

March 25, 2012
Fifth Sunday of Lent



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EVANGELIST

SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Meet the Authors and Support the Parish This Weekend

Authors and parishioners Claire Coleman, Joan Lynch and Ernest Woonsam will be selling and signing their recently published books after Masses this weekend. Part of the proceeds from these book sales this weekend only will benefit our parish lenten project, Mission Clothe Me or the Catholic Faith Appeal.

Special Intentions – Remembering Others in Personal Prayer, by Claire Coleman, offers a compassionate and empathic approach to personal prayer. Each page is a meditation on the challenges faced by one person: a soldier being fitted for a prosthesis, someone struggling with an addiction or a child starting chemotherapy. The meditation ends with a request for a prayer for that person from your heart, in your own words. At the core of *Special Intentions* is a simple concept – say one prayer, once a day for someone other than yourself.

Joan D. Lynch's novel, *Women of the Passion*, opens with the Crucifixion and continues through the persecution of the women and men who followed Jesus. The Chief Priests, Herod and Saul wanted to stamp out these followers. The women who were also the early leaders of the church were in just as

much danger as the men. Experience what Jesus' Mother, Mary Magdalene, Susanna and Joanna were thinking, doing and feeling during these historic days in Jerusalem.

Adventures of Pudgie & Cuddie, by Ernest Woonsam, is the story of two adolescent porcupines who decide to explore the world around their home when they should be sleeping during the day. A children's book, it tells about the various animals that they encounter on their journey and the reactions that they receive.

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

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

Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions		Requested by
March 24, 2012 Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Patrick & Marie McKenna Mary McKenna
Vigil Services		
3:00 PM	+	Dr. Ciro Tarta Delores Kernochan
5:00 PM	+	Vincent Arciero Ginny & Tony Aquino
March 25, 2012 Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Dr. Ciro Tarta Jacqui Brodeur
9:00 AM		Carpentieri & Barbaro Family
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM		Avery Alfonso Madden Family
5:00 PM	+	Frances Flood John & Maureen Wurtz
<i>Flowers in Memory of Wendy Murphy Burke ~ Requested by the Family</i>		
March 26, 2012 Monday		
8:00 AM	+	Richard Osborn Sally & David Russell
9:00 AM	+	Elizabeth Ratzmann The Leibigs
12:00 PM	+	George Lerra Diane McCormack
March 27, 2012 Tuesday		
8:00 AM	+	Genevieve Gaddis Dorothy Daly
9:00 AM	+	Rose Marie Hammond Harry Hammond
12:00 PM	+	Elmer & Tave Rosenthal Jan Tremblay
March 28, 2012 Wednesday		
8:00 AM	+	Rose Gabrenya Bob & Janet Lomicka
9:00 AM	+	Herbie Aguiar Dolores Kernochan
12:00 PM		Robert Sims Kathy Sims
March 29, 2012 Thursday		
8:00 AM	+	Elaine & Walter Mohrmann Bruce & Chris Muddell
9:00 AM	+	John P. Cunningham III Mom & Dad
12:00 PM	+	Anthony Jackapino The Family
March 30, 2012 Friday		
8:00 AM	+	Edwin Getner Peggy Cuschieri
9:00 AM	+	Frank Brinkman Wife
12:00 PM	+	Robert E. Lee Victoria Walther
March 31, 2012 Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Patricia Pease William Pease
Vigil Services		
3:00 PM	+	Carl Rechtsteiner Family
5:00 PM	+	James Fagiarone Paul & Karen Truono
April 1, 2012 Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Ben Marotta Rose & Children
9:00 AM	+	John King (in Church) Ginny & Rich Moriarty
9:00 AM	+	Paul J. Marinelli (in PLC) His Family
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners (in Church and in PLC)
1:15 PM	+	Michele Lione Nunzioenina Botta
5:00 PM	+	Filomena LaGrasta Edith Sarrantonio & Family
<i>Flowers in Memory of Pat Sullivan - Requested by Dick Sullivan</i>		
<i>Host & Wine in Memory of Joseph Bernetch ~ Requested by the Family</i>		

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, March 24, 2012**

Jer 11:18 20; Jn 7:40 53

Vigil Services

Jer 31:31 34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7 9; Jn 12:20 33

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12 14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8 11;

Jn 11:1 45 [3 7, 17, 20 27, 33b 45]

Sunday, March 25, 2012**Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny**

Jer 31:31 34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7 9; Jn 12:20 33

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12 14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8 11;

Jn 11:1 45 [3 7, 17, 20 27, 33b 45]

Monday, March 26, 2012**The Annunciation of the Lord**

Is 7:10 14, 8:10; Heb 10:4 10; Lk 1:26 38

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Nm 21:4 9; Jn 8:21 30

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Dn 3:14 20, 91 92, 95; Jn 8:31 42

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Gn 17:3 9; Jn 8:51 59

Friday, March 30, 2012**Abstinence**

Jer 20:10 13; Jn 10:31 42

Saturday, March 31, 2012

Ez 37:21 28; Jn 11:45 56

Vigil Services

Mk 11:1 10 or Jn 12:12 16; (procession)

Is 50:4 7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6 11;

Mk 14:1 - 15:47 [15:1 39]

Sunday, April 1, 2012**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Mk 11:1 10 or Jn 12:12 16; (procession)

Is 50:4 7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6 11;

Mk 14:1 - 15:47 [15:1 39]

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

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

Saint John the Evangelist Schedule for Lent

Daily Masses will be:

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

Saturday Morning Masses will be:

8:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross will be:

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

On Good Friday Stations will also include Veneration of the Cross.

Reconciliation:

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

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

Lenten Penance Services in our area

- St. Peter the Apostle – Monday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples
- St. Agnes – Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples
- St. Ann – Wednesday, March 28 - 7:00 p.m.
475 9th Avenue South, Naples

40 Days for Life Naples Spring Campaign

Looking for a Lenten sacrifice? Take an hour to join others in prayer for an end to abortion during Lent from February 22 to April 1. The prayers will take place outside Planned Parenthood in Naples daily (except Sunday) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For details, go to www.40daysforlife.com/naples or call 239.503.0295.

Palm Sunday Masses, April 1:

Sunday Vigil Service (March 31):

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

Sunday: 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

11:15 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

1:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Lenten Penance Service, Tuesday, April 3:

7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday Services, April 5:

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Services, April 6:

8:00 a.m. ~ Morning Prayer

Noon ~ Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m. ~ "Prayer Around the Cross"
with Veneration

Holy Saturday Services and Mass, April 7:

8:00 a.m. ~ Morning Prayer

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:00 p.m. ~ Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Masses, April 8:

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

11:15 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

1:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.



Easter Spiritual Bouquet

For the Intentions of

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 _____ **\$** _____

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

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

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

All Administrative Staff 239.566.8740

General Manager
Scott Schlossberg: 566.1678
Fax: 239.325.2100

Administrative Assistant & Records
Melanie Harrison: Ext. 113

Assistant to the Pastor
Natalie Campbell: Ext. 134

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist
Tom Oram: Ext. 179

Choir Director
Ellie (VanderMeuse) Roberts: 682.5609

Sacristan
Lorna Woonsam: Ext. 133

Communications
Kathy Sims: Ext. 128

Memorial Garden
Scott Schlossberg: Ext. 114

Religious Boutique
Marianne Brooks: 591.4668

Education Staff

Director of Faith Formation
Margie Lynch: 514.2927

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

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

Middle School - Tom Oram:
566.8740, Ext. 179

Director of RCIA
Margie Lynch: 514.2927

Family Ministry
Charlene Youngs: 566.8740 Ext: 123

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Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday

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

(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

(until all are heard)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday Masses:

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

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

Contemporary Sunday Mass:

5:00 p.m.

FOR OUR RECORDS

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

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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

Mass Cards

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

We are currently accepting intentions for 2013.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH INFORMATION...

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PRAYER GROUPS

Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

The Centering Prayer group meets weekly on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in room 15 of the Claussen Center. On Wednesday mornings, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass (9:45 a.m.) Centering Prayer will be held in the Parish Library. Following Centering Prayer, both groups pray Lectio Divina. Everyone is welcome. (Brochures are available in the foyer.)

Divine Will Prayer Group

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

Liturgy of the Hours

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

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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

St. John Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

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

THROUGH THE DARKNESS

BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

Ensign Stuart Campbell

U.S. Navy

Bradley N. Chartier

U.S. Army

Sgt. Chris Counts

U.S. Marine Corp

James Cunningham

BM3 Charley Davidson

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

Specialist Anthony J. Diamante

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

Joshua Emmons

U.S. Air Force

Lt. Bernardo Garcia

U.S. Marines

Lt. Joseph Gilig

1st Marine Division * LAV Recon

Ssgt. Patrick H. Hammer

U.S. Marine Corp * LAV Recon

Spec. Adam C. Janes

U.S. Army, Ft. Bragg, NC

Lt. John Meyers

U.S. Army

LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)

PFC. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)

Lt. Martin Palmer

U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

Capt. Oliver Schrang

U.S. Army

Lt. Joseph Schafer

U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

Houng Tran

U.S. Army

IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)

Deployed on US.S. Boxer

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Mario Magistro

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

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

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740,

email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com,

or complete the form below and return it to the parish office.

Please add to the PRAYER LIST

Name _____

Please print first and last name

Requested by _____

Your Phone Number _____

Date _____

LET US PRAY...

MARCH 25, 2012 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Calling On All Physicians

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

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

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

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

For general questions, call Dr. Steve Hannan at 239.849.6908. To register, visit www.dioceseofvenice.org and link to the Bioethics Seminar.

Fr. Thomas Keating's Tapes Provide Follow Up to Mission "A Taste of Silence"

For six Mondays, continuing Monday March 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center, the tapes of Father Thomas Keating on Centering Prayer will be shown. All are welcome.

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

The two St. John the Evangelist Centering Prayer meetings are on Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in room 15, and, on Wednesday mornings, in the library at 9:45 (following the 9:00 mass.)

St. John Neumann Catholic High School Reunion May 5

St. John Neumann will be hosting an All-Class Reunion. Saturday, May 5 at Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Please send your contact information including Class year, email, address and phone

via email to Diane Sporney at dsporney@sjnceltics.org or call 239.455.3044, ext. 213.

Invitations to be emailed soon!!

The blessing of Easter baskets will be Saturday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m. in the Prayer Garden.

You're Invited

Parish Appreciation Day Picnic
at St. John the Evangelist

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

Join us as we celebrate our parishioners and their dedication to St. John the Evangelist

Hot Dogs · Hamburgers · Baked Beans
Potato Salad · and all the fixings
Soda, water and beer included

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT, BUT A FREE WILL OFFERING TO MISSION CLOTHE ME IS ENCOURAGED ~ See opposite page for details
Boxes for clothes and donations will be available outside Ballroom on the day of the picnic.

Admission will require a wristband for each individual. Wristbands are available in the parish office during business hours. The deadline for picking up wristbands is 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 13.

FOR THE
KIDS
Bounce House
Face Painting
Jeff the Juggler



Hosted by the St. John Men's Club

**“Quo Vadis” Discernment Group to Meet
Wednesday, March 28 in St. John library**

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

For additional information, please call 941.484.9543.

Pocket Change Sunday

Jamaica Outreach Program

Pocket Change builds homes for the homeless in Jamaica

Weekend of April 14, 15, 2012

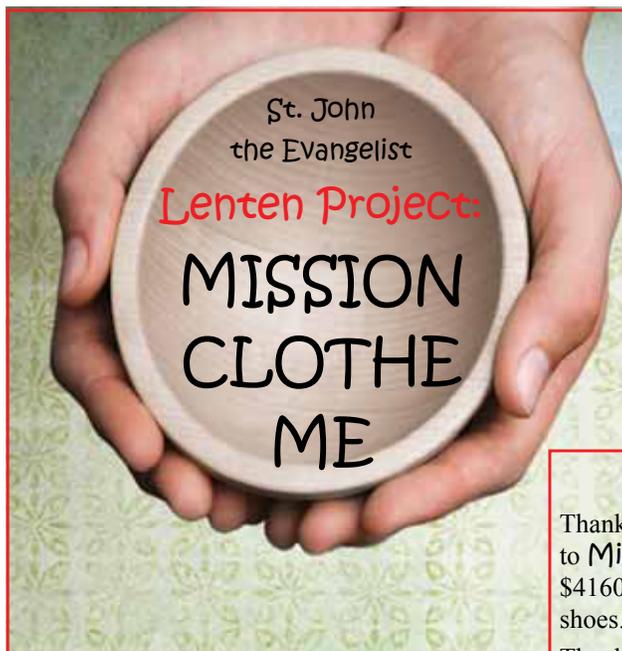
Please save up your Pocket Change

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

It makes “cents” to make a difference



We Thank you....as always



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

UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to Mission Clothe Me. To date, we have collected \$4160.00, along with several new items of clothing and shoes. Please keep the donations coming!

Thank you and God Bless you!

How can you help?

___ Donate **NEW** clothing from the suggested list.

___ Make a donation to St. John the Evangelist for \$50 for each child you would like to sponsor. Please write “Mission Clothe Me “ in the memo if paying by check.

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

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

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

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



St. Ann School Seaside Celebration 2012 – Tickets on Sale Now!!!

Join St. Ann Catholic School on Saturday, April 14 at the Naples Yacht Club for a fun-filled evening “Old Hollywood Style”.

Tickets are \$175.00 per ticket or \$300 per pair (2).

Amazing Auction Items can be viewed at www.stann.net/news_events.asp!

For tickets please contact Suanne Woeste at 630.781.9613 or suanne@robertswanspecialties.com or Sharon Martin at 239.777.0475 or smartin@adv-srch.com



Altar Servers:

Neal Borter 804.357.5712

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

Calling & Caring:

Deacon Al Groh 566.8740 ext. 125

Homebound

Maureen Wurtz 593.0475

Greeters & Ushers:

John Smith 598.2306

Jamaica Mission:

Al & Ann Kerns 514.1553

Lectors:

Victor Yepez 290.9090

Daily Mass Lectors:

Rosemary Slevin 596.7057

Prayer Group:

Linda Reilly 821.8982

Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.

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

AGA (Alienated Grandparents

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bible Teaching. Lectors and friends convene Saturdays, 10 a.m., Claussen Center for relevant Bible teaching and

retelling of the Scriptures. Join us in acquiring greater understanding of the weekly readings and growing in faith with us. Victor: 290.9090

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

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

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

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

Cursillistas. Third Tuesday monthly at 7:30 PM:

The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas are welcome including visitors. Loretta Judy: 596.2291

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

Families Helping Families. Mondays at 6 p.m.

For families with a member who has a problem with alcohol &/or drugs. This is a small caring group to talk & answer questions. Bill: 498.7523

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.

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

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly

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

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

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

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

Men's Club. Group of dedicated men (with the superb assistance from their ladies) who assist the

Pastor and the parish. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month, 2-3:00. New members welcome. Andy Sanfelippo: 949.7122

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

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

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

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

Religious Gift Shop. We have many new spring items perfect for the friend back home, Easter and Mother's Day. Friar Julene has arrived for that special chef in your life. First communion, confirmation and baptism cards have arrived, as well as special gifts for these occasions. Stop in and browse awhile. Open Saturday and Sunday and after daily Mass. 591.4668

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

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

Sing-A-Long at Nursing Facilities. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

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

Women's Bible Study. Thursday, 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m., Library. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

Support The St. John the Evangelist Golf Team

In their effort to help the homeless



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

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

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

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

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

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

All contributions are tax deductible.

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



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

Sponsorship Opportunities PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Contributor's Name _____ \$ 10.00/Hole Heaven Sponsor

Address _____ \$ 5.00/Hole Angel Sponsor

City/St/Zip _____ \$ 2.00/Hole Saints Sponsor

Phone _____ \$ _____ Per Hole

Email _____ \$ _____ Specific Gift

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

HELP WANTED

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is looking for a few good men and women who would like to become members of this important Parish Committee.

Share your **Time** and **Talent** with the Committee as we continue to make improvements to parish facilities both inside and out.

Help us plan for the new townhouse rectory complex which will be built behind the Claussen Center, as well as a new Family Life Center.

If interested, contact Dave Quist, 239.594.2071 dquist@comcast.net

Applications Available until April 13 for Catholic School Scholarships

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

Families of all recipients must be active parishioners.

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

Hymns for the 5th Sunday of Lent, March 24 & 25, 2012

Entrance Hymn: **259** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Preparation Hymn: **334** Hosea

Communion Hymn: **504** I Am the Bread of Life

Closing Hymn: **353** I Know That My Redeemer Lives

We welcome singers from our sister parishes in Jamaica to sing this weekend!



I find it very hard to believe that next weekend is Palm Sunday. Easter is slightly early this year falling on April 8th. Next year, Easter is even earlier, falling on March 31st. We have had a great "season" thus far, and I look forward to the next two weeks, culminating with the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

As you enter our campus this weekend, you will notice the addition of a fresh coat of chocolate colored mulch in all of the landscape beds and ancillary areas. The Buildings and Grounds Committee has joined forces with Youth Ministry in order to further beautify the parish grounds. Fifteen members of the Youth Ministry program gave up their Saturday morning to spread 280 bags of mulch from 111th Avenue North all the way to the far northern reaches of our campus. What a great opportunity for our youth to take a vested interest in the parish through a very worthwhile service project.. Thank you to Martha and Tom Oram for coordinating this effort with Dave Quist, President of our Buildings and Grounds Committee. In addition, members of our Buildings and Grounds Committee will be planting new flowering annuals this weekend to replace the impatiens that were wiped out by the mildew, which I mentioned several weeks ago.

This is my last opportunity to entice our parishioners to purchase a ticket for the Reverse Raffle to be held on March 31st. As of this past Wednesday, we have sold only two-thirds of the 300 tickets required for the event to take place. I have received numerous emails asking that we sell tickets outside of Mass. Therefore, we will offer tickets for sale before and after every Mass this weekend in front of the church. I will personally be your salesman at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses. If making a special trip to the parish office was holding you back, here is your opportunity to purchase a ticket to make this event a success. I know that many of you are waiting until the last minute to get your ticket. As my hair continues to thin and turn a strange shade of grey, I humbly ask that you consider helping us out by purchasing one of the remaining 100 tickets. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

The "Concert for Life" with Paul Todd and Friends to benefit the Pro-Life Ministries of Collier County will be held this coming Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Parish Life Center. Tickets are \$25 per person. For those wishing to purchase tickets, I will also have these available outside of Mass this weekend. You may also purchase tickets in the parish office during regular business hours.

If you have driven around the back side of the Parish Life Center in the last several weeks you will notice the addition of two 20 foot storage containers. These containers are the same used on cargo

ships transporting merchandise overseas. They are water tight and have a very large capacity. As you know from personal experience at your homes, storage is a major issue and there never seems to be enough. Over my tenure here at St. John's, I have been asked by nearly every ministry for extra storage space. Unfortunately, we have been unable to accommodate most of these requests due to extreme limitations. With the addition of this new storage, we will be able to divert some of the items stored in the PLC to the containers, freeing up much needed space. I would like to thank Bill Shephard for his generous gifts of time and talent to negotiate the deal to acquire these storage containers. Bill travelled to Tampa to check the integrity of the units before we had them shipped to Naples. He also gives of his time during the week to keep the Electrical Room in tip top condition. For those who may not know Bill, he is the popcorn vendor for our annual Super Bowl Party. He also is worthy of an award for longest commute to daily and weekend Mass. He summers in Wisconsin and winters in Alva, yet his love for St. John the Evangelist brings him to commute nearly 45 miles to Mass. Thanks, Bill, for all you do for your parish.

On behalf of St. Vincent De Paul, thank you to our parishioners for your generosity during the St. Patrick's Day Mass this Saturday. The total collection was \$13,334.00. All of these funds will be used by our St. Vincent De Paul Society to assist families in need in our area.

We are well on our way to success for the 2012 Catholic Faith Appeal. As of this past Monday, we have 37% pledged or \$164,652.73 of \$443,000.00. As a point of reference, for this same week last year with a similar annual assessment, we were at only 31% of our goal. As a reminder to those seasonal residents and visitors that are with us in paradise, please make your check payable to the Catholic Faith Appeal with St. John the Evangelist in the memo line. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Catholic Faith Appeal. Your contributions are making an amazing difference in our ability to operate within our annual budget.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA, General Manager

St. John the Evangelist Reverse Raffle

Benefiting the Catholic Faith Appeal

Saturday, March 31st, 2012

6:30pm

*Available before
and after every
Mass this weekend
and in Parish
Office next week.*

St. John Parish Life Center

\$100.00 per ticket

(need not be present to win)

First Prize: \$10,000.00

**FINAL WEEK
TO PURCHASE
TICKETS**

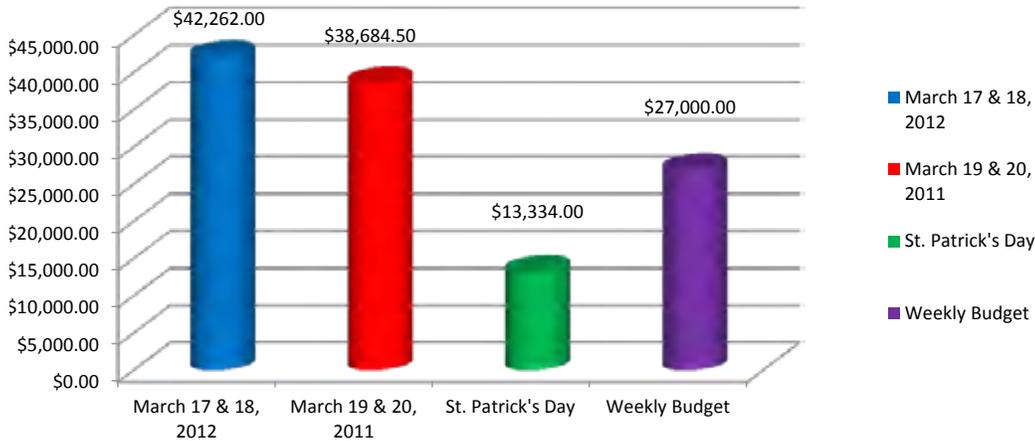
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Open Bar

Entertainment by Tom Oram

SCOTT'S CORNER...

Collection Summary



YTD/CFA Summary

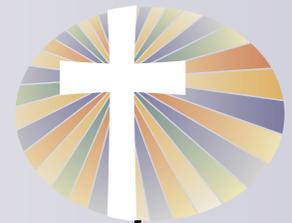


Ushers Appreciate Your Help

The ushers kindly ask that at the end of Mass parishioners return the missals and worship aids to the placeholders on the back of the pews.

This helps keep everything nice and tidy for the next service.

The ushers greatly appreciate your assistance.



Welcome
to our family

Atanasio Family
Finnegan Family
Lagonigro Family
Manning Family
Mawn Family
Shelvey Family
Stanco Family
Triana Family
Velasquez Family

Holy Week Retreat at Diocesan Retreat Center in Venice

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

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

Registration deadline is March 29. For costs and additional information call 941.486.0233 or e-mail olphinfo@olph-retreat.org.

Two Masses for Victims of Abuse

Bishop Frank J. Dewane will celebrate two Masses for the victims of abuse. The first is on Tuesday, April 17 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice. The second is on Wednesday, April 18 at St. Agnes Parish in Naples. Both Masses are at 11:30 a.m.

In order that we may enhance communication within the parish through our new email module, we must have your email address. We will use the email address to send out newsletters and pertinent emails relating to upcoming events which you may want to be involved. Thank you for your cooperation.

Drop in the collection basket or turn in at the parish office.

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____



St. John the Evangelist Vacation Bible School Volunteer Form

Please mail to:
Jasmine Dina 7121 Timberland Cir. Naples, FL 34109
Phone: 239-289-0585

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

_____ Crew Leader (must be at least 14 years old) _____ Jr. Crew Leader (must have completed 5th grade)
*(Reminder: Those 18 years and older **must be fingerprinted**. Please contact Charlene Youngs for more information at 239-566-8740, ext. 123.)*

_____ Station Leader/Helper. Please Circle all that applies: Crafts Games Food Set up Sky Party

Would you like to work with the preschoolers (4 and 5 years old) Yes ___ No ___ Does Not Matter ___

All crew leaders and Jr. Crew leaders must attend a training meeting prior to VBS - time TBD and be able to serve from 8:45 AM to 12:15 PM on all 5 days of VBS, June 11 – 15.

Full Time Volunteers who are serving all 5 days will receive a Sky Volunteer Shirt.

Please **Circle** your shirt size: Adult - SM MED LG XL

PART TIME VOLUNTEERS

Please indicate which days you will be available. (Circle All That Apply) M T W TH F
We will be contacting you to place you in a needed position, Thank you.

The nursery will be provided from 8:30am - 12:15pm each day of VBS for Sky Volunteers Only. All nursery children must be registered on this form so we can be ready for them.

If yes, please indicate: Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth date: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth date: _____

Names of your children registered for VBS	Age	Do you want to be their Crew Leader?
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Names of your children who are applying to be Jr. Crew Leaders	Age	Would you like to be paired together?
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____



**St. John the Evangelist Vacation Bible School
Registration Form
June 11-15 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Please fill out a form per child registering (age 4 years to 5th Grade).
Attach \$25 Tuition per child (checks payable to St. John the Evangelist).

Mail to:
Jasmine Dina, 7121 Timberland Circle, Naples FL 34109 Phone: 239-289-0585

**Early registration for volunteers' children and St. John parishioners: March 25 – April 8.
Open registration starts April 9.**

Name of Child _____

Parish your family is registered with: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Last Grade completed in school: _____ Gender: M/F _____

Parents' Names _____

Email address _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

In Case of Emergency, Contact: Name _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Allergies or Medical Concerns: _____

Do you want any of your family members grouped together? (Crew leader, Jr. Crew leader, siblings) Yes ___ No ___
Elementary and pre-school children do not travel together.

Any special needs your child might have that you would like us to take into consideration _____

Shirt Size :(Circle one) YXS (4-6) YSmall (6-8) YMed. (10-12) YLarge (14-16) Adult Small
Please note: when ordering shirts, they may run small!

Pre-order your music this year!! **Sing & Play Party Time** – DVD \$15.00 and CD \$10.00
_____ DVD # _____ CD please pre-pay & add amount to registration tuition.

MISSION CLOTHE ME

As part of Sky VBS, our church is on a mission to collect NEW clothes for the children in schools on the Island of St. Lucia. Would you like to donate:

- NEW clothes for a boy or girl, up to age 16
- \$10 to purchase NEW t-shirt & shorts
- \$5 to purchase socks & underwear

Please pre-pay & add amount to registration tuition.

VBS Sky Mass & Family Night, June 16th 5:00 p.m. with dinner to follow in PLC

The Word & Life

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

Inevitability of Death ~ Necessary for Life

*A*s we approach Holy Week, Sacred Scriptures take us into the last moments of Jesus' public life. There must have been intensity present in the encounters that Jesus had with his disciples those last few days. The intrigue of Jesus' monologue is intense. The disciples were brought to the harsh reality and inevitability of Jesus' death. *The grain of wheat, which is Jesus' life, has to die to give life!* Following Jesus

with loving servitude brings along costly sacrifice. Even Jesus found this part of the journey troubling because he knew His hour was coming. Jesus calls on the Father to glorify His name and to give purpose to the upcoming suffering of the cross. When the voice from heaven speaks, it is clear that the Father in heaven intends to continually give glory to the commitment of discipleship.

The disciples did not fully appreciate the wisdom that Jesus imparted to them until they endured the folly of the cross. Jesus became the grain of the eternal for them and for us. Even as He went forth to celebrate the paschal feast and establish the new covenant in his blood, the violence of his departure must have been overbearing for those who had left everything to follow him. Through his death, he is brought to resurrection. The fruits of his sacrifice lead all of the world to salvation. Jesus' death opens wide the gate to eternal life for all of humanity.

The Church is great in her wisdom. Every year we are reminded of the events that gave us new life in Jesus Christ. Our scriptures

Reflection Questions

1. What is most appealing about today's gospel?
2. What sacrifices do you make for God, for others?
3. How are you planting the seed of faith?
4. In what ways do you bring the Word of God alive in your life?
5. What promises have you made to God?
6. Name some of the ways in which you need to let go of certain aspects of your life that are preventing you from reaching your full potential.
7. What cross has been entrusted to your care?

lead us into the reality of sacrifice. Sacred Scripture reminds us of the vast emotions present in Jesus and the disciples. These were real events with real people. God had become flesh to redeem the human condition. The cross takes the burden of sin. As Jesus is raised high on Calvary, so too is the hope that leads us beyond the torment and suffering of the cross and to the glory of the resurrection.

As we complete our Lenten journey, we are invited to meander the byways of salvation and contemplate how salvation is possible for us. This is a sacred time to reflect on the new covenant that inscribes upon our hearts the promise of life eternal. We are called to the same servitude to which Jesus gave witness. The cross of discipleship needs to be embraced every day in order for the Father's will to be done. The needs around us in our community, country and the world are most certainly the fertile ground of God's mercy waiting to unfold. We are seed — we are asked to die to self in order that others come to know the bounty of God working through us. Our dying to self ultimately leads us to others. Our sacrifices make the Word given to us in Sacred Scripture. As Catholics, we are called to evangelize the world through the way in which we lead all lives and respond generously to the wisdom of the gospel. The Word of God can come to life through our selfless acts of love.

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



Prayer

We pray: All that we have is a gift from you, O Lord. We offer you ourselves and our lives to you. Give us the courage to carry the cross of discipleship by serving others. We are grateful for the suffering you endured for our sakes. May we never forget the price you paid for our sin. When we are faced with the inevitability of death, may we be hopeful of the promise that you were willing to gift to us. Amen.

Wisdom of the Fathers

“Above all, the Gospel must be proclaimed by witness. Take a Christian or a handful of Christians, who in the midst of their own community show their capacity for understanding and acceptance, their sharing of life and destiny with other people, their solidarity with the efforts of all for whatever is noble and good. Let us suppose that, in addition, they radiate in an altogether simple and unaffected way their faith in values that go beyond current values, and their hope in something not seen and that one would not dare to imagine. Through this wordless witness these Christians stir up irresistible questions in the hearts of those who see how they live. Here we have the initial act of evangelization.”

— *Pope Paul VI, Evangelization in the Modern World*





Faith Formation

Mark Your Calendar

April 5

Holy Thursday

April 6

Good Friday

April 7

Holy Saturday

April 8

Easter

May 11

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

May 12

First Holy Communion Ceremony

Faith Formation News

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

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

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

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

First Holy Communion Rehearsal...will be on Friday, May 11, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom and the church. This will be the only rehearsal. Attendance is mandatory for all children receiving the sacrament.

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

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From Scripture

John 12:20-33

Obedience yields new life

Jesus tried to warn his disciples about his death and prepare them for it. A grain of wheat dies in order to produce new life, and Jesus had to die to pay for our sins and bring us new life. With his resurrection, he proved he has eternal life and can offer it to us.

Then, he said that we must "hate" our lives and be willing to lose them so we can live. He meant that we have to be ready to lay aside our attachment to goods, worldly security, and pleasure to serve God freely. Serving God brings eternal life. Jesus knew that his crucifixion lay ahead and being human, he dreaded it. He also knew that God sent him into the world to die for our sins in our place. So, Jesus said "no" to his human desires in order to obey his Father.

Although we will never have to face such a difficult task, we are still called to obedience. Whatever the father asks we should be willing to do and bring glory to his name.



Why do Catholics go to Confession?

Disobeying God damages our friendship with him, so we need his forgiveness to heal it. That's why Jesus initiated the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also called "Confession"). *"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven"* (Matthew 16:19). This brings us back to God.

In Confession, we admit what we did, say that we're sorry, and resolve never to do it again. Penance helps us make up for it. When the priest conveys Christ's forgiveness to us, our friendship is restored.

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How You Can Get Involved?

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

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

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: How does a seed grow?

Gospel Question: What are some ways you can grow in love?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: What happens to seeds when you plant them?

Gospel Question: How is Jesus' death like planting a seed?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: Can you grow a plant with seeds?

Gospel Question: How is Jesus' life like the life of a grain of wheat?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: What is your best experience of Mass?

Gospel Question: How is the life cycle of grain of wheat like Jesus' life?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: What dreams have you planted in some way in your life?

Gospel Question: How is Jesus like a grain of wheat?

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Spotlight on Stewardship: Jamaica Outreach Program

These thank-you cards were sent to JOP and all our friends from parents and children of the
African Martyrs School in Kingston, Jamaica

"The LORD bless you
and keep you..."

Numbers 6:24 NIV

Child

Parents

Antoinette Steward

Darmani Clarke

Jahiem Henry

Karen Haughton

Jashauna Chamber

Ronella Smith

Chacirann Mattocks

Lorraine Mattocks

Rosean Sullivan

Amoy Hastings

Andre Quinney

Chastity Dunbar

Nancy Ann Lewis

Kelija Fraser

Ferron Mcruiff

Sharon Young

Cydan Comington

Georgia Walker

Kenya Pryce

Sharon Lewis

Tevin Kelly

Kadion Emmanuel

Jodion Nalla

Sharon Young

Oniqua Craig

Jenel Williams

Tjerica Taylor

Sherrett Taylor

Lean Anderson

Amy Jackson

Shanoya Eacobs

Monique Brown

It's truly a blessing

to know someone

with such a generous spirit.

Thank You Again

Child

Parents

Ashley Cummings

Miriam Thorne

Ashley Holding

Janette Jones

Kemarmey Daye

Samanta Sutherland

Tisean Henry

Sauvickay Chin

Kalondria Jones

Kassandra Smiley

Tosaric Dugdale

Leolaha Wilson

Sirone Williams

Kenrick Watson

Monique Coombs

Donette White

Tanisha Williams

Sackela Dixon

It was a few weeks before Christmas, when an unfamiliar truck loaded with 76 brown, cardboard boxes pulled into the grounds of the Africa Martyrs School. As the driver began to unload the boxes into the area nearest the school, a strange excitement took place in each classroom; for truth be told, no one had ever seen a delivery of this many boxes and there were all kinds of questions and suggestions as to what was in the boxes. Slowly, each class along with their teacher drifted out to the playground and formed a giant circle, looking for clues as to the content of these boxes. At the same time, word spread throughout the neighborhoods, and mothers promptly stopped their daily chores and walked to school to see what was happening.

A few minutes later, Ms Gosling, the school principal, arrived to tell everyone that this shipment of school supplies had been sent to them from the generous parishioners of St. John the Evangelist church, and the friends of the Jamaica Outreach Program. With that announcement there was a loud cheer and applause that lasted for several minutes, followed by complete silence as the children waited in hopeful anticipation for the first box to be open. When all the boxes were open there was a virtual treasure trove of new educational supplies, toys, games, puzzles, and art and craft materials to help develop their Fine and Gross motor skills and establish the foundations for their Readiness for entry into Elementary School.

We believe without a doubt, that these donations will go a long way in preparing these children for their schooling in the future, as well as, eventually making a strong impact, breaking the cycle of poverty that has existed in this community for generations.

P.s. Any parent whose children have outgrown their storybooks or educational games and puzzles and wishes to donate these materials to our cause may contact John Oustrich at 239.598.4335, and we will arrange for pick-ups.

St. Patrick's Day Festival & Reception, March 16 & 17



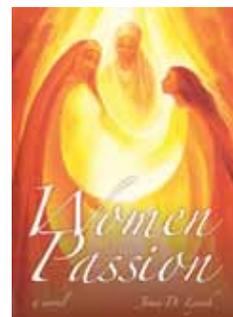
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Faith and Wine

**Author Joan Lynch to speak on *Women of the Passion: a novel*
Thursday, April 12, 2012**

Please join us as we welcome Joan Lynch on **Thursday, April 12, 2012**, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at **St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom** (625 111th Avenue North, Naples). Joan will speak to us on her book, *Women of the Passion: a novel*. Inspired by Scripture and deepened by historical research, Joan's book places us squarely in the middle of those dramatic days during and after Christ's death through the eyes of the women who walked with Him: Mary, his mother, Mary Magdalene, Susanna, and Joanna among others. It is a remarkable and completely different perspective that grabs you on the first page and never lets go. Although you do not need to read the book prior to Joan's talk, you won't be disappointed if you do. Copies of the book are available for sale in St. John gift shop or via Amazon.com.



Joan Driscoll Lynch is a Professor Emeritus and former chair of the Communication Department at Villanova University where she taught Film Studies and Theatre for thirty years.

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

About the Authors

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Claire Coleman drew upon her life experiences for her first novel, *Special Intentions*. Facing the daily challenges of marriage and raising three children, she found herself relying on her faith based education and personal study of prayer for inspiration. A graduate of Rosemont College (PA) and Drew University (NJ), Claire is active in her home parish, St. Rose of Lima in Short Hills, NJ. Claire has served as President of the Ladies' Auxiliary and Religious Education Board. She is an adjunct instructor of composition at Saint Peter's College in Jersey City (NJ) and a volunteer at Saint Vincent Academy in Newark.



"While *Special Intentions* is a beautiful meditative book for the person alone in prayer before God, it likely also will be an inspiration for those in prayer groups, and friends who come together to talk about their life's journeys." Dianne M. Traflet, J.D., S.T. D., Associate Dean, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University, said.

Joan Driscoll Lynch is a Professor Emeritus and former chair of the Communication Department at Villanova University where she taught Film Studies and Theatre for 30 years. She is the author of *Film Education in Secondary Schools* and has published articles in *The Journal*



of *Popular Culture, The Journal of Film and Video, Literature/Film Quarterly, The Drama Review* and many other journals and magazines. Since 1989 her writings have focused on women's issues. This is Joan's first novel.

"Joan Lynch brings to life a pivotal era in world history. The novel is filled with suspense, intrigue and fascinating details of Jerusalem in the first century," Carolyn McCreesh, historian, professor of history and church elder, said about *Women of the Passion*.

Ernest Woonsam was born in Trinidad, W.I. He moved to Toronto, Canada with his family in 1969. There, he graduated as a Certified Management Accountant (CMA). He owned a business there which is still controlled by his two sons. He relocated to Florida with his wife of 53 years, Lorna, and opened a business in Bonita Springs in 1994, which he sold in 2005. He has been a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church for about 16 years and serves on the following ministries: Weekday Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Knights of Columbus, Stewardship Committee and Men's Club.



"My urge to be an author of children's books had been an ambition of mine for a number of years. I got serious in 2009 and put my thoughts on paper. Not being able to find the correct avenues to go further it was put on the shelf for awhile," said Ernest regarding his first novel.

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Friday, APRIL 13, 2012
6:00 – 10:00 PM in the PLC

Tickets: \$45 per person - available
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Tables of 8 suggested - Jackets Required

Catered by Friscos

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APPETIZERS

Crudites Platter
Cheese and Flatbreads
Organic Fruit Display

SALAD

Tossed Salad
Fresh Brad Trio

ENTREES

Prime Rib of Beef OR
Grilled Chicken Piccata*
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Call Scott at (239) 566-1678
for more information.

FINAL

**FRIDAY NIGHT
FISH BAKE**

FINAL

at St. John the Evangelist PLC during Lent

MARCH 30 ~ Serving 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(No Fish Bake on Good Friday)

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

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



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Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children 12 and Under



**Saturday, April 7, 2012
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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

For more information, contact Andy Sanfelippo, 949.7122

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

Family Name _____ Number of Adults Attending _____

Names & Ages of Children _____

MUST FILL OUT FORM TO PARTICIPATE. Return by Sunday, April 1.

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

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Chrism Mass Tuesday, April 3 at Epiphany Cathedral

Chrism Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m. at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice. All are encouraged to attend the annual Chrism Mass celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane, which includes the blessing of the Holy Oils used for the various Sacraments of the Church and serves to recognize and honor the priests of the Diocese of Venice.

Clergy observing their 50th and 25th anniversaries of ordination are: 50 years - Reverend Monsignor Richard Sniezyk, and Reverends Michael Hickey, Henry Jenuszkiewicz, Christopher Mulcahy, Matthew Lamb and William Metzger.

25 years - Reverend Robert Mongiello and George Ratzmann, and Reverend Deacons John Lawrence Costello, Joseph Vicent Ciriaco, W. David. Nolan, Charles Kiesel and Eugene Allen.

Easter Food Basket Collection

Guadalupe Social Services in Immokalee is preparing to distribute 575 Easter Food Baskets to the neediest in the Immokalee area. The estimated cost of each basket is \$26. If you wish to participate in this effort to feed these desperate people, send your contribution to Guadalupe Social Services, Catholic Charities DOV, P. O. Box 5034, Immokalee, FL 34143.

BIG BAND DANCE

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

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

Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era



*Featuring the Live Southwest Florida 16-piece Orchestra
Sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller & Stan Kenton*



April 10 Final Big Band Dance for this season

Singles Welcomed

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

Admission:

\$10.00 cash
only at the door
~ includes snacks

Cash Bar: Water
and Soda ~ \$1.00

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

Dress: Country
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