At each table with bread and oil dip
MINESTRA ZUPPA (soup): w/grated cheese garnish
PRIMO PIATTO (first dish): Pasta with Shrimp in garlic butter
SECONDO PIATTO (main dish): Eggplant Parmesan, Baked White Fish
CONTORNO: Vegetable **DOLCE (dessert):** Italian Cannoli
DRINKS: Caffe/Tea **Mangia, Mangia, Mangia**

ENTERTAINMENT: "Greg & Claudia"

All Tickets \$40.00 per person

To Purchase Tickets: via saintjohntheevangelist.com website – "NEWS" section

- on sale in February and March after Masses
- or contact Bill Warvel wwarvel@aol.com; 239.331.7151



Knights of Columbus Council # 11281



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

(Tables of 8 available)



Breads and Altar Offerings/Blessing
"la tavola di San Giuse"



Procession to PLC

Hymns for Sunday of the Second Week of Lent, March 15 & 16

Readings:	638	Year A
Entrance Hymn:	531	All People That On Earth Do Dwell
Preparation Hymn:	106	Draw Near, O Lord
Communion Hymn:	228	Eat This Bread
	396	You Are Near
Closing Hymn:	438	O God, Our Help In Ages Past

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

Preparation	In Jesus' Name We Pray	Jay Althouse
Communion	A Gaelic Blessing	John Rutter

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, March 17: Memorial of St. Patrick, Bishop

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 26 (25): 11-12*

Redeem me, O Lord, and have mercy on me.

My foot stands on level ground;

I will bless the Lord in the assembly.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Lk 6: 36*

Be merciful, as your Father is merciful, says the Lord.

Tuesday, March 18: Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 13 (12): 4-5*

Give light to my eyes lest I fall asleep in death,

lest my enemy say: I have overcome him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. To the upright, I will show the saving power of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 9: 2-3*

I will recount all your wonders.

I will rejoice in you and be glad,

and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Wednesday, March 19: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Lk 12:42*

Behold, a faithful and prudent steward, whom the Lord set over his household.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Son of David will live forever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Mt 25:21*

Well done, good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy.

Thursday, March 20: Thursday of the Second Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 139 (138): 23-24*

Test me, O God, and know my thoughts.

See that my path is not wicked,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 119 (118): 1*

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Friday, March 21: Friday of the Second Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 31 (30): 2, 5*

In you, O Lord, I put my trust, let me never be put to shame; release me from the snare they have hidden for me,

for you indeed are my refuge

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *1 Jn 4: 10*

God loved us, and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Saturday, March 22: Saturday of the Second Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 145 (144): 8-9*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,

slow to anger, abounding in mercy.

How good is the Lord to all,

compassionate to all his creatures.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Lk 15: 32*

You must rejoice, my son,

for your brother was dead and has come to life;

he was lost and is found.

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Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.

Offers adult education programming for continued growth in our faith through such activities as retreats, Bible & Catechism studies, lectures, seminars, social action opportunities and workshops. Margie Lynch: 228.3909; margie@saintjohntheevangelist.com

AGA (Alienated Grandparents

Anonymous). Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. Third Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the PLC ballroom. March 20 Speaker: John Killinger, Ph.D. Pastor

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

Al-Anon. Monday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday - beginners, 11:30 a.m.; and noon - discussion; all in PLC. Carol: 804.306.5323

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

Arimatheans. A group of caring parishioners who support parishioners by attending funerals as representation of our faith community. Pat: 591.4825

Bible Story Time. Bible stories, crafts, prayer and fun Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m., in PLC preschool classroom. Parents and children ages 0-5 years old welcome. Mary Chalhoub: 414.791.9363

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

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

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

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

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

Cursillistas. Third Tuesday monthly at 7:30 p.m. The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas and visitors welcome. Robyn DeVille: 253.6275 or robyndeville@earthlink.net

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

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

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

Grief Support. Sessions will run for seven weeks beginning February 18 at 10 a.m. in room 1 of the Claussen Center. Dee: 594.7193

Job Skills Search & Support. Mondays 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the library. Free. Carol Marlow: 948.0050

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281. Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6 p.m.; business meeting at 7 p.m. Social meeting last Monday of the month. Visiting Knights are welcome. Paul Barrus, Grand Knight: 609.741.4593

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

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

Ladies of Charity. Meets the second Friday of every month, volunteers in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank and visits local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. For friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound, call Dianne Pesce at 630.571.0707. If interested in joining, call MarieElaina Mullin: 273.1702.

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

Men's Club. Group of dedicated men (with the superb assistance from their ladies) who assist the Pastor and the parish. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month, 2-3 p.m.. New members welcome. Joe Lichwalla: 348.1828

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

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

Philothea. Women ages 20-45 meet to support and encourage one another through the joys and struggles of life, work and motherhood in Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7 - 9 p.m. Martha Oram: 407.615.9017 or mjr.oram@gmail.com

Pinochle. Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Joseph DeJesus: 598.9865

Respect Life. A group of parishioners committed to protecting the sanctity of life in all of its stages. They coordinate all respect life activities within the parish as well as outreach to the community. Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Claussen Center. Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941

Sewing Group. Meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in room 1 of the PLC. New members are invited. Nancy Cote: 239.514.0410

St. Vincent de Paul. Meets first and third Tuesdays in the PLC after 8:00 a.m. Mass. SVdP Office: 775.1667

Sing-A-Long. Tuesday, March 18 at Arbor Trace of Naples; Tuesday, April 1 at Emeritus of Bonita Springs - both at 2 p.m. Everybody welcome. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

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

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

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

Blessed John Paul II said "a great prayer for Life is urgently needed!" Cenacle participants pray for an end to the Culture of Death every Tuesday evening, 6:00 to 6:45 p.m., in the Adoration Chapel. In the powerful presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we offer 10 mysteries of the rosary and related prayers and we fast one day a week on our own. All are welcome! Please call the parish office for the Chapel code.

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

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

Divine Will Prayer Group

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

Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

Forty-five minutes of peaceful, silent and beautiful prayer and contemplation. Only your quiet presence is needed. Mondays: 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays 6 p.m. in Room 15 Claussen Center. Following the morning

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

Liturgy of the Hours

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

St. John Charismatic Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

Prayer group meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in cry room. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Maria Caruso and James DeCarmine

May they rest in eternal peace.

Let us pray for the sick of the parish, especially

Deacon Al	Nancy Ellert	Anna LaGrasta	Mary Rossi
Marie Amont	Sue Ells	Lampton Family	Betsy Russo
Jim Amont	Ann Marie Esposito	Lindsey Lavery	Francisco Saigos
Jacob Andrew	Edith Esposit	Diane Leahy	Edna Sanvidge
A.R.C.	D.F.F	Mary Jane Leake	Cynthia Scariati
Michael Arnold	Claire Febrezio	Mary Lenick	Michael Scheidemann
Philip Baier	Taelor Fiedler	Lindsay Lavery	Cathy Schloendorn
Jean Balagna	Tiffany Fiedler	Becky Locke	Dave Schwarz
Bev Basler	Troy Feidler	Catherine Lombardo	Joanne Scimone
Molly Bayer	Thomas O. Flood	Alex Magiera	Douglas Scott
Margie Benefico	Jim Follse	Mary Jo Magner	Walter Scott
Barbara Berg	Edward Gaynor	Ann & Ray Maniyszko	Mary Seeger
Gloria Bergeron	Stephen Gibson	Anne McCarthy	Carol Seiffert
Linda Berry	Dick Goepel	Sharon McCarthy	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Mary Bessner	Stephen Golia	Richard McCarthy	Teresa Shengulet
Lucretia Biasi	Rick Greenwood	Michael McCormack	Karen Shin
Marge Bond	James Gullilan	Carolyn McDonald	John Skoviak
Vicki Brenner	Diana Gust	McKee Family	Jean Smith
Pat Brody	Barbara Hanson	Brenda McLaughlin	Jeff Smith
Brooks Family	Frank Harris	Dodd Millar	Winnie Smith
Frank Caccavo Jr.	Raymond and Virginia Hartwick	Rosie Mladi	Inga Sovia
Lois Caprata	Eugene Hay	Ed Moriarity	Kathy & David Struble
Joe Carpino	Peter Heaney	Mary Ann Myslewic	Dot Sullivan
Robert Carnevale	Jerry Heyen	Pat Nagy	Pat Sutter
Christine Cassara	Chad Hickman	Donna Negralle	Joanmarie Switalski
Michael Cataldo	H.J.	Mark Nichols	Tara & Family
Diane Centenaro	Henry Hobaica & Family	Peter Nicoletta	Rita Taranto
Joanne Chalhoub	Jack Hodges	Mark Norton	Zack Thoma
Drew and Kanema Clark	Ann Hogg	David and Helose Ogilvie	Evo Tomei
Richard Clark	Karen Hohne	Stephanie Ogilvie	Patricia Trapnell
Claussen Family	Charlotte Hollohan	Jim Orlando	Norma Trevino
Mary Cuthbertson	Kaitlin Mae Hooper	Tyler Ostos	Pat & Eloisa Velasquez
Edna D' Antuono	Peggy Hooper	Maryla Panagos	Chris Vetter
Kay Davis	Jeff Horkey	Anna Parker	Larry Watson
James Diamante	Donald Howe	Janet Patterson	Lucy Westman
Julie Dieter	Val Hunt	Albert Pellegrino	Frederick Wilhelm
Lucy DiFranco	Ron Johnson	Irene Pires	Raymond Wilson
Alexandria Dolkas	Nevaeh Jones	Patricia Poczatek	Don and Lucille Wilson
Margaret Dudley	Charleen Kasabian	Joe Pohrer	Aimme Witcoff
Janet Duebner	Chester T. Kauffman	Kimberly Porter	Brandon Woods
Michael Dunlop	Colleen Kirkmaier	Katherine Prince	Lee & Joyn Wozniaki
John Dziedzic	Joanne & Glenn Krume	Radel Family	Phil Wright
Gene Eddy	Rachel LaButti	Joe Reid	John Yotis
Trudy Eddy		Esther Riley	Mary Yotis

LET US PRAY...

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

MARCH 16, 2014 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



On the front page of this bulletin, Fr. John does an amazing job of succinctly explaining the need for a legitimate **Capital Reserve Fund** and the justification for a second collection next week in order to begin accumulating funds for this purpose.

What capital improvements are needed on campus? The list is long and will continue to grow as the buildings and infrastructure age over time. Large scale items on the short term radar are the replacement of the roof on the church, replacement of the flat roof (membrane) on the Parish Life Center, AC units in the PLC and new asphalt in the parking lot. The now 17 year old Parish Life Center is certainly beginning to show its age and in need of many smaller scale capital improvements. New ballroom carpeting, office carpeting, draperies in the ballroom and library, new tables and chairs, classroom bathroom renovations, just to name a few.

Historically we have handled capital improvements “on the fly” if you will, simply addressing and implementing when additional operating funds were available. This strategy is one we look to move away from as it is not fiscally responsible. We hope you will appreciate the fact that we are planning proactively moving forward. In order to accomplish our goals and keep our campus looking great into the future will require the help of our parishioners. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to the second collection next week so that we may begin the capital reserve fund with a “bang.” You still have one more week to contemplate, discern and pray with regards to what you would like to contribute.

Did you attend the **Second Annual Family Fun & Ministry Day** last Sunday? If you didn't, I can honestly say that you missed an incredibly special event. Family Fun & Ministry Day was once again everything we thought it could be and more. I have to say that this event was a tremendous success and very well coordinated on all accounts. The Men's Club and their wives did an amazing job in serving food to over 950 guests with very little wait time. The food was very good and we did not run out. It is estimated that the Men's Club served 1,356 sandwiches — not to mention all of the accoutrements. All of the ministry booths were located in the ballroom this year which was filled to capacity the majority of the day giving those ministries plenty of visibility. Outside of the ballroom, we had activities galore for the kids. There was a popcorn stand, a cotton candy stand, a snow cone stand, a craft stand and a cake walk tent all within twenty feet of the PLC. We had a beautiful tent setup in the field which provided additional seating for 300. The giveaways (bags and license plate frames) were located in the tent as well as a bar and a band performing everything from Bob Marley to Michael Jackson. There was a dunk tank, a rock climbing wall, a wrecking ball, a bungee run race, an obstacle course, two bounce houses and a wood

workshop. Suffice it to say, there was something for everyone. And now for the thank you's and there are a lot to go around.

First, I would like to thank you, our parishioners, for attending. Secondly, I would like to thank our ministries for your participation in this year's event. We had over 30 ministries around the perimeter of the ballroom, which was a substantial increase over last year. I would also like to thank the plethora of volunteers who came forward to help me man all of the special events and activities. These volunteers included members of the Knights of Columbus, Ladies of Charity, Finance Council and many more parishioners who just wanted to lend a hand.

Next, I would like to thank my maintenance staff for their tireless work in preparing the grounds and facilities for this event. They put in a ton of hours and, as a result, everything looked great and flowed very well. Although I already recognized the Men's Club, I would be remiss for not doing so again. They really made this event a success with great planning and coordination.

Now for those outside the parish: Thanks to Nick Kouloheras (parishioner and Habitat for Humanity liaison for St. John) for arranging with Home Depot to provide the wood workshop which the kids really liked. All said, our kids built over 200 wooden birdhouses and race cars. Finally, I would like to thank the Collier County Sheriff's Office for providing the rock climbing wall completely free of charge. The rock wall was a huge hit and there was a waiting line virtually all day. In addition to providing the wall, three deputies “manned” the wall for the entire event.

Assuming you are reading this bulletin in Mass, the date is either March 15 or 16. What does this mean? It means that there are only two weeks remaining until the **Reverse Raffle**. We are once again hosting the raffle as a fundraiser for the Catholic Faith Appeal. This year it is three full weeks earlier than last year. Obviously this means that there will be more parishioners in town but also leaves us less time to sell tickets. For those who remember, we hosted just such an event last year and raised \$12,000 for the CFA. For those not familiar with a Reverse Raffle, below is a summary of how the event works. We **MUST** sell all 300 tickets for the event to take place and currently we are “behind the eight ball” with regards to sales. Please help us and purchase yours today!

“What is a Reverse Raffle?” It is exactly what the name implies. Rather than the first ticket drawn winning the raffle, the last ticket drawn in a Reverse Raffle is the big winner. In this particular instance, we will be selling 300 tickets for the raffle at a cost of \$100 each. The winning ticket (or the last one drawn) will win \$10,000.00. This is a great return on a \$100 investment. In addition, your \$100 ticket also gains you (and

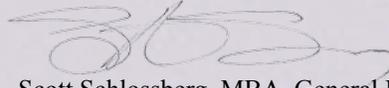
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a guest) admission to the party where you will enjoy dinner, entertainment and an open bar. In order to keep everyone's interest throughout the evening, we will also offer cash prizes randomly as the raffle progresses. The first ticket drawn will win \$100 as will every 25th ticket drawn for the remainder of the raffle. So in other words, 12 lucky attendees will get their money back and enjoy a great evening of entertainment at no cost. In addition, a DJ will be playing music before the raffle begins and then playing 30 minute sets after the drawing of every 100 numbers allowing those who want to get up and dance the opportunity to do so. You need not be present to win, so if you are headed back to your northern residence and unable to attend, you are encouraged to purchase a ticket with the comfort of knowing that we will either send you a check for your winnings or keep your winnings in safekeeping until you return in the fall. If you have never attended a reverse raffle, let me assure you that it is a lot of fun. When the drawing is down to the final ten ticket holders, there is a great deal of excitement in the air creating an "electric" atmosphere. I have hosted several of these events in the past several years, and on many occasions there are multiple winners as the final three to five ticket holders have opted to split the \$10,000.00 grand prize.

Last year, there was only one winner who took home the entire \$10,000.00 grand prize. So allow me to recap.....For \$100, you will receive admission for two, a catered meal, an open bar and entertainment by a DJ as well as the chance to win \$10,000.00. I can think of no better deal locally for a cost of \$50 per person. The Reverse Raffle will take place on Saturday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Parish Life Center. Tickets are currently available in the parish office or online. This is a great opportunity for all of us to support the Catholic Faith Appeal while enjoying great entertainment and great camaraderie. **Remember, we must sell all 300 tickets in order for the event to take place.**

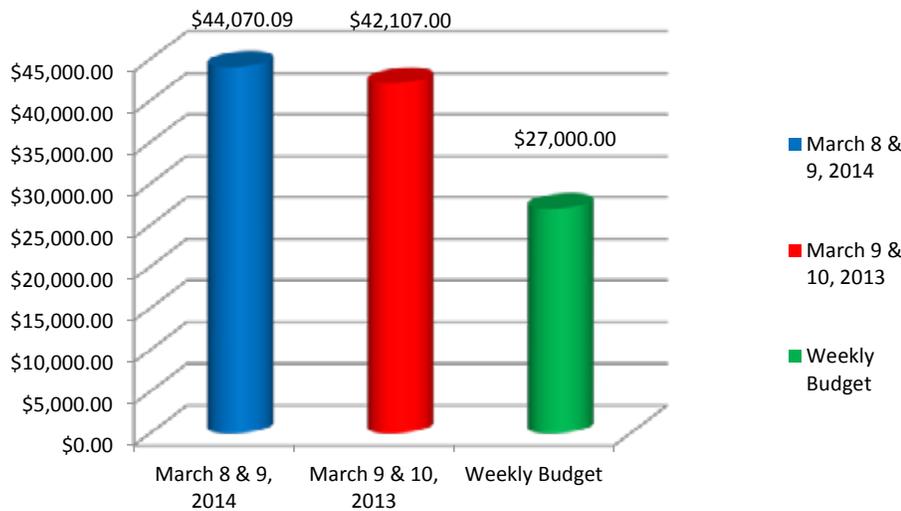
The St. Patrick's Day party this Sunday is sold out and has been for over a week. We have turned away countless parishioners who waited to purchase their tickets. Hopefully, we will see you there next year!

In His work together,

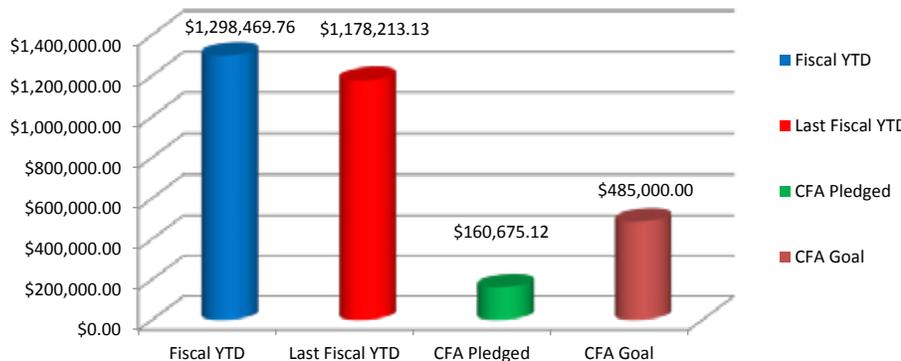


Scott Schlossberg, MBA, General Manager

Collection Summary



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



St. John the Evangelist Reverse Raffle

Benefiting the Catholic Faith Appeal

**Saturday,
March 29, 2014**

6:30 p.m.

St. John Parish Life Center

\$100.00 per ticket
(need not be present to win)

Dinner for 2

Open Bar

Entertainment by a DJ

*Now Available in Parish Office
or online at*

www.saintjohntheevangelist.com

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

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, March 16: the Second Sunday of Lent

Readings

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Opening Song

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Rick Founds

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Lord, I lift Your name___ on high; Lord, I love to sing___ Your
prais - es.____ I'm so glad You're in___ my life;
I'm so glad You came___ to save___ us.____
You came from heav-en to earth___ to show the way,___ From the earth___ to the cross___
___ my debt to pay;___ From the cross___ to the grave,___
___ from the grave___ to the sky;___ Lord, I lift Your name___ on high.

Kyrie

• 5A *hymnal*

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33)

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Response (cf. v. 22)
Lord, let your mer - cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
Lord, let your mer - cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Preparation Song

Lord, I Need You

Matt Maher Matt Maher CCLI Song # 5925687. Christy

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Verse 1) Lord, I come, I confess;
bowing here, I find my rest
And without you, I fall apart:
you're the One that guides my heart (to Chorus)

Verse 2) Where sin runs deep, your grace is more;
where grace is found is where you are
And where you are, Lord, I am free:
Holiness is Christ in me! (to Chorus)

Chorus

Lord, I need you, oh, I need you, ev' - ry hour I need you; my
 5 one de-fense, my ri - ghteous-ness, O God, how I need you.

Bridge) So teach my song to rise to you when temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you—Jesus, you're my hope and stay (to Chorus)

Sanctus • 19A Memorial Acclamation (A) • 20A
 Great Amen • 21A Agnus Dei • 24A

Communion Songs

Behold the Lamb of God

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Verse

You are my Lord, _____ It's you I a - dore. _____
 5 _ Nothing on earth _ could e - ver take _ your place. _ Your might humbles ev - 'ry _ heart.
 11 _ The highest of hea - vens _ bow. _ Nothing on earth _ could ev - er take _ your place. _ And
 Pre-chorus
 now we see your sac - ri - fice, the great - est gift, our great - est prize! Be -
 Chorus
 hold the Lamb of God! Be - hold the Lamb of God who takes a-way the sins of the world!

396 You Are Near Dan Schutte

Closing Song

438 O God, Our Help In Ages Past

PEANUT BUTTER EGGS! Sold by the choir as an Easter fundraiser. Call Shirley Bender to order, (239) 246-5633 before April 1st. Just \$2 apiece. More details to come...



The Word & Life

Genesis 12:1-4A

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

2 Timothy 1:8B-10

Matthew 17:1-9

Lord, It Is Good That We Are Here

*T*oday's gospel recalls the event of the Transfiguration. We are told something changed in Jesus' appearance the day in which he ascended the high mountain with Peter, James, and John. Was this a taste of what was to come in the resurrection? The Transfiguration event reveals the true nature of Jesus as God and man. The divinity of Jesus shone through his humanity and illuminated the world of the three apostles. When Moses and Elijah appeared, it was a confirmation that the consolation of Israel had finally arrived. God's voice coming forth from the cloud was the crowning of the theophany (experience of God), revealing the Father's pleasure in His Son and giving the apostles the command to listen to Jesus.

Reflection Questions

1. How do the words 'transfiguration' and 'transformation' relate to one another?
2. What is the significance of the presence of Moses and Elijah?
3. Why do you think Peter wants to erect three tents for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus?
4. Why are the disciples afraid when they hear the voice coming from the cloud?
5. Do you allow yourself to be transformed by the gospel?
6. How do you allow the gospel and teachings of the Church alter your life?
7. Is your life shaped by your understanding of the gospel and Church teachings? Why or why not?
8. How are you part of God's story?

The story of the Transfiguration might appear to be out of our reach. However, we are reminded today to look for Jesus' presence in society today. Hidden in the fabric of everyday life is the presence of the one who calls us to imitate him — the Lord of life with whom the Father is well pleased. We are called to listen closely to Jesus' request and pay attention to his summons in the needs of the world around us. When we are challenged to reach out to someone in our family or neighborhood, we have the opportunity to transform the broken realities that we encounter. It is then that Jesus is made manifest through us. Our acts of love can make all things possible. Once we open ourselves to the forgiveness and healing of God in the way that we interact with one another, God is truly pleased with us.

The reality Jesus offers us an optimistic overview of life. Jesus never makes any judgment against the

sinner; rather he sees their situation as an opportunity for redemption and transformation. When he meets the disturbed, the sick, or the outcast, Jesus sees this as an occasion for God's glory to shine through the brokenness.

The Transfiguration revealed the presence and glory of God to Peter, James, and John. It is a reminder that there is a deeper reality at work in the world. The apostles were simply regular people who experienced extraordinary things. These men chose to journey with Christ by setting everything aside to follow him. In this event, Jesus' image is transfigured into the brilliance of light — a sight the apostles would recall after the resurrection. During this Lenten season, we too are invited to set aside those things which are nonessential so that may allow God to lead us to the recognition of his presence in our experience. We are also invited to “transfigure” ourselves as we give witness to our transformation through the gospel.

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



Prayer

Lord, transform our lives with the light of your presence. May we recognize you in the fabric of life. When we face the hardships in our home or in society, may we see these as opportunities to encounter you. Once we embrace this gift, let our response be to you: Lord, it is good that we are here. Amen.

Voices of Faith

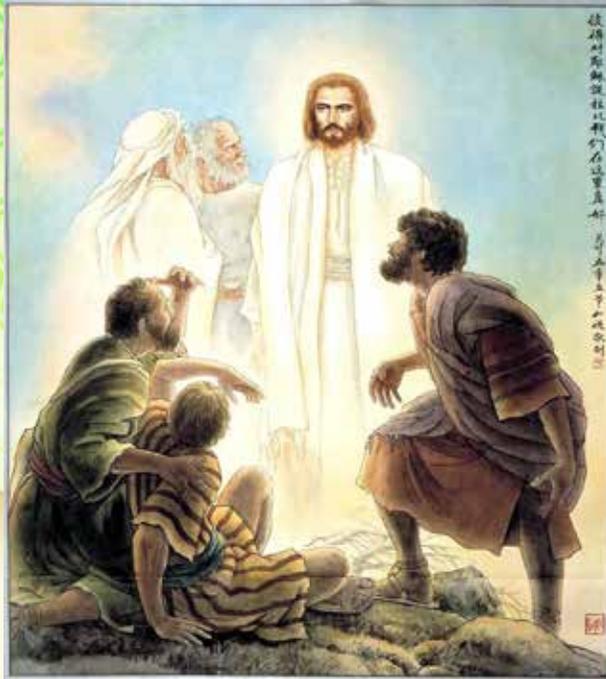


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“For that one moment, ‘in and out of time’,
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.”

“Transfiguration” by Malcolm Guite

Faith Formation



Transfiguration of Jesus

Mark Your Calendar

April 2

First Communion Activity Night

April 17-20

Easter Triduum

April 20

Easter Sunday

May 2

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

May 3

First Holy Communion Ceremony

Faith Formation News

First Communion Activity Night... will be on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 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.

Easter Sunday...is on April 20, 2014.

First Holy Communion Rehearsal... will be on Friday, May 2, 2014 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 3, 2014 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

REFLECTION

Jesus calls us to shine. When we shine at something, we do well. Our real selves and real abilities come through. The word “shine” can help us understand the meaning of Jesus’ transfiguration.

In Sunday’s Gospel Jesus shines. Jesus is transfigured before his friends. His face becomes as dazzling as the sun; his clothes radiate bright light. This Gospel is a vision of Jesus’ divinity shining through his humanity.

In this vision Peter, James, and John see Jesus is one of Israel’s great prophets, standing with Moses and Elijah. They glimpse for a moment who they are following as they journey to Jerusalem where Jesus will face conflict. We remember on the 2nd Sunday of Lent the whole of Jesus’ story. In Jerusalem he suffers, dies, and on the third day rises to new life.

This vision of Jesus’ transfigured in glory tells all of us to remember Jesus’ risen, shining self. Jesus calls us and gives us the power to shine like him, now and forever. We are God’s beloved sons and daughters, too.

Gospel for All Ages, Good Ground Press and Pflaum Publishing Group

Follow Francis

The word *Lent* comes from the Old English word for Spring. The goal of Lent is not the crucifixion on Good Friday but the resurrection on Easter Sunday. We often stress the penitential aspects of Lent to the exclusion of the baptismal side.

The true purpose of our Lenten disciplines, then, is to prepare us to renew our baptismal commitments. We’re washed clean once again of those things that obscure the glory of God shining through our lives. On this feast of the transfiguration, it’s good to remember this dazzling reality.

St. Francis never lost sight of the joy of the resurrection, even in the midst of the penances he undertook for the sake of his spiritual life. Even his crowning experience of the stigmata, the visible representation of the wounds of Christ, brought him a deep sense of joy and union with the crucified savior.

The more we know God’s love in our lives, the more we want to live up to the demands being made on us. We know our sins, our weaknesses, but we also know God’s grace. If we keep the Risen Lord in our sights, we too will know what it means to experience the loving approval of our God.

Bringing Home the Word, March 16, 2014, Franciscan Media

PRAYER

A clean heart create for me, Oh God;
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your holy spirit take not from me.
Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: Who helps you change and grow? How?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus want us to grow?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: Where is the highest place you have been? What could you see from there?

Gospel Question: What do Peter, James, and John see on the mountaintop?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: Who helps you change and grow? How?

Gospel Question: What do the brightness of Jesus’ face and the whiteness of his clothes show about Jesus?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: When have your friends seen changes in you?

Gospel Question: What transformations do Jesus’ friends see in him?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: What is your ideal self-image?

Gospel Question: What self-image does the transfiguration reveal about Jesus?

ADULTS

Life Question: Identify and talk about a crossroads experience in your life—a peak or valley?

Gospel Question: What do Jesus’ words, “Get up; do not be afraid,” challenge you to do?

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**Lenten Luncheon Series
Wednesdays
12:30—2pm**

immediately following noon Mass in
the St. Agnes Parish Center
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd.
Naples, FL 34120
239.592.1949

There is no charge for this event;
please RSVP for the soup.

March 19 “Mary, the Mother of God: Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast”

March 26 “The Communion of Saints: A Vast Company of Witnesses”

Contemporary Anti-Semitism and Anti-Christian Violence Lecture March 23

The Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County, Readers & Thinkers Group is presenting “Contemporary Anti-Semitism and Anti-Christian Violence”, a lecture by Dr. George A. Blewitt with a group discussion to follow.

The event is Sunday, March 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the Jewish Federation, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road (Naples Walk Plaza).

The 21st century is witnessing a resurgence of anti-Semitism at a level not seen since the Holocaust. Concurrent with this problem has been a widespread and striking increase in the persecution and slaughter of Christians, a fact that the majority of Western Christians fail to appreciate. This presentation will attempt to quantify the level of these problems as well as their distinct and shared bases. Together with the audience, the program will attempt to identify practical approaches toward potential solutions to these issues that affect us all.

2014 Cruise with St. John Parishioners and Friends



Parishioners and friends from the Tarpon Cove Community gathered for a group photo at the St. John parish reception at the beginning of the 2014 cruise aboard the Celebrity Reflection. For information about the 2015 cruise see page 22.

**BIG BAND
DANCES**

**Remaining Dances:
Tuesday, March 25 and
Tuesday, April 8**

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in PLC
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\$7.00 per 60 oz. pitcher
Wine and Mixed Drinks ~
\$3.00

Dress: Country Club Casual
(No shorts please.)

Singles Welcome

Sponsored by the Men’s Club

**Magnificat Breakfast March
29 at Holiday Inn Airport**

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, Saturday, March 29, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. The speaker, Valli Leone, is active in ministry in the Archdiocese of Miami and an officer for Glory House of Miami, which helps victims of human trafficking. Valli believes that the trademark of a Christian is Resurrection Joy. Her favorite words of encouragement are *Jesus never fails!*

Please send a \$20 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Joanne Tarantino, 3315 Bermuda Isle Circle, Unit 128, Naples, FL 34109, 239.887.0060 or Shirley Ruehl, 11451 Pembroke Run, Estero, FL 33928, 239.949.7015. Requests must be postmarked by Friday, March 21.

Try something different for Lent: Read the Gospels During the Season of Lent

Tired of giving up candy, cigarettes, desserts, etc. for Lent? How about giving up a little more time (about 15 minutes a day) and spend it reading the Gospels? By reading three chapters a day, you can move through the four Gospels during the Season of Lent. This is a perfect Lenten activity for families.

For those who don't want to carry the Bible around, there is a reading list in an APP at www.truthandlifeapp.com. This will allow anyone to carry the Gospels with them and take 15 minutes during a work break, while exercising, or while travelling. This year, don't give up; rather give time to God.

Diocesan Marriage Tribunal Information Evening Tuesday, March 18 in Fort Myers

The Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Venice in Florida will host an informational evening at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Fort Myers on Tuesday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. The evening is for those who have experienced a civil divorce/dissolution and wish to reestablish their freedom for marriage in the Catholic Church. The evening includes a short presentation on the types of marriage cases considered by the Tribunal along with an opportunity for questions and answers by participants with Tribunal personnel. No reservation is required and all are welcome. For further information, please call the Tribunal Department at 941.484.9543.

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

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



Remaining Fish Bake Dates:

March 28, April 4 and April 11

(No Fish Bake on Good Friday)

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

Tickets at Door Only

Tickets for Wine & Beer 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. (Take Outs Available)

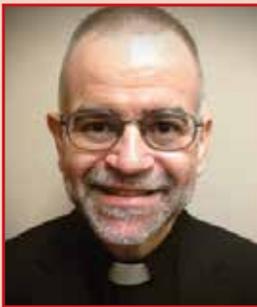


faith & ale

a GATHERING of catholic men

upcoming events:

April 22, 2014: Patrick Novocosky
The Divine Legacy of St. John Paul II



fr. ROBERT mcteigue, sj
WHY ARE YOUNG PEOPLE
Leaving the CHURCH?

A professor of philosophy at Ave Maria University, Fr. McTeigue is renowned for his insightful and compelling preaching.

Wednesday, March 19

6 pm - 8 pm

Parish Life Center Ballroom
St. John the Evangelist Parish
625 11th Ave., Naples

Suggested donation at the door: \$20
includes dinner and beverages

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

Family Fun and Ministry Day



Family Fun and Ministry Day, which was held last Sunday, March 9, offered food and entertainment for the whole family. Additionally, representatives from 35 parish ministries were on hand to provide information and an opportunity to join for those interested.

Future bulletins will feature photos from this aspect of the Family Fun and Ministry Day.

Food Service was hosted by the St. John's Men's Club.

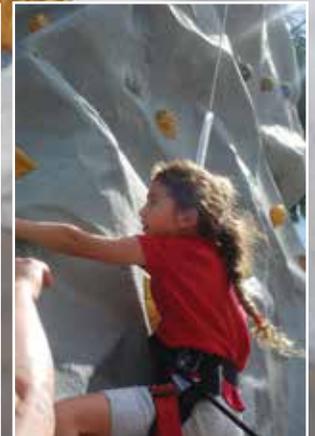
Family Fun and Ministry Day



With a true carnival atmosphere, Family Fun and Ministry Day provided lots of food and entertainment for the whole family with live music, a rock climbing wall, a dunk tank, bounce houses, obstacle courses, crafts, face painting, balloons, aclovn, a juggler, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn, pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings, mac and cheese, beer and wine and tons more.

Thanks to the following volunteer groups for their help: The Youth Ministry, Boys Scouts, Cub Scouts and the St. John Neumann Football Team and all our parishioners.

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30	At Sea	~	~
31	Oranjestad, Aruba	8am	7pm
Feb 1	Bonaire, AN	7am	2pm
2	St. Georges, Grenada	12pm	7pm
3	Dominica, DM	7am	4pm
4	St. Thomas, USVI	9am	4pm
5	Grand Turk, TC	1pm	7pm
6	At Sea	~	~
7	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	7am	

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<small>(These include applicable government, transfer & departure taxes and any fees)</small>	
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