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the glory
of our nation
and the
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Wishing you and your loved ones a very happy Fourth of July filled with peace, love and happiness.



625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108 • Phone 239.566.8740 • Fax 239.566.9117 www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com • E-mail: info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

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

Mass for	Decea	sed	(+) and Special Intentions	Requested by		
June 28,	2014		Saturday			
8:00	AM	+	Mrs. John Stierli	Mr. & Mrs. John Utz		
			Saturday Vigil Mass for Sur	nday		
3:00	PM	+	Ida Pecconia	J <mark>anet</mark> D'Addario		
5:00	PM	+	Joanne Villano	Josephine Mello		
June 29,	2014		Sunday			
7:00	AM		Sharon McCarthy	Joseph McCarthy		
9:00	AM	+	Kathleen Maynard	Richard & Peggy Maynard		
11:00	AM		For Our Parishioners			
1:00	PM	+	Maureen Bailey	Kathleen Murphy		
5:00	PM	+	Enid Gauthier	The Donald Hanifin Family		
	Wine &	й Но	ost in Memory of John R. Poirid	er~ Requested by Wife & Family		
June 30,	2014		Monday			
8:30	AM	+	Anna Hanson Cannon	Joe Cannon		
July 1, 20	014		Tuesday			
8:30		+	William Lawrence Portnoy	Linda Anne Portnoy		
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July 2, 20			Wednesday	Film Cinn		
8:30	ДΙΥΙ	+	Vincent Cinque	Eileen Cinque		
July 3, 20	014		Thursday			
8:30	AM	+	Vicki Martin	John Martin		
July 4, 20			Friday			
8:30	AM	+	Helen Nash	Leo		
July 5, 20	014		Saturday			
8:00			Joe Pohrer	Fr. John Ludden		
			Saturday Vigil Mass for Sur	ndav		
3:00	PM	+	Tony Manes	Tony (Son)		
5:00	PM	+	Patricia Curcio	Husband & Family		
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July 6, 20	014		Sunday			
	AM		Sharon McCarthy	Joseph McCarthy		
7:00		+	Joe Bernetich	Family		
7:00 9:00	AM					
	AM AM		For Our Parishioners			
9:00		+	For Our Parishioners Joseph S. Ryan Mary Montalbano	Wife Sandi & Peter Spilotro		

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 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 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. Call the office at 566.8740.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 28, 2014

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed

Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus

Ramadan (Islamic observance) begins Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17 or, for the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart, Is 61:9-11; Lk 2:41-51

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Sunday, June 29, 2014

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Monday, June 30, 2014

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time; The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 1, 2014

Bl. Junípero Serra; Canada Day Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:8-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday, July 3, 2014

St. Thomas

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

Friday, July 4, 2014

Independence Day; First Friday

Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119: 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Saturday, July 5, 2014

St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Sunday, July 6, 2014

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Third Fortnight for Freedom Continues Until July 4

The 2014 theme focuses on "Freedom to Serve" poor, vulnerable



Catholic dioceses and parishes across the United States are once again encouraged to raise awareness for domestic and international religious freedom concerns during the third annual Fortnight for Freedom, June 21 - July 4. The two-week celebration will focus on the theme,

"Freedom to Serve," emphasizing the link between religious liberty and service to the poor and vulnerable.

During the **Fortnight for Freedom** Bishop Frank J. Dewane encourages the faithful to reinforce their commitment to prayer, to study the Church's teaching, and to participate in peaceful public action during the Fortnight. Before each Mass at St. John we will pray the Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty. (See picture of prayer card at left; prayer on right. Please take one!)

Each day, after daily Mass, and after the 5:00 p.m. on Sundays, we will have a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary. Please join us. To conclude the fortnight of events, Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on July 4, at noon EDT.

USCCB President Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, will be the homilist at the July 4 Mass. The Mass will be televised nationwide on EWTN.



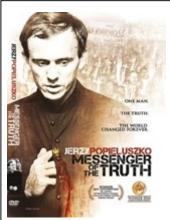
from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome — for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us — this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Mary Immaculate

Patroness of Our Country

Pray for Us

MESSENGER OF THE TRUTH

Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko:
Priest. Messenger of the Truth.
Died for **Religious Freedom.** A modern true story that changed the world forever.

Monday, July 7, 2014

7:00pm St William's Ministry Center Hall

Blessed Father Jerzy Popieluszko was the courageous chaplain of the *Solidarity* movement in Poland in the early1980's. It was his strong faith, conviction and courage that mobilized a nation to stand against the communist regime. The remarkable story of Father Jerzy, a 21st century hero of human rights, who was murdered in 1984 by the Polish government, is told in this **award-winning documentary**. Narrated by Catholic activist and actor **Martin Sheen**, *Messenger of the Truth* chronicles Father Jerzy's opposition to Poland's oppressive Communist leaders who harassed, arrested, threatened, imprisoned and eventually, murdered him for speaking the truth in a country full of propaganda, oppression and social injustice.

"A must-see documentary for all who believe in the rights of religious liberty, the dignity of the human person, and those who are lovers of freedom and defenders of the truth,"

~ Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York.

Our First, Most Cherished Liberty

"We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are proud to be both, grateful for the gift of faith which is ours as Christian disciples, and grateful for the gift of liberty which is ours as American citizens. To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other. Our allegiances are distinct, but they need not be contradictory, and should instead be complementary. That is the teaching of our Catholic faith, which obliges us to work together with fellow citizens for the common good of all who live in this land. That is the vision of our founding and our Constitution, which guarantees citizens of all religious faiths the right to contribute to our common life together." Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A Statement on Religious Liberty, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, April 12, 2012 (see full statement at: http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religiousliberty/upload/Our-First-Most-Cherished-Liberty-

Apr12-6-12-12.pdf

Parish Clergy



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli Associate
Fr. Jim Simko 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 1:00 p.m. Mass. Please call the parish office to register for a class. Upon completion of the class and fulfillment of the godparent requirements, parents may schedule a baptism date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

All Administrative Staff 239.566.8740

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Choir Director

Ellie Roberts

Sacristan

Lorna Woonsam

Director of Family Mission &

Communications

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Director of RCIA

Margie Lynch: 228.3909

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: *saintjohntheevangelist.com* When on the website, click on the **Forms** tab at the top of the home page and select New Parishioner Form. Download the form, complete it and return the completed form to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

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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 8:30 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.,

11:00 a.m. & 1:00 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@ saintjohntheevanglist.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 2015.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2015 Mass availability and 2014 wine and host and flowers availability. Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

Parish Information...

Hymns for the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul, June 28 & 29								
Readings:	788	Vigil	789	Day				
Entrance Hymn:	196	For All th	ne Saint	S				
Preparation Hymn:	512	The Cry	of the P	oor				
Communion Hymn:	238	Taste an	nd See					
	478	Servant	Song					
Closing Hymn:	426	Faith of	Our Fath	ners				
Choral Anthems at 11 AM Mass								
Prelude	Tu E	s Petrus	(You are	e Peter)	Chant, arr. Gerald Muller			

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Make Me an Instrument

Monday, June 30: Monday of the Thirteenth Week in **Ordinary Time**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 47 (46): 2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Communion

R. Remember this, you who never think of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 103 (102): 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul and all within me, his holy name.

Tuesday, July 1: Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week in **Ordinary Time**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 47 (46): 2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lead me in your justice, Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON In 17: 20-21

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.

Wednesday, July 2: Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 47 (46): 2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 103 (102): 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all within me, his holy name.

Thursday, July 3: Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Ps* 118 (117): 28, 21

You are my God, and I confess you; you are my God, and I exalt you;

I will thank you, for you became my savior.

Mary MacDonald

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. In 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing.

Friday, July 4: Friday of the Thirteenth Week in **Ordinary Time**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 47 (46): 2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON In 17: 20-21

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.

Saturday, July 5: Saturday of the Thirteenth Week in **Ordinary Time**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 47 (46): 2

All peoples, clap your hands.

Cry to God with shouts of joy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 103 (102): 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all within me, his holy name.

#ToKnow #ToLove #ToServe

#ToKnow, #ToLove — Role of the Church: Behave Like a Mother

Last week, Pope Francis spoke to the Diocese of Rome on a widerange of topics, off the cuff for over 35 minutes. He had several points that are directly related to our "New Wineskin" of ministry and moments of encounter: We are St. John.

Every member of the St. John community has the opportunity to be a positive moment of encounter for each other as well as other individuals in our communities. A smile and some assistance getting to a pew the first time they have come to church in 20 years. A gracious word when helping someone at the grocery store. Our role is to support, encourage and love each other. Our Holy Father has provided the guidance we need to succeed in our Mission: To Know, To Love and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community:

The church does not become a mother by going door to door and offering to sign people up as if it were "an association called the Catholic Church," he said. Rather, the church is a mother when she does what mothers do: offer love, tenderness, a caring gaze, almost endless patience, a welcome and compassion.

"Our mother church seems to be a bit old, not to speak of a 'grandmother' church, but aging. We must rejuvenate her," he said, and "not by taking her to a plastic surgeon."

The church does not need cosmetic surgery, the pope said, but it needs the energy and joy that come from being a mother, seeing her children gather at home and welcoming their friends as well.

Pope Francis urged all parish workers to be warm and welcoming, to listen to people before asking them to fill out registration forms or pay stipends for different services. The church, he said, must have "a heart without limits, but not just a heart: also a certain gaze, the sweetness of Jesus' gaze, which often is more eloquent than many words." – Pope Francis 6/16/2014 (http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/1402489.htm)

#ToLove — Helping Families Feel the Love of the Faith: Not as an NGO

The Pope's message of the Church as mother continued as he described his desire for the Church to shed some of the political and administrative focus and instead approach all its members with tenderness, acceptance, and love. He does not want our Church to be seen as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), which is a term used to

describe groups that traditionally have been not-for-profit, private organizations that are independent from a government's control. It is commonly used as a derogatory term for a bureaucratic, self-important group. Our Holy Father would prefer us to meet people

#FamilyMission

by Jean-Paul Boucher Director, Family Mission & Communications

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with warmth and inclusion, rather than paperwork and procedures:

Pope Francis said the Church needs to be a Mother, not a "well-organized NGO with a bunch of pastoral plans".

"Being in the Church is being at home with mom," he said. The Holy Father said without this, going to Church becomes like going to an institution, and gives it the identity of a football team, where people are just "fans" of being Catholic.

He said people need to feel the "tenderness" of a Mother in the Church.

"We have to always welcome people with a big heart, like family," he said.

This is especially true in dealing with young people, and the Pope said the Church must encourage the participation of the youth.

- Pope Francis 6/16/2014 (http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-

#ToServe – Immokalee Children Say "Thank You" To St. John

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We have been blessed with so much support and encouragement in our Mission work for both our new programs, the Immokalee Mission Team and the Homeless Feeding Program. In fact, our Vacation Bible School Kid-to-Kid program has kicked off our capability to support our community by providing over 100 bags of groceries. We took half of the food out to Immokalee this week and

we received the grateful response of the children of Immokalee, some of which rely exclusively on the food banks provided by Catholic Charities and other churches in the area. Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Charities Food Bank has asked me to relay the gratitude of these families to our church.

"Thank you so much for your generosity, compassion, and care.
The food pantry donation you brought today was wonderful and will make our families very happy for the next couple

of weeks-pudding is such a treat for them! We'll write Father John a thank you note, but would very much appreciate it if you could tell the children thank you. From our kids to your kids."

Thank you all!



Theology on Tap Returns July 17

Theology on Tap will return to the Diocese of Venice this summer with new locations, format and frequency. "Theology on Tap" begins July 17, 7:00 p.m. at San Pedro Catholic Church in North Port for six consecutive weeks. George L. Smith, Director of Young Adult Outreach will be the first presenter in the series entitled "Why be Catholic?"

All young adults 18-39 years old are invited to attend. Babysitting will be available for young couples. Please contact George Smith at *gsmith@dioceseofvenice.org* for further information or to RSVP for the event.



Community Pregnancy Clinics offers professional, compassionate care for pregnant women. We specialize in caring for women who are facing an unexpected or unwanted pregnancy. We offer medically-accurate information as well as free pregnancy testing, free limited ultrasounds, and high quality counseling for women as well as education and material support.

Community Pregnancy Clinics is seeking caring and compassionate volunteers who are available to spend a few hours each week to help serve the community this summer at the clinic.

Contact Jessica Plate (239)262-6381 or visit www.community4life.com today!



Re-Establishment of Marriage Process Changes; Processing Fee Increases to \$500 Effective July 1

For a divorced person to re-establish his or her freedom for a new marriage in the Catholic Church after a divorce, it is necessary to obtain two concordant affirmative decisions on the sacramental validity of the previous marriage.

The Metropolitan Court of Miami has notified the dioceses of Florida that as of July 1, an increase in processing fees will take place for appeals by litigants of diocesan first instance tribunal judgments. The new fee is \$500 for a formal appeal of Affirmative or Negative decisions. Payment of the fee is to be made by the petitioning litigant directly to the Archdiocese of Miami Appeal Tribunal at the time of appeal.

In particular cases, depending on the circumstances, a payment plan may be allowed by the appeal court. For more information about the process and fees, please contact the Diocesan Tribunal at 941.484.9543.

Diocese to Host Family, Faith and Fun Day July 2

The Diocese of Venice Office of Evangelization is hosting a day of family, faith and fun on Saturday, July 12 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice. The day will include engaging speakers, fun activities for the whole family, and spiritual elements including a closing Mass. Cost is \$50 per family and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and activities. Lodging for Friday evening is also available at an additional cost. To register please go to www.dioceseofvenice.org/conferences.

Death Penalty Prayer Scheduled for Vigil July 10

How much do you love? Do you live out Our Lord's command "love your enemies?" On July 10 you will have an opportunity to do just that. Eddie Wayne Davis is scheduled to be the seventh person executed by lethal injection here in the State of Florida in 2014. You are invited to participate in a prayer vigil for Mr. Davis, his victim and the affected families, as well as for an end to the use of the death penalty.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2267) states, "If, instead, bloodless means are sufficient to defend against the aggressor and to protect the safety of persons, public authority should limit itself to such means..." This is not a call to acquit the guilty, rather it is a call to love as Christ loves, to love even the guilty and seek their conversion. Such charity is a powerful Catholic witness in an increasingly violent and hate-filled society.

For more information and to find the prayer vigil closest to you, contact Jeanne Berdeaux at *Berdeaux@Dioceseofvenice.org* or Matthew Caes *Caes@Dioceseofvenice.org* or call the Diocese at 941.484.9543.

Next Marriage Encounter Weekend July 11-13

Weekend Husbands and Wives: It's SUMMER already? Maybe time for some Home Improvements? The BEST home improvement could be a refreshed, romantic and passionate marriage. Why not give yourselves a break and take some private time together?

Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the peace and joy God calls you to! The next weekend is at the Holiday Inn Express in New Tampa, July 11-13.

For more information or to apply, call 813.270.7832 or go online at www. wwme-tampabay.org. AND NOTE! For this weekend, a discounted application fee is offered. \$40 OFF! If you apply through the internet, be sure to use the special discount code of DISC-40 with your application for this TAMPA weekend! — Paul and Linda Mostek

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

AGA (Alienated Grandparents Anonymous). Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. Third Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the PLC ballroom.

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

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Al-Anon. Monday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday - beginners, 11:30 a.m.; and noon discussion; all in PLC. Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.St. Leo Catholic Church, Juan Diego Building.Carol: 804.306.5323

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

Arimatheans. A group of caring parishioners who support parishoners by attending funerals as representation of our faith community. Elaine: 566-8160

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

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

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 566.8740

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

Divine Gift Boutique (located across from the ladies restroom). Summer Hours: Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed during the week. If interested in volunteering in the gift shop contact Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

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

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

Job Search Skills & Support. Mondays 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the library. Free. Carol Marlow: 948.0050 (on hiatus until September)

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

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

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

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

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

Men's Club. Group of dedicated men (with the superb assistance from their ladies) who assist the Pastor and the parish. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month, 2-3 p.m. New members welcome. Joe Lichwalla: 248.877.3332 or Richard Bergeron: 593.6092

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sing-A-Long. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

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

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

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

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

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

Lcpl. Francisco Alvarenga U.S. Marines CSM Paul Bianco U.S. Army, (Afghanistan)

Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army

S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force

Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy

BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)

Adam Decker U.S. Air Force

Nicholas Detloff U.S. Air Force

Sgt. Anthony J.

Diamante
U.S. Army (Afghanistan)

Joshua Emmons
U.S. Air Force

Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces

Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines

Lt. Joseph Gilig
1st Marine Division
* LAV Recon

Cpl. Dylan Granza U.S. Army Ranger

Specialist Shelby Granza U.S. Army

S. Sgt. Patrick
H. Hammer
U.S. Marine Corp * LAV
Recon (Afghanistan)

Specialist Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army

Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett U.S. Marine Corp

AT3 Corinne MacFarlane U.S. Navy

Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army

LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)

LCpl. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)

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Cpt. Daniel Palmer U.S. Army

Cpt. John Palmer U.S. Army

Cpt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army

1Lt. Robert Pedrigi U.S. Army

Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army

Lt. Gregory Spencer U.S. Army, (Afghanistan)

Lt. Kelly Spencer U.S. Air Force

Houng Tran U.S. Army

IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)

SSGT. Matthew Watson U.S. Air Force (Afghanistan)

Divine Will Prayer Group

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

Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

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

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

Liturgy of the Hours

Members of the third order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites pray the Morning Prayer after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

St. John Charismatic Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

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

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Virginia D'Agostino, Pedro Gonzales and Angela Rakowski

May they rest in eternal peace.

Deacon Al T.F. Marie Anderson Marie Fabiano Jacob Andrew Dottie Farrell Michael Arnold Donna Flynn Ronald Gaglione Lana August Pat Axberg Edward Gaynor Frank Balletta Andy Gomez Robyn Baldwin Claudia Gomez Kristen and Lila Julian Gomez Barson Julie Gome Jimmy Bee M.A.H. Margie Benefico Frank Haran Barbara Berg Reg Hart Josephine Berlin Rachel Hartert Linda Berry Raymond and Virginia Mary Bessner Hartwick Lucretia Biasi Eugene Hav Gregory Bitondo Joe Hennessy Sharon Bouvier Richard Hennings Pat Brody Jerry Heyen Jack Hodges Julie Butler Frank Caccavo. Jr. Ann Hogg Joe Cannon Karen Hohne Cathy Carroll Charlotte Hollohan Christine Cassara Jeff Horkey James Castaldi Colton Horvatt Jacob Hotle Rosalie Castro Michael Cataldo Donald Howe Diane Centenaro George Howlett Richard Clark Val Hunt Claussen Family Michael Hutchins David Cox James Jennings Edna D' Antuono Ron Johnson Mary Dalfonso Nevaeh Jones Julie Dieter J.K. Alexandria Dolkas Nicholas Kao Leon Doughty Chester T. Kauffman

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Peggy Kegaly

Ann Marie Esposito | Kevin Kincaid

Lisa Egan



On behalf of the Clergy and staff, I would like to wish everyone a very **happy Independence Day**. The Fourth of July falls on a Friday this year which means that the parish office will be closed allowing for our staff as well as many of you to have a long three-day weekend.

Have you met our new Parish Secretary? If not, I would like to formally introduce **Deborah Marsh**. Deborah comes to us from the "snow belt" of Syracuse, New York. She is of Italian and Norwegian decent and is one of seven children. Deborah attended St. James parochial school and is very familiar with the Catholic environment. Her first job was working in the parish office after school, answering phones and typing. At the age of 14, she began working at Loretto Rest, a Catholic nursing home in St. James Parish as an organist, receptionist, bookkeeper and activities therapist.

Deborah received her training at Ohio University where she studied Music Therapy and Special Education, earning her degree in Music Therapy. She also studied Early Childhood Special Education at the University of Miami where she earned her Master of Science Degree.

Upon moving to Naples in 1975, Deborah worked as a church organist at many different churches in the area. She also worked as a grant writer for non-profit agencies and as a home educator for migrant families around the state of Florida. She worked in Immokalee for 15 years with non-profit agencies, teaching families and children.

Deborah has two children,

Michael and Angela, who were born in the early 80s. While raising her children, Deborah spent nearly 15 years involved in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and altar serving right here at Saint John the Evangelist. She has fond memories of attending Mass at Pine Ridge Middle School during the construction of St. William's before moving to Naples Park and building Saint John the Evangelist.

Deborah recently retired from teaching after 40 years in the field. She feels she has come full circle, returning to her job as a parish secretary after 50 years.

If you have yet to do so, please stop by the parish office and welcome Deborah to the staff,

For those parents who have applied for a **tuition subsidy** to St. John Neumann, St. Ann or St. Elizabeth Seton, you are well

aware of the criteria involved in securing a subsidy. In addition to regular Mass attendance and giving we also require that your child participate in the life of the parish. Participating as a youth lector or altar server are two great opportunities to get your child involved. The two aforementioned opportunities are great ways to ensure that your child receives a subsidy. Participating in youth group is another avenue if your child is not comfortable with serving or lectoring.

The **air conditioning project** continues to drag on. Following my comments from last week, the installation of AC units in the Parish Life Center will be further delayed due to unforeseen issues with the fabrication of metal curbing which will house the units.

This weekend will be the **final weekend of our fiscal year**. Our fiscal year officially ends on June 30. 2013/2014 was a very good year on many counts. Although we recognized numerous unforeseen and unbudgeted expenses, we look to finish the year in very good shape financially. Believe it or not, even though 2012/2013 was a great year from an income standpoint, we exceeded expectations this year. Offertory collections are up nearly 7% over the prior year. As a matter of fact, our offertory collections for 2013/2014 reached levels

not seen since 2005/2006. Following the complete closing of our books in late July, I will publish a full financial statement in the bulletin. Thank you to all of our parishioners for your very generous support.

I feel it safe to say that we have now settled into the summer doldrums even though summer just began this past week. Attendance has substantially tapered

off and **contributions to the CFA** have also decreased dramatically. We are still in good shape due to the early outpouring of generosity through the first six months of the campaign. As I have said on numerous occasions, let us strive to not just meet our goal this year, but rather substantially exceed our goal. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Catholic Faith Appeal.

In His work together,

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Scott Schlossberg, MBA General Manager

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Joe Sheehy, a sales rep from Messner Publications, our bulletin publisher, was with us a couple weeks ago contacting current and prospective advertisers for the back of our weekly bulletin.

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We thank all those who have renewed their ads as well as our new sponsor advertisers. Please patronize these generous sponsors and let them know you saw their ad in the bulletin. Anyone who may be interested in advertising in the bulletin can still call for ad size availability and rates. Additional ways of being a sponsor advertiser are by placing either an "In memory of (a loved one) ad" which can be adorned with clip art like a rose.

Joe can be reached at 203.231.0727 and he would be happy to assist you.

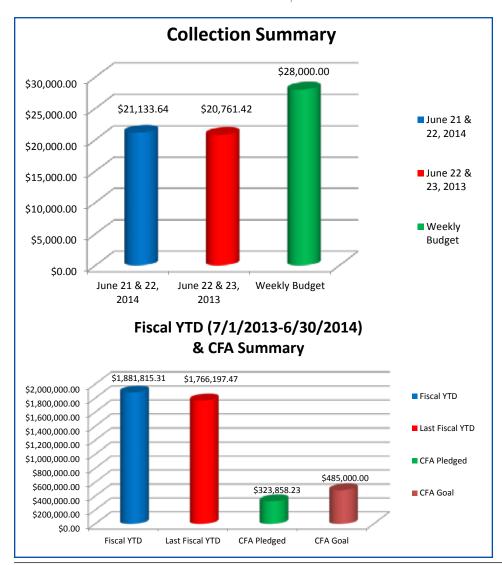
Take Action and Support Religious Liberty

Pope Francis has observed that "religion [cannot] be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life." **Evangelii Gaudium...**, no. 183. In insisting that our liberties as Americans be respected, Pope Benedict XVI said that this work belongs to "an engaged, articulate and well-formed Catholic laity endowed with a strong critical sense vis-à-vis the dominant culture." Therefore, catechesis on religious liberty is not the work of priests alone. If religious liberty is not properly understood, all people suffer and are deprived of the essential contribution to the common good, be it in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services that individuals make every day, both here at home and overseas.

Visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information regarding this time of prayer, education and action in support of religious freedom! (www.usccb.org) "Religious freedom is not simply freedom of thought or private worship. It is the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly, consequent to the truth one has found." – Pope Francis, June 24, 2014

Job Search Skills and Support Group on Summer Hiatus

Job Search Skills and Support Group will not meet the rest of the summer. Anyone who is unemployed or in transition is invited to join us in September. The group meets in the library every Monday evening from 6:30-8:00. However, if anyone is seeking guidance or needs support this summer Carol Marlow can be reached by phone 239.948.0050.



Peter's Pence Collection This Weekend

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Peter's Pence Collection offers Catholics the opportunity to reach out to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe. The proceeds of this worldwide collection helps Pope Francis assist the needs of the Church to support humanitarian activities by caring for victims of war, oppression, religious persecution and natural disasters. Donations also assist seminaries and institutes of Christian formation in poor and developing countries.

The Holy Father leads us through his actions to be true disciples of Christ by serving the poor and suffering. The theme of this year's collection "Be a Witness of Charity" focuses on the chance to be charitable through donations, prayers and outreach to those who struggle.

The Peter's Pence collection in the Diocese of Venice is scheduled for the weekend of June 28-29, 2014. This is the perfect opportunity for us to express our compassion and generosity, joining Pope Francis in his charitable works throughout the world.

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration and my prayers!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Bishop Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, June 29, 2014: the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

Prelude

Prince of Peace (You Are Holy)

Opening Song Your Grace Is Enough Matt Maher CCLI Song No. 4477026 © 2003 spiritandsong.com | Thankyou Music | (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). All rights Reserved. CCLI License #2008891.

Great is your faithfulness, O God You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-chorus

So remember your people, remember your children Remember your promise, O God

Chorus
For your grace is enough, your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me!

Verse 2

Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob You use the weak to lead the strong You lead us in the song of your salvation And all your people sing along (to pre-chorus)

Kyrie & Gloria • The Glendalough Mass (please see worship aid in pew)

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Gospel Acclamation The Glendalough Mass (please see worship aid in pew)

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Verse 1) Your grace is power Your will, forever Your love is a river Overflow in me! (to Chorus)

Verse 2) Your Word, true presence Your Body, our recompense Your Blood, salvation Overflow in me! (to Chorus) Verse 3) Our worship of you, It's your gift to us from you. No one could give this gift but you Overflow in me! (to Chorus)



Bridge) We lift up our hearts; we lift up our souls; we lift up our minds And ev'ry good thing is yours, yeah, ev'ry good thing is yours, so overflow

Sanctus • Memorial Acclamation (**B**) • Great Amen • *The Glendalough Mass*

The Lord's Prayer • chanted Agnus Dei • The Glendalough Mass

Communion Songs 238 Taste and See James E. Moore

478 Servant Song Donna Marie McGargill, OSM

Eucharistic Adoration We will move from Mass directly into Adoration, as part of the Fortnight for Freedom.

Songs for Exposition **Doxology** Louis Bourgeois / Thomas Ken, arr. David Crowder © 2004 worshiptogether.com songs, sixsteps Music. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com. CCLI License # 2008891.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow / Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts / Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost / Amen amen amen

O Salutaris Hostia DUGUET / St. Thomas Aquinas

- v1) O salutaris Hostia, Quae caeli pandis ostium: Bella premunt hostilia, Da robur, fer auxilium.
- v2) Uni trinoque Domino Sit sempiterna gloria, Qui vitam sine termino Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

We will have time for silence, and we will pray the Rosary as well. Shortly before 7 PM, we will conclude with Benediction, the music and prayers for which can be found below.

Benediction • Blessing • Reposition • The Divine Praises • Closing Hymn

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"We live our parish mission in our hearts and now we wear it on our wrists. Please take a few since many of us are asked about them and instead of explaining them, it is impactful to simply give it to that person. Thank you to Bill Fuller for making our parish mission so accessible." — JP Boucher, Director, Family Mission & Communications



The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles: Year A

Vigil Readings
Acts 3:1-10
Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5
Galatians 1:11-20
John 21:15-19

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Mass During the Day Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19

Ss. Peter and Paul ~ Men Blessed and Sent

oday, we celebrate the great solemnity of St. Peter, the Prince of the Apostles, and St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. Who could have ever imagined the impact that a fisherman and tent-maker could have had on the world? Today's Feast reminds us that all things are possible for God, and in His infinite plan we know that God breaks into human history to call ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things! As we recall these great men of faith who have undoubtedly changed the face of human history, we are also reminded that we, too, are asked to join them in fearlessly proclaiming our faith in Jesus Christ.

Reflection Questions

- 1. What is most significant in St. Peter's life for you?
- 2. How does St. Paul's life inspire you?
- 3. How do the lives of Ss. Peter and Paul continue to bless the Church today?
- 4. How does Peter and Paul's story relate to your experience?
- 5. How far are you willing to go to proclaim the gospel in your own experience?

The readings from both the Vigil Mass and the Mass of the Day, as well as other place throughout the New Testament, give us brief insights into these men. Peter began as a fisherman. He lived in Capernaum with his wife. We know that he had been given the name Simon or Simeon (2 Pt. 1:1) and when called by Jesus to follow him was given the name Peter, meaning 'rock'. Peter witnessed, with his own eyes, the transfigured Christ before Moses and Elijah (Mt. 17:1-9), and confessed with his own lips that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God (Mt. 16:13-18; Jn. 6:68-69). Jesus entrusts Peter with the keys of the kingdom and gives him authority to bind and loose the sins of the people. Peter's fiery temper caused him to cut off the high priest servant's ear (Jn. 18:10ff) and his weakness led him to deny the very person he loved and gave everything up for-three times. However, when Jesus appears after his resurrection, he asks Peter three times if he loves him in order to reconcile the painful past. After this, Peter once again is invited to follow Christ. In Acts of the Apostles we hear of how Peter is imprisoned for his faith, delivered by an angel, and continues the work of Jesus' healing ministry. In the words of Acts from the Vigil Mass, Peter says: "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have to give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk." Peter dies a martyr's death by being put to death on a cross.

We also celebrate St. Paul's life today, and indeed begin a year dedicated to him by His Holiness, Benedict XVI. Saul was born in Tarsus and enjoyed the privilege of being a Roman citizen. He was trained in the school of a leading Jewish teacher, Gamaliel (Acts 5:34). Saul was an extremely conservative Jew. His extremism led him to seek to destroy the early Christians by beating, stoning, and imprisoning them. Both his letters and Acts of the Apostles cite many examples of such persecution. However, his life dramatically changes on the road to Damascus. He hears Jesus' voice

calling out, asking why he was persecuting Him. Paul withdraws from his scheduled attacks upon the Christians and enters into the interior of his soul under the guidance of Ananias. It is after this experience that he comes to believe in Christ, receives the Holy Spirit and is baptized (Acts 9:10-20). Saul then chooses to cease using his Roman name and in choosing to be known by the Hebrew name of Paul, he demonstrates the new life that he is living. Paul goes on to devote his love and energy to the Lord and follows his heart to go and preach to the Gentile nations. He suffers hardship, rejection, shipwrecks, and imprisonment for the Lord. He ultimately pays the price for his belief – he is executed in Rome.

We remember the great Apostles Peter and Paul with immense devotion. We are reminded that we are invited to dedicate our lives to the gospel that they professed, the Eucharist they received, and the Spirit that inspired them to serve. When we tell ourselves that we are unworthy to follow Christ because of certain indiscretions in our personal lives, we should remember that Peter and Paul made painful mistakes too. However, we should also recall how they learned to move away from their past by embracing the future of hope.



Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the example of your Ss. Peter and Paul. We are grateful for their witness to the Christ and the great teaching and healing they offered the world. Through their intercession may we have courage in times of fear, and faith in times of doubt. Help us to be steadfast to the faith for which they sacrificed their lives. Amen. St. Peter – Pray for us. St. Paul – Pray for us.

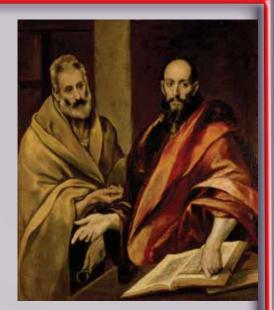
Wisdom of the Fathers

"Today's feast of the martyrdom of the holy Apostles reveals what is the true meaning of this authority: it is service. Peter, Paul and Andrew served even to the shedding of their blood, just as Christ had done before them: "For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mk 10:45). The Apostles were called to participate in their Master's service: a service by which they were able to give the ultimate testimony; a service which was their true strength, their glory in Christ who died and rose again....

....The solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul invites us to reflect on the way taken by Peter and Paul as they followed Christ from the day of their calling to that of their martyrdom here in Rome. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles showed us St. Peter while he was still in Jerusalem on the first stage of the Church's long pilgrimage....

....Christ is sending us out together, so that we may jointly bear witness to him. Thus we cannot remain separated! We must walk together, because this is Our Lord's will. The world must recover its faith at the end of the second millennium and at the start of the third! This is why we should redouble our efforts; we must commit ourselves actively to becoming truly one, just as he, Christ, is one with the Father (cf. Jn 17:22)."

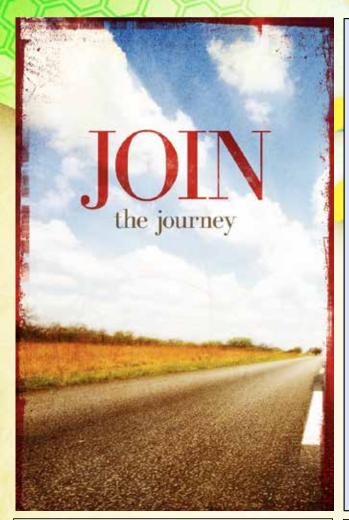
— Saint John Paul II, on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, June 29, 1995



Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Oil on canvas by El Greco. circa 16th-century. Hermitage Museum, Russia (Wikimedia Commons)

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For more information contact:

Margie Lynch at 239-228-3909 or email at RCIA@saintjohntheevangelist.com

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Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

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We are looking for joyous and engaging men and women who would love to teach the future of our Church what we believe and why we believe it.

Please contact Margie Lynch at: margie@saintjohntheevangelist.com or 239.566.8740, if you are interested.

Protect Rights of Conscience and Religious Liberty

The Obama Administration's contraceptive/abortifacient/sterilization mandate began to be enforced against nonprofit religious schools, charities and health care providers on January 1, 2014. Congress must address this problem without delay. Members should be urged to cosponsor the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940, S. 1204) and work for its approval as part of 'must-pass' bills or other legislation.

Recommended Actions:

- Send e-mails through NCHLA's Grassroots Action Center at:
 nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=292. Note: In the e-mail Action Alert you can send a
 separate message to House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) using his special Speaker's
 web form.
- Contact your Representative and Senators by phone. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Representative's and Senators' local offices. Full contact info can be found on Members' web sites at: www.house.gov and www.senate.gov.

Suggested Message: "Please co-sponsor the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940, S. 1204) and work for its approval as part of 'must-pass' legislation or other bills. Government must not force Americans to violate their religious and moral beliefs on respect for life when they provide health care or purchase health coverage."

When: The latest rule on the contraceptive/abortifacient/sterilization mandate began to be enforced January 1, 2014. Please contact your Representative and Senators today!

Background

Under the new health care law, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) requires most health plans to cover "preventive services for women," including drugs and procedures that many citizens find objectionable for moral and religious reasons. These objectionable items include sterilization, FDA-approved birth control (such as the IUD, Depo-Provera, "morning-after" pills, and the abortion-inducing drug Ella), and "education and counseling" to promote these to all "women of reproductive capacity," including minor girls.

Under the final rule released by HHS on June 28, 2013, the mandate allows only a very narrow exemption for a "religious employer," chiefly aimed at what HHS calls "houses of worship." Other religious organizations offering education, health care and charitable services do not qualify for the exemption. The mandate begins to be enforced against them January 1, 2014, under an "accommodation" that only changes the way the objectionable items must be provided to all employees and their dependents. There is no exemption or delay for individuals, for non-religious pro-life organizations, or for businesses owned and operated by families with moral or religious objections. For more information, see: www.usccb.org/conscience.

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