

the EVANGELIST

SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 3, 2013
Third Sunday of Lent

HOSPITALITY



ST. VINCENT de PAUL



FAITH FORMATION



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FAITH & WINE



Family Fun and Ministry Day is next Sunday, March 10 from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Representatives from many of the ministries will be available to offer information about their ministries.

Parishioners will also have an opportunity to join any ministry of their choice. Additionally, the event will provide lots of food and entertainment for the whole family. The event is FREE, but registration is required.

(See page 19 for more details.)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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Ministry
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Daily Mass: 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. & Noon, Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3 & 5 p.m. — Sunday: 7, 9, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5 p.m.

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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions**Requested by****March 2, 2013****Saturday**

8:00 AM

Gerry Mierzwa

Jim Follese

Vigil Masses

3:00 PM

+ Ami Durante

Janet D'Addario

5:00 PM

+ Bob Morrissey

5:00 p.m. Mass Eucharistic Ministers

*Altar Flowers in Memory of James S. Underwood's 80th Birthday**~ Requested by his wife Joan A. Underwood***March 3, 2013****Sunday**

7:00 AM

+ Nick Defrancesca

Peter Defrancesca

9:00 AM

+ Edward Wakim

Patricia Wakim

11:15 AM

For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM

+ Rosemary Damico

Janet D'Addario

5:00 PM

+ Laura & Antonio Carpentieri

Phyllis & Gus Barbaro

*Altar Flowers in Memory of James J. Mullally, III - Requested by Ann Mullally**Wine and Host in Memory of Brenda Mattia - Requested by the Mattia Family***March 4, 2013****Monday**

8:00 AM

+ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Leo

Janet D'Addario

9:00 AM

+ Felix Gryskiewicz

Phyllis Gryskiewicz

Noon

+ Frank Brinkman

Jan Brinkman

March 5, 2013**Tuesday**

8:00 AM

Carmela Garruto

Carol Monzeglio

9:00 AM

Francesco & Giovanna Zangari

Carol Monzeglio

Noon

+ Marcello Lambert

Mangone & Monzeglio Families

March 6, 2013**Wednesday**

8:00 AM

+ Gina Mammano

Settimo & Lorraine Leone

9:00 AM

+ Robert Powell

Bob & Susan Walsh

Noon

Peggy Pelletier

Virginia Powell

March 7, 2013**Thursday**

8:00 AM

Tanya Cuellar

Sister

9:00 AM

+ Joseph Doucette

Shep & Rita Pritchard

Noon

+ Gina Mammano

Joseph & Rosalie Ciaramitaro

March 8, 2013**Friday**

8:00 AM

+ Mary Jane Thaman

Forrest & Mary Ann Murphy

9:00 AM

+ Gina Mammano

Frank & Maria Arnone

Noon

+ Faro Agrusa

Joseph & Rosalie Ciaramitaro

March 9, 2013**Saturday**

8:00 AM

+ Henry Fetzter

Ralph & Pat Riley

Vigil Masses

3:00 PM

+ The Griffin Family

Geraldine Griffin

5:00 PM

+ Frank Sestito

Sandy & Al Pistocchi

March 10, 2013**Sunday**

7:00 AM

+ Rita Pritchard

Mary Lou Doucette

9:00 AM

+ Joan & Al Moser

Children

11:15 AM

For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM

+ Dr. Frank Healey

Redden Family

5:00 PM

+ Brianna Marie Harrison

Mom, Dad & Family

*Altar Flowers in Memory of Ryan Healy - Requested by Joyce & Neil Glynn***SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, March 2, 2013****First Saturday**

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

Vigil MassesEx 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9; *Alternate readings (Year A):* 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 3, 2013****Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny**Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9; *Alternate readings (Year A):* 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 4, 2013****St. Casimir**

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

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

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

Thursday, March 7, 2013**Ss. Perpetua and Felicity**

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

Friday, March 8, 2013**St. John of God; Abstinence**

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

Saturday, March 9, 2013**St. Frances of Rome**

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

Vigil MassesJos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32. *Alternate readings (Year A):* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]**Sunday, March 10, 2013****Fourth Sunday of Lent**Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32. *Alternate readings (Year A):* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]**FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5** available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 and 5:00 p.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.**Homebound:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at any time to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Contact Maureen Wurtz 593.0475**THIS WEEK'S MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE...**

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Life Matters



Thanks to Fr. John and all who came out to pray this past Monday. St. John was well represented to the world as people who believe in the sacredness and dignity of all human life.

But do we only pray for the innocent and vulnerable? Not at all. Which of us is blameless over our lifetime? This week we also prayed for Paul Howell who was scheduled to be executed in Stark, FL on Tuesday, February 26. Howell was convicted of killing a Florida State Trooper. No amount of prayer can replace the trooper who was killed. But as Christians we are moved to pray for the trooper, his family and the one who took his life.

The bigger question at hand is whether the state should be involved in the sanctioned killing of another human

being. As stated in a letter from the Florida Catholic bishops, execution does not benefit the common good; the prisoner is already locked away from the public. Does it provide "closure" to the victim's family? Is it possible the arrest, conviction and incarceration of the man who committed this awful deed are closure enough? The desire for his death is nothing more than vengeance, which belongs only to God.

When we put prisoners to death, we are judging whether a particular person is worthy to share the planet with the rest of us. How is that different from taking a life in the womb, because the mother doesn't think the child should live? How is that different from taking the life of person in a "persistent vegetative state" because her continuing care is costly or interferes with a spouse having his own life? How is that different from the government's proposed "death panels" which could decide who can benefit from medical treatment and who should be left to die? I watched the powerful movie "Schindler's List" recently. How is putting a prisoner to death different from the Nazis deciding who is worthy to share the planet with the rest of us and who should die?

Whether Mr. Howell was executed last Tuesday or not, we need to pray for his soul and pray for his victims.

Please join Fr. John on Tuesday, March 12 in prayer for an end to abortion outside Planned Parenthood in Naples. This is the last designated St. John prayer opportunity during the 40 Days for Life campaign. However, parishioners may pray outside Planned Parenthood for the end of abortion at any time.

article submitted by Loretta Judy, Respect Life

Saint John the Evangelist Lenten Schedule

Daily Masses:

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

Saturday Morning Masses:

8:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays following Noon Mass and at 7:00 p.m., except March 15, when we will have "Repent & Believe", part of the Sacred Music in Sacred Spaces series.

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

Reconciliation:

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

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

Holy Week:

March 24 ~ Palm Sunday

March 28 ~ Holy Thursday

March 29 ~ Good Friday, Prayer

March 30 ~ Blessing of the Easter baskets; Easter Vigil

March 31 ~ Easter Sunday

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

Lenten Penance Services – Local Area Churches

St. Agnes – Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

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

28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs

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

5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

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

13520 Tamiani Trail East, Naples

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

475 9th Avenue South, Naples

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

601 Seagate Drive, Naples

St John the Evangelist

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

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Thomas Kelly	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Rob Chalhoub	
Deacon Frank Paniccia	
Deacon Forrest Wallace	
Deacon Al Groh	Senior Status

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

***All Administrative Staff
239.566.8740***

General Manager

Scott Schlossberg: 566.1678

Fax: 239.325.2100

Administrative Assistant & Records

Melanie Harrison: *Ext. 113*

Assistant to the Pastor

Martha Oram: *Ext. 123*

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Tom Oram: *Ext. 179*

Choir Director

Ellie Roberts: 682.5609

Sacristan

Lorna Woonsam: *Ext. 133*

Communications

Kathy Sims: *Ext. 128*

Memorial Garden

Scott Schlossberg: *Ext. 114*

Religious Boutique

Jackie Gibson: 325.2107

Director of Maintenance

Marcos Burgoa: *Ext. 117*

Education Staff

Director of Faith Formation

Margie Lynch: 514.2927

Director of Youth Ministry

Bill Maguire: 566.8740, *Ext. 177*

Director of RCIA

Margie Lynch: 514.2927

Family Ministry

Charlene Youngs: 566.8740 *Ext. 123*

email staff members at:

info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

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Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday

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

(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & Noon (during Lent)

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday Masses:

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

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

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

FOR OUR RECORDS

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

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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

Mass Cards

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

We are currently accepting intentions for 2013.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2014 Mass availability and 2013 wine and host and flowers availability. Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH INFORMATION...

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Hymns for the Third Sunday of Lent, March 2 & 3

Entrance Hymn:	451	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Preparation Hymn:	242	Seek the Lord
Communion Hymn:	511	Eat This Bread
	410	Humbly, Lord, We Worship You
Closing Hymn:	439	O God, Our Help In Ages Past

Choral Anthems at the 9 & 11:15 AM Masses

At the Offertory	Give Us Clean Hands	<i>Charlie Hall</i>
At Communion	God So Loved the World	<i>J. Stainer</i>

Sixth Annual Catholic Bioethics Seminar Saturday, April 13

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

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

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

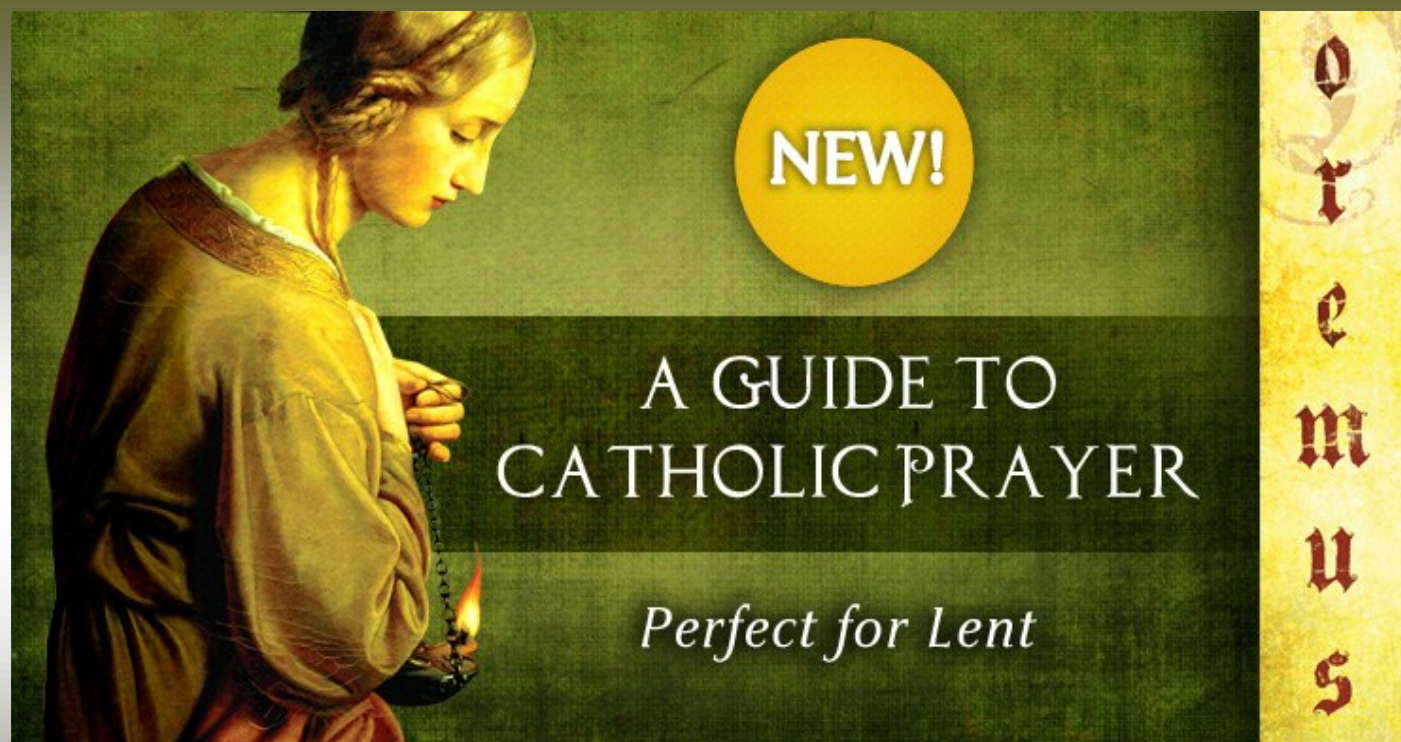
Jamaica Outreach Program

Second Collection This Weekend

As you know, the Jamaica Outreach Program has four second collections per year for our sister Parish, St Pius X in Kingston, Jamaica. The next second collection will be March 1 and 2.

Thanks for your generosity.

— *Jamaica Outreach Program*



Begins Wednesday, March 6th in the Library from 5:45pm-7:00pm

Catholicism for Catholics meets EVERY Wednesday thru Lent with a Finger-Food Pot Luck, great discussion & spiritual growth. Join Us!

Next Magnificat Breakfast Saturday, March 23

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

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

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

Nursery for March 10

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

Celebration of St. Patrick Mass

Saturday, March 16
9:30 a.m.

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

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



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My Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

May the Peace of Christ be with you and your families during this Lenten Season!

As many of you know, I am hospitalized at present, with a staph infection in my previously replaced hip. Regrettably, there have been many important parish, Diocesan and other events, perhaps even at your Parish, which I have not been able to attend. While my recovery will take some time, I have already made much progress as I await surgery to implant a new hip.


Be assured, however, that I am ever present and united with you in prayer...and am strengthened by your prayers for me and my Episcopal ministry. Allow me to also assure you of my continued pastoral concern for each of you--the People of God in the Diocese of Venice in Florida.

The ministry of your pastors and all my fellow priests serving at our local parishes is truly a blessing. Please continue to pray for all the priests at your Parish.

During this Season of Lent, let us remain spiritually united in prayer, particularly for the less fortunate among us, and families and individuals in need. May God bless you and your loved ones and May Our Lady always accompany you!

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



Faith and Wine

Jim Towey

Thursday, March 14, 2013

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

Thursday, March 14th

6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom

(625 111th Avenue North, Naples)

\$15 prepay/\$25 at the door

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



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

St. John Ministries

JAMAICA OUTREACH PROGRAM



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LADIES OF CHARITY



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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GROUNDS



BIBLE STORY TIME



MENS CUB



ARIMATHEANS



YOUTH GROUPS



SACRISTAN



These are a sampling of the ministries at St. John. Please visit all the ministries at the Family Fun and Ministry Day

next Sunday, March 10 from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

The event is FREE, but registration is required.

(See page 19 for more details.)

Altar Servers:

Neal Borter 804.357.5712

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

Calling & Caring:

Deacon Al Groh 566.8740 ext. 125

Eucharistic Ministry

Ernest Woonsam 947.8618

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

Pastoral Council:

Jack Kindsvater jkinds@me.com

Prayer Group:

Linda Reilly 821.8982

Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

Stewardship Council:

Bob Claussen naplesrgc@gmail.com

Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.

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

AGA (Alienated Grandparents

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

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

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

Divine Gift Boutique (located across from the ladies restroom). Saturday: 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Jackie Gibson: 325.2107

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

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

Grief Support. Starting Feb. 12 sessions will be held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in room 13 of the Claussen Center. Dee: 594.7193 or Carol: 992.4190

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.

Last Monday of every month: St. John K of C Officers. First Monday of every month. Regular meetings begin at 7 p.m. Visiting Knights are welcome. Paul Barrus, Grand Knight: 609.741.4593

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meeting are third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K John A. Fazackerley FN 495.5380

Knitting & Crocheting. Tuesdays from 10 -

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

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

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

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

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

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

Philothea. Women ages 20-45 meet to support & encourage one another through the joys & struggles of life, work & motherhood in Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7 - 9 p.m. Martha Oram: 566.8740, ext. 123

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

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

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

St. Vincent de Paul. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:30 a.m., Mass in PLC. Bill Smart: 566.8740

Sing-A-Long at Nursing Facilities. Tuesday, March 5 at Merrill Gardens, Naples; Tuesday, March 19 at Arbor Trace, Naples; both at 2 p.m. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

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

Women's Bible Study. Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Library and Monday evenings in Room 3 and 4 in the PLC. We are currently studying the book "Come and See The Gospel of St. Mark" by Emmaus Road Publishing. You are welcome to join at any time. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

PRAYER GROUPS

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

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

Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

Forty-five minutes of peaceful, silent and beautiful prayer and contemplation. Only your quiet presence is needed. Mondays: 5:30 p.m., Room 15 Claussen Center. Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m., Room 15, Claussen Center. Centering Prayer will meet in the Parish Library on Wednesday mornings following the 9:00 a.m. Mass (9:45 a.m.).

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

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

Divine Will Prayer Group

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

Liturgy of the Hours

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

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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

St. John Charismatic Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

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

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

John Callahan, Ruth Margaret Foti and Marguerite O. Robinson

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

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

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

LET US PRAY...

MARCH 3, 2013 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Happy 25th Anniversary! Did you know that the first Mass celebrated at St. John the Evangelist took place on Saturday, February 27, 1988, at 4:30 p.m. in the cafeteria next door at Naples Park Elementary? I am sure there are still plenty of parishioners out there who have been here since day one and remember stacking chairs before and after Mass in

the cafeteria. We have come a long way in 25 short years and St. John the Evangelist has developed into an amazing parish with even more amazing parishioners.

As a reminder, Sunday, March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. Because St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year, we will be celebrating the annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 16. St. Vincent de Paul will be the recipient of the entire collection taken during this Mass. As you know, our St. Vincent De Paul Society assists needy families within our parish boundaries and sometimes beyond. Many families in our parish and community are in need of help in the way of rental assistance, utilities, fuel and even the basic necessities such as groceries. Through the generosity of your donations, St. Vincent De Paul is able to provide for these families. In addition, the funds raised through our parish St. Patrick's Day party on March 17 will be used to benefit the St. Vincent De Paul Society here at St. John the Evangelist. Between both events last year, we raised in excess of \$18,000.00 to assist families in need. Following Mass, the St. Vincent De Paul Society will once again serve Irish coffee and pastries in the ballroom of the PLC. Entertainment will be provided by the Black Velvet Band, which is composed of members of our very own St. John the Evangelist parish. Don't forget to wear your green!

This weekend will be your last opportunity to register for the Family Fun and Ministry Day to be held on Sunday, March 10. I strongly encourage you to register in advance as we will have a very difficult time ordering food, beverages and supplies without your cooperation. As you certainly know by now, this event is completely free of charge, however, we need your help in obtaining an accurate count. The priests at all Masses this weekend will mention the event and there will be registration forms available at all exits.

If you are planning on Attending the Family Fun and Ministry Day, I urge you to park your vehicle either in the parking lot to the north of the Claussen Center or in the lot at Naples Park Elementary. Because of the VERY large crowd expected, parking will be at a premium for Masses. Let us think of those who will be attempting to find a parking spot for the 1:15p.m. Mass while we are enjoying ourselves at the event.

At the K of C Vocations Dinner in November, one of our very generous parishioners bid on a silent auction item for a full day deep sea fishing trip. As it happens, the captain of the charter (Captain Richard Cain) is the District Deputy for the Knights of Columbus. The final bid of \$900 entitled the winner to bring seven friends along for a day of fun. Fr. John and I were two of the seven invited to participate. I know that many are leery of bidding on auction items as they are most likely unfamiliar with the vendor. I can tell you that this was a magnificent day of fishing on a massive vessel, complete with four beds and a bathroom. The seas were virtually calm even at nearly 30 miles offshore. Captain Cain took us to several



of his favorite spots and we were all worn out from reeling in fish after fish. As it turns out, Grouper were out of season which must be why we caught many keepers, only to throw them back. All said, we brought home 56 Snapper and all eight participants took home a healthy bag of filets for dinner. Attached is a picture of one of the large grouper I caught and released. Thanks to the K of C, Captain Cain and the generous parishioner that made this day a pleasant reality.

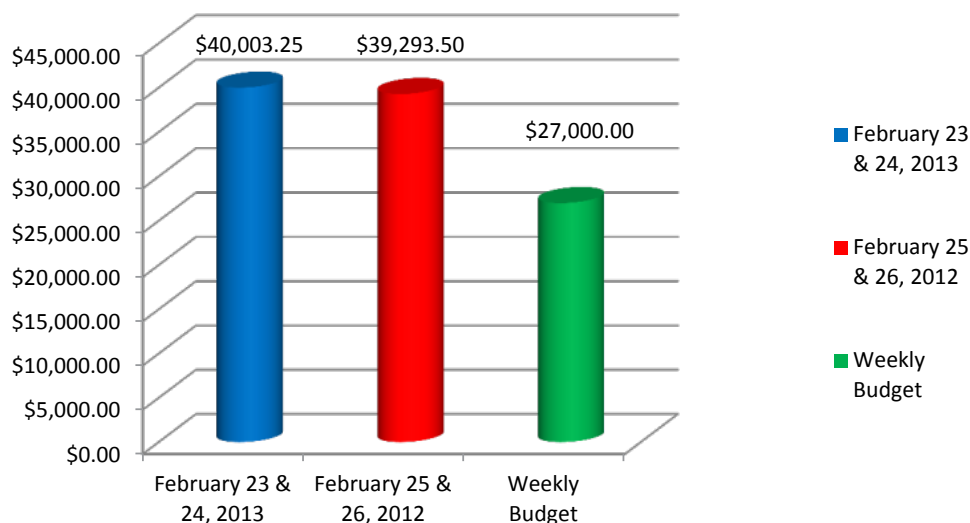
As of this past Tuesday, we have sold over 200 tickets for the St. Patrick's Day party to be held on March 17 in the PLC ballroom. I am very pleased with the early turnout for this event. We will most likely cap attendance at 400 so if you are planning on attending, I suggest getting your ticket sooner than later. Tickets are available in the parish office for only \$25.00. This price includes an open bar. In an effort to keep the ticket price amenable, the Men's Club has offered to tend bar for this event and will be mixing drinks and pouring your green beer for the duration.

Did you know that the parish cruise in January raised over \$8,000.00 for the Catholic Faith Appeal? These funds were generated through Tour Credits and rebates from the cruise line based on the large number of cabins sold. In addition, \$1,300.00 was raised for the Diocese of Venice Missions Program through offertory collections at Mass while on board. Sales are well underway for the 2014 parish cruise. 26 cabins have already been booked with 46 individuals slated to cruise thus far. Who knows how many will be sold in the next ten months. This is a great way to support your parish while getting a great deal on a cruise. In addition, Fr. John comes along with the package, celebrating Mass while on board. Many thanks to our faithful Cruise Director, Dr. David Quist, for putting everything together. Dave single-handedly coordinated all aspects of the 2013 cruise in an effort to save money for those on board. He has graciously agreed to do the same in 2014!

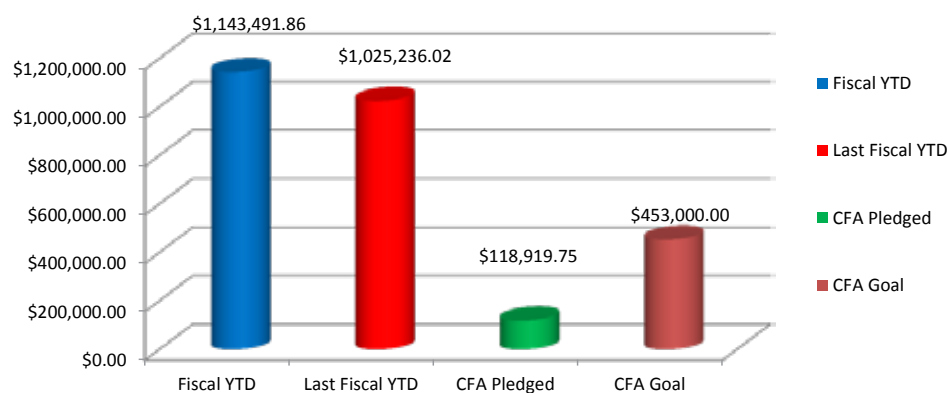
In His work together,
Scott Schlossberg, MBA, General Manager

SCOTT'S CORNER...

Collection Summary



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



*The Catholic/Jewish Dialogue
invites you to experience a*

Jewish Seder Ritual

led by

Rabbi Sylvin Wolf

at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 11

in the St. John's PLC

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

Reservations required

Please call 370-4277

Project Prom Dress 2013

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

Donations may be dropped off at the *Naples Daily News*, 1100 Immokalee Rd., Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or at Platinum Total Fabricare, 3635 Tamiami Tr. N. until March 20. Garments should be clean, in good condition, and on hangars. For more information call Diane Standish at 239.390.0330.

College of Mount Saint Vincent Alums Lunch March 10

Join alums from the College of Mount Saint Vincent (Bronx, NY) for lunch and hear the latest news and developments of campus from President Flynn and members of the College community. Family and friends are welcome.

The lunch is Sunday, March 10 at Noon at The Bay House, 799 Walkerbilt Road, Naples, FL. (239) 591-3837. (www.bayhousenaples.com) The cost is \$25.00. To make your reservation, contact Karlene Reilly at (239) 948-5836 or kreilly79@nyc.rr.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Understanding the Gospels

Presented by Deacon Hal Brenner

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

Remaining Classes:

Class 9 - 3/5/13 Tools for Biblical Interpretation

Luke's Good News of Mercy

Class 10 - 3/12/13 The Bible — Process and Understanding

Luke's Grand Finale

Class 11 - 3/19/13 How to Read the Bible

The "Un-Synoptic" Gospel

Class 12 - 3/26/13 Review/Summary/Images of God

John's "Book of Signs"

Class 13 - 4/2/13 THE Relationship

From Death to Life

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE:

All Providence College alumni, families and friends - Naples St. Patrick's Parade, Saturday, March 16.

Parade begins at 11:00 a.m. from parking lot of St. Ann's Church (4th St. S and 10th Ave S). Limited car space available.

Contact: Mike McCarthy
239.403.0762.

Wedding Banns

***First announcement between
Lindsay Price & Sean Conley***

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, March 3, 2013: the Third Sunday of Lent

Opening Song **242 Seek the Lord** Roc O'Connor

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

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Gospel Acclamation



Preparation Song **Holiness (Take My Life)** Scott Underwood CCLI Song No. 1617154. © 1995 Mercy / Vineyard Publishing (Admin. by Music Services). Scott Underwood. All rights Reserved. CCLI License No. 2008891.

Verse 1
Holiness, holiness is what I long for
Holiness is what I need
Holiness, holiness is what you want from me
[to Verse 2]

Chorus
So take my heart and form it;
Take my mind, transform it
Take my will conform it
To yours, to yours, oh Lord. [repeat last line]

Verse 2
Faithfulness... [etc., then to Chorus]

Verse 3 Righteousness... [to Verse 4]
Verse 4 Purity... [to chorus]

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

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

Communion Songs **511 Eat This Bread** Jacques Berthier

We Fall Down Chris Tomlin

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Closing Song

Just Like You

Matt Maher

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Verse 1) Revive my heart, renew my soul
In you, O Lord, I am made whole!
No more in fear will I wander,
'Cause you're my God, my Lord, and Lover.

Verse 2) Oh lift me up, God my Father,
In all this world, there is no other!
I'm dancing in your holy presence,
and your glory fills all my senses!



Sacred Music In Sacred Spaces

Next FREE Concert: 7 PM, Friday, March 15 in the church

REPENT & BELIEVE

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



GABRIELA FREI



JENNINE FUENTES



ELLIE ROBERTS



TOM ORAM

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

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

Upcoming Saturday, April 27th, at 7 PM in the PLC Ballroom: the final event of our concert year!

Gabriela Frei (& Friends)!

Exodus 3:1-8A, 13-15

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

The Word & Life

Reverencing the Holy Ground of Life and The God of Second Chances

*T*hroughout salvation history, God continually reveals Himself to peoples in every time and in every place. God's unfailing and unconditional love unfolds as history develops. As we read the Sacred Scripture, God is constantly giving humanity another opportunity to turn back to Him. In this Lenten Season we are asked to turn away from our sin and return to the Lord our God. The Lord offers us several opportunities to grow in His grace and calls people, by name, in the passages of time, to assist Him in this great work. In the reading from Exodus, God reveals himself to Moses in the theophany of the burning bush. Moses

is reminded the ground on which he stands is holy ground. He is called to reverence the Lord by leading the Israelites out of their slavery. From this moment on, God is to be remembered for his faithfulness to all the generations by inspiring Moses to take on this heroic and faith-filled deed.

We find ourselves today, a few thousand years later, remembering the faithfulness of God who continues to reveal His saving power in our lives. God constantly comes to us through the events and people that make up our own individual story. The ground on which we stand is very much the holy ground of God's constancy. It is through each individual's history that God can be glorified or rejected. God's spirit breathes where it wills, inspiring people from all walks of life to turn to Him. God is totally present to us even though we may do things that are contrary to His will. God loves the sinner as much as the Saints that have experienced this life too. To know this in our hearts is truly a blessing and a moment of grace. Today's gospel is very much a gospel of second

Reflection Questions

1. Am I worthy of God's faithfulness? Why?
2. Does my failure and sin inhibit the presence of God in my life?
3. What does it mean to be reconciled to God?
4. Why does God continue to offer us forgiveness?
5. How would I define the holy ground of God's dwelling in my life?
6. How am I called to reverence God, others, and myself?
7. Where is God calling me to bear fruit?
8. Is the Lord asking me to lead others out of their captivity?

chances. The parable that Jesus uses tells us that God's work of redemption is never finished. The gardener tells the owner of the orchard to give him another year to cultivate the barren tree so that it may bear fruit in the future. And so it is with us. Jesus constantly brings us to the fertile ground of his love and forgiveness in order that we bear the fruits of his kingdom. We are constantly being brought to the threshold of redemption and transformation when we open our lives to the Lord's forgiveness.

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



Prayer

Lord, as we journey through Lent, help us to realize that the ground on which we stand is holy ground. May we always turn away from the things that keep us from you, so that we may know and experience your presence in our lives. In your name, faithful God, we pray. Amen!



Image: Fig Tree

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Voices of Faith

The Fig Tree

The fig tree stands wide and tall
Witnessing the passing of time and seasons
Its branches reach out to the sun's light
Waiting to bear fruit

The landowner looks on year after year
Of the fruit – he sees none
“Cut it down” he does say to the laborer
“Less you exhaust the soil”

The generous soul no stranger to toil
Patiently implores his master
“Leave it this year also, and I shall cultivate the soil around it;
It may bear fruit in future time.... If not you can cut it down”

And so the master listens to the voice of the gardener
And lets the fig tree live on
The soil and the hand who toils
Work together with the radiance of light... waiting for the fruit
of promise

The caretaker of the earth
Cultivates and fertilizers the sacred ground
Around fruitless tree
He is hopeful of the fruits of his labor

The fig tree struggles to bear fruit
It depends on the handiwork
Of the one who cares to love
And the one who dares to hope

All of creation waits in anticipation
The fig tree groans in labor pains
As it allows heaven's light to infuse its limbs
And as it receives the generosity of the gardener who nourishes
its roots

The caretaker reverences the sacred soil with care
His laborer of love gives birth to life
The tree gives birth to fruit
And the fig tree stands tall.... rooted firmly in fertile soil....it
lives on!

—“Peaceful Moments” by Fr. John J. Ludden

Faith Formation



The Barren Fig Tree

Mark Your Calendar

March 20

First Communion Activity Night

March 28-31

Easter Triduum

May 3

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

May 4

First Holy Communion Ceremony

Faith Formation News

First Communion Activity Night...will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom, seminar room and classrooms. Banners will be made that will be hung in the church for the First Holy Communion Ceremony. All sacramental students must participate.

Easter Triduum...starts on the evening of Maundy Thursday and ends at Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Thus, the Triduum consists of three full days which begin and end in the evening.

First Holy Communion Rehearsal...will be on Friday, May 3, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom and the church. This will be the only rehearsal. Attendance is mandatory for all children receiving the sacrament.

First Holy Communion Ceremony...will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the church. Sacramental students should report to their teachers in the ballroom at 9:00 a.m. for pictures and final preparations. Cake and refreshments will be served afterwards outside the main entrance of the church.

Faith Formation continues on page 17



By Kathleen M. Carroll

When terrible things happen, we always ask why. If a neighbor suffers a housebreak, we'd like to think it was because of something they did wrong — left a side door unlocked, maybe, or let the mail stack up while they vacationed. As long as misfortune is the result of some specific cause, we think we can avoid it. But sooner or later, we're all faced with some random tragedy — someone's child falls gravely ill, a freak accident claims a friend, a school shooting leaves us speechless and stunned.

Jesus warns us off from trying to find facile rationalizations for such events. We aren't being punished for our sins when disaster strikes, and we aren't being rewarded for our faithfulness when we escape the sadness that engulfs others. Sometimes, there simply is no human explanation.

Our faith urges us not to condemn ourselves or others beset by tragedy; neither should we congratulate ourselves when things are going well. Whatever our circumstances, we are called to muddle through as best we can, producing the "good fruit" of faith and faithful action.

Bringing Home the Word, March 3, 2013. Franciscan Media

REFLECTION

Jesus sets out on his way to Jerusalem after the transfiguration. For 10 chapters, from 9.51 to 19.28, Luke's Gospel follows Jesus on this journey, his exodus or going forth. His disciples follow him then; we follow Jesus now, this Lent.

Jesus teaches many parables to his disciples on their journey together. This Sunday Jesus tells about a fig tree. In Jesus' country a fig tree is as common as an apple tree to us. Many people grew fig trees and looked forward to eating the figs. How many here like Fig Newton cookies? The cookies are made with figs.

The fig tree in Jesus' parable isn't producing figs. What to do? Cut it down, or give the tree another chance, more manure, more care? Jesus wants us to see God is like the gardener who wants to care for the tree and give us another chance. This Gospel calls us to turn toward God and be fruitful by showing love for one another.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: What helps you grow?

Gospel Question: Discuss how God helps all things grow.

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: Why do people sometimes get another chance?

Gospel Question: What might help the tree grow some figs?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: When have you wanted a second chance?

Gospel Question: Who in the Gospel story is Jesus like, the owner or the gardener and why?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: When have you forgiven someone?

Gospel Question: Why does the gardener want to fertilize the fig tree?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: When have you given someone another chance and had it bear fruit?

Gospel Question: Is God more like the owner of the fig tree in the Gospel or more like the gardener? Why?

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St. Vincent de Paul Society Scholarship Deadline is Friday, April 19

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

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

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

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

2013 Emerald Ball March 16

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

BIG BAND DANCE

Remaining Dances:

Tuesday, March 5

Tuesday, March 19

Tuesday, April 2

7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

in St. John PLC

\$10.00 cash only

at the door - includes snacks

*Dance to the Music
of the Big Band Era*

*Featuring the Live
Southwest Florida
16-piece Orchestra*

Sponsored by the Men's Club

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 Friday Nights in Lent: March 1, 8 and 15

(No Fish Bake on Good Friday)

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

Tickets at Door Only

Take Outs
Available

Menu

Baked Fish, Rice Pilaf, Mac and Cheese

Coleslaw, String Beans Almandine,

Stewed Tomatoes, New England Clam Chowder, Bread & Butter,

Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade & Soda & Dessert



Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children 12 and Under



Saturday, March 30, 2013

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

St. John's Parish Life Center, Courtyard and Ballroom

Easter baskets optional. Small Easter bags will be provided.

For more information, contact Andy Sanfelippo, 949.7122

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

Family Name

Number of Adults Attending

Names & Ages of Children

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MUST FILL OUT FORM TO PARTICIPATE. Register by Sunday, March 23.

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

Or register online at: www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

SPONSORED BY ST. JOHN MEN'S CLUB

Family Fun and Ministry Day

Sunday, March 10 from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Meet with representatives from the Ministries
and enjoy a family fun-filled afternoon.

A
celebration
of all of our
families.

Event will be held in the courtyard, ballroom
and back fields near the Claussen Center.

Rock
Climbing
Wall

If you are a retiree, single parent or the parents of a family of 12,
We want you in attendance!



Something for Everyone!

- bounce houses and obstacle courses
- a dunk tank
- a climbing wall
- numerous crafts
- a balloon toss
- potato sack races
- a cake walk
- and many more activities
- a clown and a juggler who fabricates balloon characters
- live entertainment in the ballroom for those wanting to simply relax

Bounce
House

Food and More Food!

- a full picnic fare complete with hamburgers and hot dogs
- snow cone, cotton candy and popcorn
- Beer and wine

Please RSVP

Absolutely

FREE

ABSOLUTELY FREE, but you must RSVP by March 6.
Family Fun and Ministry Day (March 10) RSVP

Please complete and drop in the collection basket or drop off in the parish office. Thank you for your co-operation.

Family Name _____

Number in family attending _____

Phone Number _____

Second Annual Parish Cruise Packed With Memories

Close to 100 parishioners, family and friends joined Fr. John on January 16, as they journeyed to the Port of Miami for an 11-night cruise to the eastern and southern Caribbean on the recently renovated Norwegian Sun. Folks began to arrive at the Claussen Center around 7:30 a.m. where they checked in and enjoyed coffee, juice, pastries and Bloody Marys. Promptly at 9:00 a.m. the bus departed for the two-hour trip to the Port of Miami.

The first two days were spent at sea as the ship journeyed to Cartagena, Columbia, at the northern tip of South American to visit this lovely colonial town, a UNESCO World Heritage site. During these sea days and on the subsequent three sea days, Fr. John celebrated Mass each morning for the St. John travelers, as well as other passengers and crew members, assisted by Deacon Frank. Helen McDonagh and Joann Vullo set up the altar each day and served as gift bearers. Madeline Gaffey assisted Fr. John in vesting and served as altar server. Various members of the parish served as lectors. Fr. John also celebrated Vigil Masses on Saturday, January 19 and January 26 with large numbers of passengers and crew in attendance. At these two Vigil Masses some \$1,300 was collected for the Missionaries of Charity work in St. Lucia. In addition, Fr. John celebrated a special Mass for the crew on Thursday, January 24 at 11:30 p.m., the only time many of them were available to attend.

Dinner was served nightly in the Seven Seas Dining Room, where tables of eight, ten and twelve were conveniently clustered to allow parishioners to have dinner together and meet other parishioners. During the course of the cruise many availed themselves of the other dining venues on the ship which included French, Italian and other specialty restaurants. After dinner entertainment was provided, which included vocalists, magicians, Broadway type shows, a hypnotist and other entertainers. Dancing was available in many lounges all evening and the casino was open for those who wished to "try their luck"!

On Friday, January 18 Fr. John hosted a cocktail party in the ships Observation Lounge, which provided a panoramic view of the ocean.

On Saturday, January 19 the Sun docked at Cartagena where many took part in the numerous shore excursions available. Passengers spent Sunday, January 20 and Monday, January 21 visiting the two Dutch Islands of Aruba and Curacao which have a distinctive Dutch "flavor", with their brightly painted buildings, evoking images of old Holland. Tuesday, January 22 was another relaxing sea day with numerous on-board activities. The next port of call was the island of St. This island has a distinctive feel to it as it has a large population of French and Dutch, each occupying different sides of the island. The following day was our last port of call. St Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands where travelers spent the day either shopping in what is the largest shopping venue in the Caribbean or taking part in the numerous water related activities. After two additional sea days of relaxation on board, the Norwegian Sun returned to the Port of Miami.

For many, the cruise was a time of celebration. Parishioners Antonio and Hiverca (Eve) Pardo, who are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary this year, renewed their marriage vows at the vigil Mass held January 19. A large group of friends from Naples Parks, where the Pardos reside, accompanied them on the cruise and took part in the celebration.

A surprise 80th birthday party for parishioner Dick Sullivan took place in Le Bistro French restaurant on January 22, hosted by Madeline and Jack Gaffey and attended by his many friends who were on the cruise.

On the last night, January 26 at the 4:30 Vigil Mass, parishioners Joanna and Phil Vullo, renewed their marriage vows with over 200 folks in attendancance. For Joann and Phil it was only 55 years.

Early Sunday morning, January 27, the ship docked at Miami where everyone enjoyed their last bountiful breakfast. They later boarded the bus for the return ride to St. John with many memories of a wonderful trip, a few extra pounds, and the knowledge that their participation in the cruise generated \$8,000 to support the St. John's Catholic Faith Appeal goal.

Special thanks to Lou Carrier, Madelane and Jack Gaffey, Joe Lichwalla, Tom and Helen McDonagh, Dick Sullivan and Joann and Philo Vullo for their help in the preparation of the Pre-cruise meeting on January 5, assistance with registration on January 16. and assisting parishioners with their luggage.

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Antonio and Hiverca (Eve) Pardo celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary by renewing their marriage vows while on the cruise.



Joanna and Phil Vullo renewed their marriage vows of 55 years.

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