

March 23, 2014
Third Sunday of Lent



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SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Six from St. John Receive Sacrament of Confirmation



Six young members of our parish were confirmed by Bishop Dewane at St. Ann Parish on Monday, March 17. The confirmandi and their sponsors are (bottom row, left to right): **Ashley Foster** (patron saint, Joan of Arc & Sebastian), with her sponsor Katarzyna Mendez, family friend; Dee Miller, grandmother and sponsor to **Katie Miller** (Mary Mother of God & Jude); **Clarissa Carmichael** (Joan of Arc), with her sponsor, family friend Georgina Castro. Top row, left to right: **Gerald Russo** (Francis of Assisi), with his sponsor, family friend Tom Oram; **Rex Focht** (Thomas the Apostle), with his sponsor, family friend Kelly Coyle; and **Gregorio Lozada** (Francis of Assisi), with his brother and proxy sponsor, Jesus Lozada. Jesus was the sponsor by proxy for the brothers' uncle, Francisco José Coello Chacón.

(photo by Jen Cox)

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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.

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Mass for Deceased (*) and Special Intentions Requested by

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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	
March 24, 2014 Monday 8:00 AM + Helen Neary Ellen Hooper 9:00 AM + Wayne Lee Maryann, Janet, Mary & Toni Noon + Robert Martin Ginny Martin	
March 25, 2014 Tuesday 8:00 AM + Joseph Alconada Larry & Mary Jane Abruzzese 9:00 AM + Anthony Jackapino Jackapino Family Noon + Marianne Matthias Vito & Eugenie Iacona	
March 26, 2014 Wednesday 8:00 AM + Richard Osborne David & Sally Russell 9:00 AM + Marie Devine Ron & Rita Reuss Noon + Michael Siraco Jack & Janice Sheehan	
March 27, 2014 Thursday 8:00 AM + Dennis Kelleher Alice & Joseph Giordano 9:00 AM + Robert D. Smith David & Sally Russell Noon + Philip J. Cerniglia The IHM Family	
March 28, 2014 Friday 8:00 AM + Cassie Sell Thomas & Roxanne Galvin 9:00 AM + Sarah Osborne David & Sally Russell Noon + Harold Olk Marge Olk	
March 29, 2014 Saturday 8:00 AM Frank Brinkman Jan Brinkman Sunday Vigil Mass 3:00 PM + Dick Lydon Janet D'Addario 5:00 PM + John Cunningham, III Parents	
March 30, 2014 Sunday 7:00 AM + John Schweisthal John Martin 9:00 AM + Ambrogio & Antonia Giuseppe & Anna Nardulli 11:15 AM For Our Parishioners 1:15 PM + Joseph Corolla Josephine Mello 5:00 PM + Steven Tauro Parents	

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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]

Monday, March 24, 2014

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 28, 2014

Abstinence

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 29, 2014

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

Sunday Vigil Mass

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Sunday, March 30, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Masses at Nursing Homes

and Assisted Living Facilities

Friday, March 28 10:00 AM Harbor Memory Care
Angela Sponamore req. by Evelyn Armstrong

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...

Respect Life

You May Spiritually Adopt An Unborn Child at Risk of Being Aborted

Beginning on Tuesday, March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation when Mary conceived Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit, you are invited to spiritually adopt an unborn child in danger of being aborted. Your commitment will be to pray a short prayer daily until Christmas.

You can register online at www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife

and be a part of this campaign.

You will be able to name this child and keep him/her in your prayers by name! Each month you will receive an email update showing you the current stage of development for your adopted baby. Through prayer, you will be united with the mother of this child who is considering the decision of abortion.

Eight Novena of Masses for Life Scheduled at Saint John the Evangelist

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For a greater respect for all human life there will be over 180 Masses celebrated throughout the Diocese. These Masses will take place on the 25th of each month through December 2013. In total, 30 parishes will have a complete or partial novena. St. John will have eight Masses. Join in this special observance of the life of Jesus in the womb of our Blessed Mother.

The complete schedule is available at www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife

Novena of Masses for Life scheduled at Saint John the Evangelist are:

Friday, April 25 at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 25 at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 25 at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, August 25 at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 25 at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 25 at 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 25 at 7:00 a.m.

Spiritually Adopt

an Unborn Child

PRAY

I will commit to pray this prayer every day for 9 months from now until Christmas:

“ Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. ”

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Register online for monthly reminders and details about your spiritual baby's growth at www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife.



Diocese of Venice Respect Life
1000 Pinebrook Road
Venice, FL 34285
941-441-1101



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)

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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 MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH INFORMATION...

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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.

See page 11 for a list of Lenten Penance Services in the area.

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.



Saint John the Evangelist Has One More Prayer Date at Planned Parenthood

Thanks to all of you who prayed for an end to abortion on March 14 and March 20 at the Naples Planned Parenthood. 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 8,000 babies have been saved and 45 abortion facilities have closed during past 40 Days for Life campaigns.

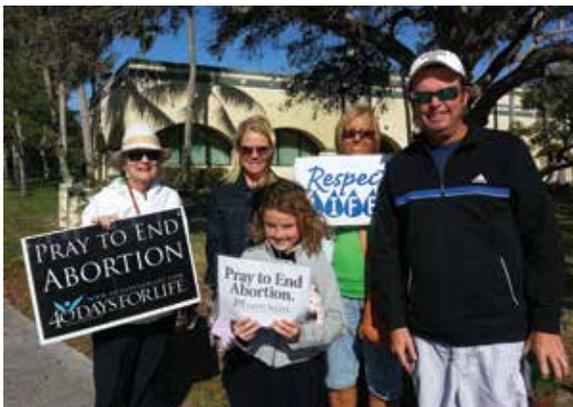
If you haven't had the opportunity to sign-up yet, there is still time. Our remaining prayer date at Planned Parenthood is April 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please contact Nancy or Paul Curti at plancurti@gmail.com or 612.616.1434 to sign up.

About 125 parishioners prayed at Planned Parenthood on March 14 and March 20.

St. John's Next Commitment Monday at Planned Parenthood Is March 24

Our parish has committed to praying for an end to abortion outside of Planned Parenthood on the fourth Monday of every month, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Planned Parenthood is located at 1425 Creech Road, Naples. (on the corner of Goodlette-Frank and Creech). Please plan to join fellow parishioners for this peaceful prayer time.

Contact Nancy or Paul Curti for more information at plancurti@gmail.com or 612.616.1434.



St. John parishioners prayed at the Planned Parenthood in Naples on the first day of the 40 Days for Life campaign on March 14.

(photos by Nancy and Paul Curti)

#ToKnow #ToLove #ToServe

#ToKnow – Mark Your Calendars for 2015 World Meeting of Families

Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to look over and fill out the online survey questions for the Family Mission (<http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/featured/family-mission-listening-session-questions>). Each section of the questions illustrates our renewed focus on youth programs, young adults ages 18 to 95, and couples. Your feedback will directly affect the focus and priority of programs at St. John in the coming years.

Our Pope has illustrated how important he feels Family is at the center of our faith. There is significant discussion about the upcoming 2015 World Meeting of Families, to be held September 22 to 27 in Philadelphia, PA, and that this event may bring the Holy Father to the United States for the first time as Pope. We intend to make this event a cornerstone in the development of the Family Mission. Stay tuned for more information on how we will be involved.



We will also be revamping our website in the next week, with a fresh layout and a focus on our vision to know, to love, and to serve God. The highly dynamic website will provide additional details from stories in the bulletin as well as allow us to showcase just how much we are accomplishing for the community with vibrant images and video.

#ToLove – Upcoming NET Ministry Event – April 1

We have been blessed with a very special treat. The NET Ministries Team from Minnesota have found an evening on

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by Jean-Paul Boucher
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April 1 to share their infectious enthusiasm as young Catholics with our parish. We will have a “Come and See” event from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on April 1 in the PLC Ballroom where the “Netters” will showcase their ability to engage various ages with their faith and camaraderie in a family-friendly event. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Their programs are an illustration of the rebuilding of our own Youth Programs, so please RSVP online for this event by April 28.



#ToServe – Youth Lector Program Invigoration

Has your child ever voiced an interest in proclaiming the Word of God during Mass? As we have accomplished with the Youth Altar Server program, we are now looking to invigorate the already sensational Youth Lectors with a team of volunteers to assist the youth in learning about their faith and public speaking through the Youth Lector program. This program will support both the 11:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Sunday Masses year-round with Lectors dedicated and devoted to serving our parish. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to support these Youth Lectors, or if you have a child that would like to be a Lector, please contact me by Friday, April 4. A Leadership Team Meeting is set for April 22. More details are available for those wishing to support these Acolytes.



In case you didn't notice... The JOP Food Drive is this weekend... We will be accepting donated food until 5:00 p.m. Sunday. With gratitude and thanksgiving for your support always...
— *Jamaica Outreach Program*

Bishop Dewane Will Celebrate Mass for Victims of Child Abuse at St. John on April 7 at Noon

April is Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month. In conjunction with the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Diocese of Venice will hold a Mass for Victims of Child Abuse on Monday, April 7 here at Saint John the Evangelist at Noon.

This is the seventh consecutive year this Mass will be held in the Diocese. Bishop Dewane will celebrate the Mass and invites all to attend and pray for those affected by the tragedy of abuse. The Diocese remains committed to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Hymns for Sunday of the Third Week of Lent, March 22 & 23

Readings:	641	Year A
Entrance Hymn:	282	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Preparation Hymn:	449	What Wondrous Love
Communion Hymn:	Jesus, Savior	<i>on page 13 of the bulletin</i>
	364	Come To the Water
Closing Hymn:	576	God's Blessing Sends Us Forth

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

Preparation	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	<i>Merman & Allen, arr. Ringwald</i>
Communion	At the Table of the Lord	<i>Jay Althouse</i>

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, March 24: Monday of the Third Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 84 (83): 3*

My soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh cry out to the living God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Athirst is my soul for the living God. When shall I go and behold the face of God?

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 117 (116): 1, 2*

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
for his merciful love towards us is great.

Tuesday, March 25: the Annunciation of the Lord

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Heb 10: 5, 7*

The Lord said, as he entered the world: Behold, I come to do your will, O God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Is 7:14*

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Wednesday, March 26: Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 17 (16): 6, 8*

To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 15 (14): 1-2*

Lord, who may abide in your tent,
and dwell on your holy mountain?
Whoever walks without fault and does what is just.

Thursday, March 27: Thursday of the Third Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,

I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 119 (118): 4-5*

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Friday, March 28: Friday of the Third Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 86 (85): 8, 10*

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
for you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I am the Lord your God: hear my voice.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Mk 12: 33*

To love God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself,
is worth more than any sacrifice.

Saturday, March 29: Saturday of the Third Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 103 (102): 2-3*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits;

it is he who forgives all your sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. It is mercy I desire and not sacrifice.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Lk 18: 13*

The tax collector stood at a distance, beating his breast and saying:
O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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Bob Claussen naplesrgc@gmail.com

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. April 24 Speaker: Joshua Coleman, Ph.D.

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, 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 Pedrigo 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:

Robert Fadie, Deacon Norm LaLone, Jean McCarthy and Nicholas J. Bua

May they rest in eternal peace.

Let us pray for the sick of the parish, especially

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

LET US PRAY...

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

MARCH 23, 2014 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



As you are aware, this weekend we will be administering a second collection for the **Capital Reserve Fund**. I would like to thank each and every one of you in advance for your generosity in allowing us to build this fund which will have long lasting effects on our campus.

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

Following up on the mention of spring in the previous paragraph, did you know that **spring has officially sprung**.

Although it doesn't mean much for us in Southwest Florida, I am sure there are more than a few up north who are celebrating this momentous occasion. For those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, the vernal equinox (or spring equinox) takes place in March when the sun passes over the celestial equator. This year, the sun moved across the invisible line between hemispheres on Thursday at 12:57 p.m. EDT.

As of today (Wednesday, March 19) there are still 200 tickets remaining for the **Reverse Raffle** on March 29. I am once again getting that uneasy feeling with regards to selling out what has become a great annual event to benefit the Catholic Faith Appeal. Remember we must sell **ALL 300** tickets in order for the event to take place. We are going to implement all of the tactics that I am aware of in order to make this event a reality and a tremendous success. This weekend there will be a representative outside of the main Church entrance before and after every Mass selling tickets. This worked very well last year and many purchased their ticket via the remote location although we had fewer tickets remaining at this time last year. Ironically, last year's event was held on April 19 or a full three weeks later than this year's event. The thought process was by moving the raffle into March this year, we would have a much larger pool of parishioners to choose from as many would not have yet left to go back north.

In addition, we will send out an email blast to our 1,300+ parishioners who have chosen to be on our distribution list. This will not be a solicitation but rather a notification

of an upcoming event and where to purchase your tickets if interested. Included in the email will be a link to purchase your ticket through our website. Obviously, tickets are always available in the parish office during business hours.

Following the St. Patrick's Day Mass at the reception in the PLC I made an announcement to the over 400 in attendance regarding the Reverse Raffle. It seems that many are still confused regarding the process of a Reverse Raffle. Because I published this info last week and because it takes up too much real estate in my column, I will include it in the email blast but not in Scott's Corner this week.

This is my last opportunity to stress the importance of the Reverse Raffle and ensuring its survival moving forward. We will raise a minimum of \$12,000 for the Catholic Faith Appeal through the raffle. You get a great night out with your spouse or significant other and stand the chance of winning some serious cash. Thanks for purchasing your ticket today!



We certainly did not have any problems selling tickets for the **St. Patrick's Day party** in the ballroom this past Sunday. This event sold out a full 10 days prior to the party and we turned away countless parishioners who waited to purchase their ticket. Ultimately, we had a full ballroom and I didn't hear one complaint. With a crowd this large, that is quite an accomplishment. As it turns out, the 425 that chose to attend were treated to an incredible deal for only \$25.00. At around 7:15 p.m., our very own Irish dance troupe (Tir-Na-Nog) took

the stage and entertained the crowd for 30 minutes. Dancers from the age of 5 to 20 performed numerous jigs and reels. Some were soft shoe and others were in clogs, but all were very entertaining. After the dance troupe departed we were privy to an authentic piping experience by the Naples Harp and Thistle Band. This band of 20 performed for 30 minutes and had the crowd captivated as they wowed us with an Irish rendition of Amazing Grace. Finally, due to an injury, Fr. John was unable to dance a jig but instead performed his rendition of the Irish favorite, "Danny Boy." Again, for a mere \$25.00, this was a great night of entertainment. Frisco's catered a traditional Irish meal of Corned Beef and Cabbage and fed everyone in a span of no more than 40 minutes.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA, General Manager

2014 Lenten Penance Services Local Area Churches

St. Ann – Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

475 9th Avenue South, Naples

St. Agnes – Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

San Marco – Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

815 San Marco Road, Marco Island

St. William – Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

601 Seagate Drive, Naples

St. Finbarr – Monday, April 7 at 5:00 p.m.

13520 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

St. Peter the Apostle – Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

St. John the Evangelist – Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

625 111th Avenue North, Naples

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!*

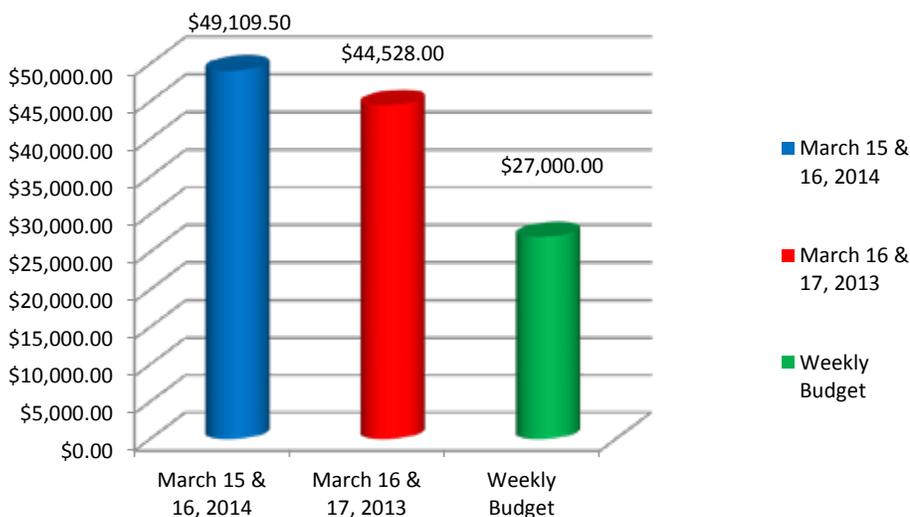
Please call Joanne Tarantino at 239.887.0060 or Shirley Ruehl at 239.949.7015.

St. Patrick's Day Reception, March 17



Following the St. Patrick's Day Mass, parishioners enjoyed a continental breakfast with pastries, juice, cake and Irish coffee, courtesy of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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 23: the Third Sunday of Lent

Readings 641

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
 4 true. With thanks - gi-ving, I'll be a li - ving sanc-tu - a - ry for you.

Kyrie • **5A** *hymnal*

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 95) Music by Tom Oram, © 2010 A Chasing After Wind Music (BMI.) All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Response (cf. Ps. 95:1)

If to-day — you hear his voice, — har - den not your hearts.
 5 If to-day — you hear his voice, — har - den not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

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

Preparation Song **Give Us Clean Hands** Charlie Hall CCLI Song No. 2060208. © 2000 worshiptogether.com songs | sixsteps Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). All rights reserved. CCLI License No. 2008891

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; O Spi rit, come make us hum ble.
 5 We turn our eyes from e vil things; O Lord, we cast down our i dols. Give us clean — hands,
 9 — give us pure — hearts. — Let us not lift our souls to a no — ther, — Give us clean — hands,

13
 — give us pure — hearts, — let us not lift our souls to a no — ther. — O God, let us be —

17
 — a gen er a tion that seeks, — that seeks your — face, — O — God of Ja — cob. — O God, let us be —

21
 — a gen er a tion that seeks, — that seeks your — face, — O — God — of Ja — cob. —

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

Communion Songs **Jesus, Savior** John Ludden © the Very Rev. John J. Ludden. All rights reserved. Used with permission.
364 Come To the Water

Je - sus, Sa - vior, Bread of Life, come to heal us, to
 streng-then us. Je - sus, Sa - vior, Cup of Life, come and live with - in our hearts.

Closing Song **282 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

HANDMADE CHOCOLATE-COVERED PEANUT BUTTER EGGS

are being sold by our Adult choir as an Easter fundraiser. They are the size of a smallish baked potato (but taste way better). Please call Shirley Bender to order, (239) 246-5633 before April 1st. Just \$2 apiece.

They will be available for pickup in the Music Room of the Claussen Center on:

- Wednesday, April 9th, 5-8 PM
- Thursday, April 10th, 10 AM-3 PM
- Friday, April 11th, 10 AM-3PM

Friday April 11th, 10 AM-3 PM

- Wednesday, April 9th, 5-8 PM
- Thursday, April 10th, 10-3 PM
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The Word & Life

Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

The Gift of Life-giving Water

*W*ater is the most precious natural resource that we possess. Without the gift of water, we would have no life. A lack of water would begin to negate many other possibilities, i.e., vegetation, nourishment of animals, and sustenance of humanity. Certain areas of the world, especially on the continent of Africa, have experienced the disastrous effects caused by the lack of water. Drought brings death and despair, whereas water brings life and hope!

The day Jesus entered Sychar and approached Jacob's well was a life-changing event for the people of Samaria. The Samaritan woman is changed by her encounter with Jesus. He seems to know the woman's heart and vulnerability. Jesus asks her to give him a drink — he enters into dialogue, not only with a people who were regarded with disdain, but with a woman. Jesus dares to step outside the limitations placed on him by the strict observance of religious law in order to reach out to the world. In doing so, he reveals that God's initiative involves people of every language and way of life. God's vision is inclusive rather than exclusive. Jesus informs the Samaritan woman that he is offering the water that will quench all thirst and lead to everlasting life. The woman asks to be gifted with that life-giving water. She then tells the people of her town about her encounter. The town folk are curious about the Samaritan woman's encounter and they go to search Jesus out. The Samaritans are similarly changed through the experience they have of Jesus.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded of these waters that quench all thirst. Such are waters of baptism. Each one of us is baptized into the life, death, and resurrection of

Reflection Questions

1. How are the Samaritans viewed by the Jews of Jesus' day?
2. Why does Jesus engage the Samaritan woman in conversation?
3. How does the Samaritan understand Jesus' offer of "living water"?
4. How does Jesus offer the gift of "living water" to the Church?
5. What does the "living water" mean to you?
6. Why does Jesus confront the Samaritan woman with her sordid past?
7. What does it mean to worship God in spirit and in truth?
8. What did the woman do after meeting Jesus and what were the results?
9. How does this story encourage you on your road of conversion?

Jesus. When we are immersed in the baptismal waters, we are also immersed into the very essence of Jesus' teaching and the life he lived. By embracing our baptism as a priestly, prophetic, and kingly people, we embrace a promise that will lead to paradise in eternity. Through our forty days of preparation for Easter, we are invited to look forward to the blessing of the new waters of baptism at the Easter Vigil which remind us of the call to live the vocation of baptism.

In concrete, the waters that Jesus promised to the Samaritan woman are the same waters offered to us. Every time we enter the church for Mass we take the water and make the sign of the cross, an action that reminds us of our belief in our baptismal call to live the gospel at every moment. The waters of baptism quench the thirst for the meaning of life and immerse us in a new way of life. Simply, to live as Jesus lived, inclusive of people of every race, language, and way of life!



Prayer
Water of life cleanse and refresh us. May we thirst for the water that will lead us to everlasting life. Wherever our souls or spirits experience drought, let us open ourselves to your waters offering us growth and life. Amen.

Voices of Faith

“Woman

Walking
 in the searing sunlight
 Glare stinging my eyes
 with sudden tears
 Behind the fortress walls
 of surrounding houses
 They surely watch

I can barely raise
 one foot after another
 Dust chokes
 my dry mouth
 This pot, my burden
 Unfilled,
 like a dead weight
 on my body.

I walk
 this daily walk
 of torment
 I walk
 Alone
 It has been
 for such a long time now
 Must it always be so?

The Well

Today I met him
 such a man
 as I have longed to meet
 for all my life
 Today I met him,
 I will never be the same again.

Today I talked to him
 such a man
 as I have longed to
 talk to all my life
 A man who talked with me
 as if he had known me
 all my life

Today he looked at me
 He smiled at me
 as no one else has ever done before
 He knew my sin
 and yet
 he took my cup

Joy unquenchable
 fills me
 Messiah
 I will speak his words
 throughout the land
 I will never be the same
 Because today
 I met Him.”



*Gesù e la Samaritana al pozzo/
 Creator: Giacomo Franceschini/
 wikipedia.org*

— Josephine Collett
 1959, Hull, Yorkshire,
 England

Faith Formation



The Samaritan Woman

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

We help build the Kingdom. Jesus astounded the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well by asking her for a drink. She could hardly believe that he, a Jew, would take a drink from a Samaritan, or that he, a man, would request a drink politely from a woman.

In the Bible, wells are places where courtships happen. Jesus makes friends with the Samaritan woman, not so she will be his wife, but so she will believe in him, the Messiah and Savior of the world. This woman not only believes but becomes an apostle to the people of her town.

The Samaritans were outsiders to the Jews. The Assyrians defeated the 10 northern tribes of Israel and moved tribes from their part of the world into Samaria. Five tribes that worshiped other gods settled the cities of Samaria. These tribes intermarried with the Samaritans, so Jews regarded Samaritans as people who no longer worshiped Yahweh, the God of Israel. When Jesus tells the woman she has had five husbands, he is saying that her ancestors have worshiped five false gods. What convinced the woman Jesus is the messiah is that Jesus is reaching out to Samaritans after seven centuries of them being outsiders.

Jesus tells the woman that not only is there a well in the ground where she can get water. She has a well inside her, a place where spirit gushes up instead of water. This spirit is also inside of us and makes us seek to know God. All who believe in Jesus share the gift of God's Spirit, now and forever.

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THE EUCHARISTIC DANCE

The celebration of Mass is not confined to our minds, hearts, and voices, but is meant to involve our bodies as well. Like a joyful dance, each posture is significant and has meaning.

Standing. Standing is a sign of respect, so we stand when the celebrant—representing Christ—enters and leaves. We also stand for the Gospel, and the bishops of our country decided to have us stand when receiving the Eucharist.

Kneeling. From the early days of the Church, kneeling has been a gesture of penance but more recently has come to show adoration. Thus we kneel for the Eucharistic prayer.

Sitting. We sit for the pre-Gospel readings and the homily in a posture of listening and meditation.

Bowing. In our culture a bow usually expresses reverence and honor, and the bishops have decided that we are to bow before we receive Communion.

Note: for more information ask your parish priests or refer to *Postures and Gestures at Mass*, available from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, (202)542-3000, www.usccb.org.

Growing in Faith, March 2014, Success Publishing & Media, L.L.C.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: What are the five senses?

Gospel Question: Discuss with the children the sense of taste and give thanks to God for food and how good it tastes.

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: Who is good news for you?

Gospel Question: What good news does the Samaritan woman bring to the people of her village?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: Who do you speak up for?

Gospel Question: Why does Jesus talk to the Samaritan woman?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: Who has helped you do works of service as Jesus did?

Gospel Question: What convinces the Samaritan woman that Jesus is the Messiah?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: When have you broken down a boundary or helped someone else break down a boundary?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus break down the boundary between Samaritans and Jews, men and women, the Samaritan woman and himself?

ADULTS

Life Question: When have you come to trust a person whose character you initially misread?

Gospel Question: Why do her townspeople believe the Samaritan woman?

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RITE OF SENDING & RITE OF ELECTION



Jeff Meyerson signing for the Book of the Elect.



Kathy Valentine signing for the Book of the Elect.



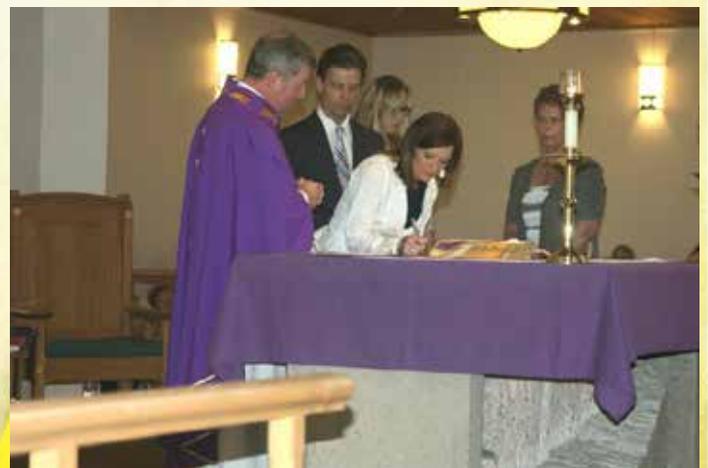
Amy Molina at the Rite of Sending (front, right).



RCIA Class with the Bishop at Rite of Election.



Debra Sciacqua signing for the Book of the Elect.



Christy Carpenter signing for the Book of the Elect.

Six from St. John Receive Sacrament of Confirmation



The confirmandi on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation and their Confirmation saint...

"...I wish to be confirmed for the sake of having a stronger relationship with God, for becoming a better Catholic, and for having the Holy Spirit's guidance strengthened within me." — Clarissa Carmichael

"I feel that [St. Francis'] act of kindness and charity to the point of losing everything was what attracted me to the saint the most." — Gerald Russo

"Martyrdom is a true test of strength and willingness to fight for a cause. St. Sebastian went into all of his dealings knowing very well that his actions could end in death, but he did them anyway to spread his faith." — Ashley Foster



"My faith is very important to me because whenever I have any problems I can always rely on God to show me the way." — Gregorio Lozada

"Knowing that all of these things are possible with Confirmation has made a significant change on my outlook on life and will continue to make a difference throughout my life as I appreciate, understand, and spread the Word of God to others and myself throughout the community and the world." — Rex Focht

"I have found that no matter what Catholic church you are in or how wealthy or poor a church may be, there is never a lack of hope." — Katie Miller

The confirmandi with Fr. John and Fr. Jim (top) and as a group (above).
(photos by Jen Cox)

Easter Spiritual Bouquet



For the Intentions of *(PLEASE PRINT)*

Living _____

Deceased _____

Your donation will furnish the Sanctuary with flowers during the Easter season and your loved ones will be remembered in the Easter Spiritual Bouquet during the Easter Masses. **DROP THE FORM AND DONATION IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS.**

For your convenience, envelopes are also available in the Narthex

Donor Name _____ **\$** _____



Collection for Catholic Relief Services March 29 and 30

March 18, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

Catholic Relief Services Collection funds Catholic agencies whose programs help families suffering from war, famine, extreme poverty, and natural disasters. They also aid unaccompanied minors, immigrants trying to reunite with their family members and victims of human trafficking.

Each of these program areas provides assistance at the grassroots level. For example, funds from this special Collection help make it possible for women in rural developing areas to earn a form of income. CRS offers these women a way to develop a livelihood, thus providing hope for a brighter future for their families.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection in the Diocese of Venice is scheduled for the weekend of March 29-30, 2014. This is the perfect opportunity for us to express our compassion and generosity.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Next Ladies of St. John's Monthly Luncheon April 2

The Ladies of St. John's monthly luncheon will be Wednesday, April 2 at the Plantation Club in the Dunes at 11:30 a.m. To make a reservation, mail a check for \$17.00 payable to Marianne Brooks to Marianne Brooks, 10140 Regent Circle, Naples, FL 34109, by Monday, March 31.

Last month our "surprise gift certificate" raffle netted \$84.00 to benefit St. Vincent de Paul. There will be another "surprise" raffle April 2. All are welcomed to come and meet other women from our parish.



Ellie Roberts, Choir Director; Fr. John; and Tom Oram, Pastoral Musician (on the piano) performed Irish songs prior to the St. Patrick's Day Mass on March 17. See additional photos in future bulletins.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children 12 and Under



Saturday, April 19, 2014
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 Joe Lichwalla at 348.1828

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

Family Name _____ Number of Adults Attending _____

Names & Ages of Children _____

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MUST FILL OUT FORM TO PARTICIPATE. Register by Sunday, April 13.

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

Or register online at: www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

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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)



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 26** “The Communion of Saints: A Vast Company of Witnesses”
- **April 2** No session due to the Parish Mission at 7:00 p.m.
- **April 9** “Prayer and the Life of the Spirit: The Fire of His Love”
- **April 16** “The Last Things: World Without End.” *(Presented by Rev. Robert E. Barron on DVD “Catholicism: The Journey of a Lifetime”*



Faith and Wine

Holly Schapker

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Please join us on April 3, as we welcome Holly Schapker, a gifted Catholic artist, who will be speaking to us on **Walking In His Footsteps: A Journey with Ignatius of Loyola, the Founder of the Jesuits**

6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom
 (625 111th Avenue North, Naples)

Holly Schapker' spent 3 years researching Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), and took an Ignatian pilgrimage where she followed Ignatius' path to the Holy Land as he became a devoted follower of Christ. Upon her return, Holly created a body of work she calls “Adsum”. She explains, “These paintings represent my interpretation of the mission of St. Ignatius of Loyola. They incorporate all I know and feel about my life as a Catholic and as an artist.” Through her paintings, Holly explores Ignatius’s journey, weaving in her own journey, what it means to be a Jesuit, and how that might be influencing Pope Francis.



\$20 prepay/\$30 at the door

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

Please pre-pay for this event no later than noon on April 1st by going to www.faithandwine.com and clicking on "Registration for Events". Or you can mail (post-marked before March 29th) or drop off (no later than noon on April 1st) your check made payable to “Faith and Wine, Inc.” to Mary Beth Clary, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP (in The Mercato), 9132 Strada Place, 3rd Floor, Naples, Florida 34108. Bring a friend or make new ones!

Faith and Wine is a group of diverse women 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. For more information, please visit our website at www.faithandwine.com.

BIG BAND DANCES

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

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

*Dance to the Music
 of the Big Band Era*

*Featuring the Live
 Southwest Florida
 16-piece Orchestra*

Admission: \$10.00
 cash only at the door -
 includes snacks

Cash Bar:
 Water and Soda - \$1.00
 Beer - \$2.00 per 12 oz.
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 pitcher

Wine and Mixed Drinks
 - \$3.00

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

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Jan 28	Fort Lauderdale, FL		4pm
29	At Sea	~	~
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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