

# Annual Undy Sunday August 10 and August 17

In less than a month Collier County public school students will return to school. The first day of school is Monday, August 18. With this in mind, Catholic Charities of Collier County is once again sponsoring its annual Undy Sunday the weekends of August 10 and August 17.

"August is 'back to school' month and school staff members and nurses continue to remind us of the surprising number of young students who lack decent, or sometimes any, underwear and socks. Therefore, we ask your assistance by bringing new and unused underwear and socks sizes 4 through 12 (small sizes preferred) to your church or synagogue, on Sunday, August 10 and Sunday,



August 17. This essential clothing will help give low income children a decent start in their new school year," John Fitzgerald, Catholic Charities Undy Sunday co-chair, said.

This is the 18th annual event. Since the initial Undy Sunday in 1997, the number of participating churches has more than doubled.

"Prior to Undy Sunday many of our local teachers were dipping into their own pockets to buy undergarments for their students who couldn't afford their own," Fitzgerald explained. "The program started out slowly 18 years ago, but it has become a community effort. Now the children and families who receive the undergarments are happy and the teachers are happy. It is a wonderful effort getting everyone together on this very worthwhile project."

Look for the Undy Sunday boxes in the narthex of the church on the weekends of August 10 and August 17. Catholic Charities volunteers will pick up from all churches, sort and package the undergarments and see that the items get to the schools for proper distribution to needy

children of Naples and Immokalee, as well as the Children's Advocacy Center, the Shelter for Abused Women & Children, and Youth

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Haven, where the most need has been identified. Deliveries will be completed within the first few days of the new school year.

"We distribute the undergarments to the schools and centers and their personnel handle the distribution. It is all handled very discreetly," Fitzgerald said.

Cash donations will also be accepted to purchase additional underwear and socks or to meet other needs of low income children. For cash donations, please make

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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

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+ Anne DeCarmine	Carol DeCarmine Nucci
+ Ron Ponchak	Judy & Ron Lesocky
	Joseph McCarthy
	Tom & Mary Vizioli
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+ Dr. Richard Finucane	Frank & Arlene Rosenthal
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+ Janice A. O'Connor	Douglas L. O'Connor
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+ Frank Stranzi	Jane & Phil O'Hara
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#### 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, July 19, 2014

Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

#### Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Blessed Virgin Mary

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

#### Sunday, July 20, 2014

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

#### Monday, July 21, 2014

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

#### Tuesday, July 22, 2014

St. Mary Magdalene

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

#### Wednesday, July 23, 2014

St. Bridget

Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9

#### Thursday, July 24, 2014

St. Sharbel Makhlūf

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

#### Friday, July 25, 2014

St. James

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

#### Saturday, July 26, 2014

Ss. Joachim and Anne

Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

#### Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

#### Sunday, July 27, 2014

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

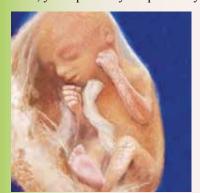
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

## Spiritual Adoption Program Continues With Month Four

The Spiritual Adoption Program is heading into the fourth month. Your commitment is to pray a short prayer daily through Christmas.

**MONTH 4 - Developing Baby** — "I had a dream!"

Well, your spiritually adopted baby now weighs six ounces.



She has fingernails and eyelashes. She has her own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until she dies. Her taste buds are working. Her sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. At this month

rapid eye movements (REMs) can be detected – a sign of dreaming. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle she is!

The next Novena of Masses for Life at St. John will be Monday, August 25 at 8:30 a.m. This Mass will be celebrated in special observance of the life of Jesus in the womb of our Blessed Mother. For a complete schedule of the Novena of Masses for Life, check the diocesan website at: www. dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife.

Isaiah 49:1 - "Before birth the Lord called me, from my mother's womb he gave me my name."

# **Natural Family Planning**

The week of July 20 -26 is Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. Find out what the church actually teaches about birth control!

Natural Family Planning is a safe, effective method of family planning that can be used to achieve or postpone pregnancy.

This week is an opportunity for everyone to learn more about Natural Family Planning (NFP). It is a wonderful science of understanding how God created the human person and the beauty of how a woman's body works. NFP and NaproTechnology enlighten us on issues that couples face today regarding infertility, multiple miscarriages and how to space pregnancy. It is a healthy alternative to synthetic hormones and invasive procedures. To learn more about NFP or to take a class, please visit the Diocesan website: www.dioceseofvenice.org/nfp.

Contact Martha Oram at 407-615-9017 or mjoram@gmail.com

For more information on the benefits of NFP check out:

www.usccb.org • www.iuseNFP.com • www.lflesh.org

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continued from page 1 checks payable to Catholic Charities of Collier County and mark it "For Undy Sunday."

"Last year about 40 churches and synagogues took part, with wonderful results for needy children," Fitzgerald said. "It may be difficult for some in Collier County to believe that hundreds of children here are in need of underwear and socks. To be convinced, speak with school personnel, staff at Youth Haven, the Shelter for Abused Women & Children or the like. Your eyes will be opened. We extend a heartfelt Thank You to all of our donors."

#### 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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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* 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	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 19 & 20
Readings:	726	
Entrance Hymn:	166	On This Day, The First of Days
Preparation Hymn:	215	Deep Within
Communion Hymn: pg. 13 of the bulletin Jesus, Savior		
	104	Hosea
Closing Hymn:	481	City of God

# ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, July 21: Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** 

Ps 54 (53): 6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,

and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

R. To the upright I will show the saving power of God. **COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Ps* 111 (110): 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Tuesday, July 22: Memorial of Saint Mary Magdalene ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Jn 20:17

The Lord said to Mary Magdalene: Go to my brothers and tell them:

I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** 2 Cor 5: 14, 15

The love of Christ impels us,

so that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised.

Wednesday, July 23: Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Ps* 54 (53): 6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,

and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

R. I will sing of your salvation.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Rev 3: 20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

Thursday, July 24: Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Ps 54 (53): 6, 8* See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,

and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

R. With you is the fountain of life, O Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Ps* 111 (110): 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Friday, July 25: Feast of St. James, Apostle ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Mt 4:18, 21

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee,

Jesus saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother

mending their nets and he called them.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

R. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** 

They drank the chalice of the Lord, and became the friends of God.

Saturday, July 26: Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Sir* 44: 1, 25

Let us praise Joachim and Anne, to whom, in their generation,

the Lord gave him who was a blessing for all the nations. **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

R. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 24 (23): 5

They received blessings from the Lord and mercy from God their Savior.

#### **#ToKnow #ToLove #ToServe**

# #FamilyMission

by Jean-Paul Boucher Director, Family Mission & Communications

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#ToKnow, #ToLove, #ToServe — Safe Environment Creates Loving and Collaborative Community

Pope Francis has recently changed the dialogue dealing with abuse within the church environment. It is important that we no longer talk about sexual abuse in a philosophical way by comparing the rate of abuse within the clergy, as it is in the general population. We are not hiding these horrific events, but instead exposing and proactively combatting any abusive situation within our Church's view. When Our Holy Father met with victims of abuse last week, he made the path clear for our Church:

For some time now I have felt in my heart deep pain and suffering. So much time hidden, camouflaged with a complicity that cannot be explained until someone realized that Jesus was looking and others the same... and they set about to sustain that gaze. ...

On the other hand, the courage that you and others have shown by speaking up, by telling the truth, was a service of love, since for us it shed light on a terrible darkness in the life of the Church. There is no place in the Church's ministry for those who commit these abuses, and I commit myself not to tolerate harm done to a minor by any individual, whether a cleric or not. All bishops must carry out their pastoral ministry with the utmost care in order to help foster the protection of minors, and they will be held accountable. ...

I ask this support so as to help me ensure that we develop better policies and procedures in the universal Church for the protection of minors and for the training of church

personnel in implementing those policies and procedures. We need to do everything in our power to



ensure that these sins have no place in the Church. – Pope Francis 7/9/2014 (http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-francis-homily-at-mass-with-sex-abuse-survivo)

St. John takes our responsibility to all our parishioners and those we serve extremely seriously. We have met with all the leaders of the Ministries to describe our Safe Environment Program, as well as the new Ministry Invigoration (http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/

*Ministry-Invigoration.pdf*). This new initiative, which builds on the Diocesan requirements for Safe Environment Training and background checks, will enable us to not only meet a minimum obligation set forth by the Diocese, but fosters an inclusive and collaborative community where all members of the parish can assist in programs and events. St. John will join several other parishes in our Diocese as well as many around the country to include this Safe Environment as part of our Ministry and volunteer efforts. We already have programs, from the Mulching Days to Fish Bakes to Homebound Eucharistic Ministry to Soup Kitchen Support, that we should have our Safe Environment completed for, and now we will ensure all future programs, events, and Mission work are able to be accomplished in an inclusive and collaborative way.

The advantages of including the Safe Environment as part of our entire Ministerial programs are clear:

- Teaches all members of the parish about safety, including how to spot issues for vulnerable adults and some of the safety concerns for members of their families
- Creates a mentoring atmosphere where youth and young adults (18-95) can focus on service, social, and educational programs together
- Helps Ministries with their efforts by letting other members of the parish assist when additional support is needed
- Creates a protective environment for youth and vulnerable adults to be included in church activities.

The inclusion of Safe Environment to all our efforts is not a reactionary effort, nor is it a direct focus on

any person or group in particular. It is not a requirement that would compel a Ministry Member to get fingerprints and take the class before they are allowed to continue their ministry. Instead, we hope that parishioners will want to be included in our programs, so they will attempt to fulfill these steps as soon as feasible. These steps are non-intrusive (it is not a credit check) and only for those Ministries that are actively

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engaged in parish activities (prayer groups are not included). The focus of this effort is not only to protect vulnerable adults and youth from abuse, but also inform and educate our entire parish on abusive situations so that we can empower our parishioners to speak out when something may be wrong. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin addressed these efforts last week:

Today we have moved beyond any climate of suspicion to one of cooperation and we thank God for the progress that has been made on all sides. We also thank God for our ability to recognise that the road that we all still have to travel is long. The greatest harm that we could do to the progress that has been made right across the Church is to slip back into a false assurance that the crisis is a thing of the past.... Abuse can and does still take place. Abuse will remain a wound in the side of the Church until the day on which every single survivor of abuse has achieved the personal healing he or she deserves.

We need to develop a new awareness that what has happened has wounded the entire Church and that now the entire Church is called to put right what has happened. The entire Church is called to put itself right in its relations with the kingdom and with Jesus Christ. Healing is not just a question for the counsellors; it is a theological and ecclesiological necessity.

The only Church response must be one which attempts to bring healing to a wounded Church through robustly responding to all those who have been wounded by abuse. The healing of the Church comes through how the Church works to heal survivors.

The Church must not just be transformed into a place where children are safe. It must also be transformed into a privileged place of healing for survivors. It must be transformed into a place where survivors, with all their reticence and with all their repeated anger towards the Church, can genuinely come to feel that the Church is a place where they will encounter healing.

— Archbishop Diarmuid Martin 7/8/2014 (http://www.news.va/en/news/sexual-abuse-is-a-wound-in-the-side-of-the-church)

We want St. John to be an inclusive and engaged Catholic Community. In order to make it as easy as possible to fulfill these Safe Environment steps, St. John will be the first parish in the Southern Venice Diocese to place a fingerprint station on our campus. St. John will reimburse the cost of the fingerprinting so there will not be a cost barrier. However, if people volunteer to cover their cost of fingerprinting and help the parish with the expense it would be appreciated and can be considered a gift-in-kind. We will also continue to have Safe Environment classes directly on the campus of St. John throughout the year. Please join us in living our Mission, To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community, through a safe and loving environment here at St. John. If you have any specific concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

# St. John the Evangelist Parish Mission



Our Parish Mission is: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in his church and our community.

Bracelets in the St. John blue color with our mission statement imprinted in white are available free of charge to any parishioner who wants one. Bracelets are available in the Divine Gift Boutique on Saturday and Sunday and in the parish office during regular office hours.

"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



#### **Altar Servers:**

Jean-Paul Boucher

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#### **Arts & Liturgical Environment:**

949.7122 Kay Sanfelippo

Calling & Caring:

Deacon Al Groh 566.8740

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#### Homebound

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#### **Greeters & Ushers:**

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Tricia and Scott Schwarz 566-8740, ext. 3902; email: tricia@saintjohntheevangelist.com

#### **Prayer Group:**

Linda Reilly

821.8982

Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson

597.3941

#### Parish Stewardship Council:

Bob Claussen naplesrgc@gmail.com

#### Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.

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

#### AGA (Alienated Grandparents Anonymous). Provides information

and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. Third Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the PLC ballroom.

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

**Al-Anon.** Monday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday - beginners, 11:30 a.m.; and noon discussion; all in PLC. 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. Scott Schwarz, Grand Knight: 514.4663

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 Gary Ray: 596.4976

**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

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

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Cpt. Daniel Palmer U.S. Army

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Cpt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army

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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

T.F.

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: Germaine Courchene, Catherine Jones and Carolyn Neumann May they rest in eternal peace.

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LET US PRAY...

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

Mary Lenick

John & Mary Yotis



Almost exactly one year from the date of our catastrophic **lightning strike** which caused extensive damage to the Claussen Center and Parish Life Center in 2013, we were pounded again this past weekend. Most of the activity took place during a wedding Mass on Saturday afternoon where Fr. John was the celebrant. Ironically, while our campus was being

hit relentlessly by cloud to ground lightning strikes, I was in a plane making my final approach into Fort Myers. The flight was rough from the start, so much so that they discontinued service for the duration. Imagine my surprise while looking out the window to see a bolt of lightning strike the wing of the plane creating a tremendous explosion of green, white and purple in addition to a very loud bang. Thanks be to God that planes are designed to take such lightning strikes with little or no interruption of power. After performing some research, I found

that, on average, each commercial airliner is struck by lightning once per year. That being said, we were able to land safely without incident. The damage to our campus was isolated, however, it looks as though we may have lost a circuit board in our fire system and also had a portion of our irrigation system damaged underground.

Did you know that the nature of the landscaping in the Memorial Garden was planned for a particular reason? We wanted to plant as many flowering trees, shrubs and plants as possible for one specific purpose.

The last thing we want to do is clutter our beautiful Memorial Garden with plastic flowers and large bouquets that look out of place. The idea is that instead of placing an arrangement of flowers on a particular grave, you would pick one of the many varieties of flowering plants and place this on the grave. I would kindly ask that you comply with this request to further beautify our garden. There have been several complaints recently about large flower arrangements and knick knacks being placed in the garden. The placement of small American flags is perfectly appropriate.

We just placed the final order for 85 **new granite markers** for the Memorial Garden. These markers will be installed in the remaining western sections as part of our master plan to replace ALL of the old markers. If you would like the old marker of your loved one, please contact Rich Neville at 566.8740 ext. 3917 to arrange a convenient time to pick up.

I published the paragraph below last year and thought I would do so again this year with updated statistics. Oddly, the percentage of participating households has decreased slightly although we exceeded our **CFA goal last year**. This could be due to the fact that those participating households increased their annual pledge. We look to be in very good shape this year thus far as indicated in the CFA summary which can be found on the opposite page. Remember that any excess funds received through the CFA will be returned to the parish free of assessment. This made a big difference last year and can certainly do so again this year. Think about it this way – every CFA dollar received in excess of our goal will technically generate an additional 26% of revenue as it will not be subject to assessment.

Each week the Diocese of Venice sends me an updated spreadsheet of contributions made to the **Catholic Faith Appeal** (CFA.) Included in this report are statistics regarding the total number of registered families and those that have made a contribution the CFA. We currently have 2,800 registered families at Saint John the Evangelist. A registered family is defined as one that has contributed at least \$1 in the past twelve

months. Obviously, our parish membership is much greater than the 2,800 listed, however, many choose not to register, others do not contribute and many more are very seasonal and contribute cash while here, making them virtually "invisible" as far as record keeping goes. What I found truly amazing is that only 27.02% of these registered families have contributed to the CFA. That amounts to roughly 750 of our 2,800 families. Currently, we are \$147,000.00 short of reaching our goal for the 2014 appeal. If we had participation from the 2,050

families that have not yet made a contribution or pledge, we would have a great shot at exceeding our goal this year and on into the future. Our shortfall divided by the number of families not contributing amounts to approximately \$72.00 per family. If these 2,050 families were able to make an annual pledge of \$75 (\$6.25 per month at 12 months) to the CFA, we would be in great shape. Remember that the CFA is the single most important component of our annual operating budget. For those who have made a pledge or contribution the CFA, thank you for your generosity. For those who have not, please consider doing so as there is certainly power in numbers. Although \$6.25 per month doesn't sound like a lot, when there is a factor of 2,000 or more involved, the growth is exponential. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA, General Manager



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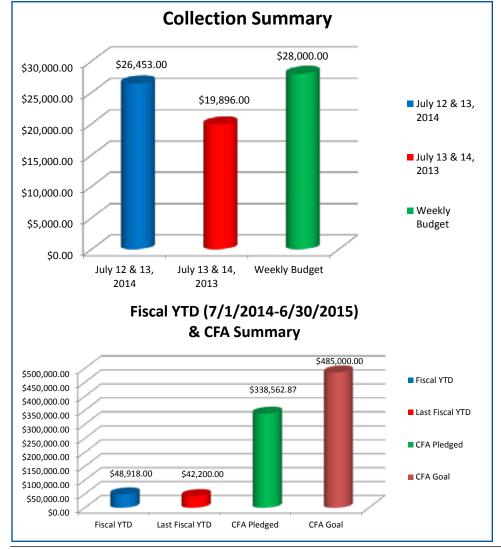
Send resumes to: Mrs. Gina Groch, Principal, St. Ann School ggroch@stann.net

#### Parish Registration Form Available in Office, in Narthex and on Website

Saint John the Evangelist welcomes all guests. If you would like to become a parishioner here, please fill out a registration form.

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: www.saintjohntheevangelist.com

When on the website, click on the **Forms** tab on the top of the home page and select New Parishioner Form. Download the form, complete it and return completed form to the parish office or drop in the collection basket or return via email.



# Diocese of Venice Marks 30th Anniversary

July 17, 2014 marks the 30th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Venice in Florida by St. John Paul II. It is appropriate to take time to rejoice and give thanks to God for the many gifts and blessings He has bestowed upon the Diocese through the years.

As we look forward to the future, we pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten our hearts and minds and lead us together to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of our Diocese, we pray for all the deceased faithful of our Diocese of Venice, that God will grant them eternal rest and the joys of heaven. We pray to the Lord.

#### Voter Registration Deadline Approaching for Florida Primary

All voters must be registered by July 28 in order to vote in the August 26 Florida Primary Election. Citizens have a right and a duty to participate in the electoral process. Parishioners who are not registered to vote for the upcoming elections are encouraged to do so. This can be accomplished by visiting

the website of the Florida Division of Elections, http://election.dos.state. fl.us/voter-registration/voter-reg.shtml. Follow the instructions for completing and mailing a voter registration form. You will receive a voter registration card in the mail to confirm your registration. Follow this same procedure to update your name, address or change your party affiliation.

#### Catholic Charities Backpack Collection Drive This Month

Catholic Charities in Lee and Collier counties will sponsor their annual Back to School Drive during July. Contributions of items such as school supplies and backpacks are needed to help underprivileged students prepare for a new school year. For donation drop-off locations or for more information, please call 239.337.4193 in Fort Myers or 239.657.6242 in Immokalee or

239.793.0059 in Naples.

#### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

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# The Secrets of the Kingdom

hen we encounter the Christ of Scripture, we see veiled in flesh the divinity of God. Jesus seemed like any other man when viewed with the naked eye. Nevertheless, his listeners recognized who he was through the eyes of faith. Jesus is the embodiment of the wisdom of God. The words that flowed from Jesus' lips came from deep within our heavenly Father's heart. When listening to Jesus, the people were listening to God. Consequently, it is imperative that we pay close attention to Jesus' message.

Jesus of Nazareth used parables as a teaching method. Each parable contained a story or image with a religious or moral lesson. In today's gospel, Jesus provides us with three images to consider by way of parables. He reveals the teaching about the kingdom of heaven in all three.

#### **Reflection Questions**

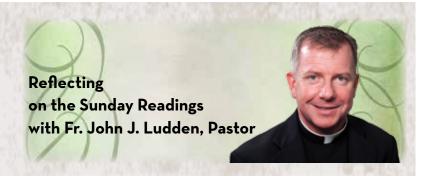
- 1. Reflect on the three parables contained in the gospel reading and ask how each parable speaks to you.
- 2. What are the "weeds" that are preventing you from growing?
- 3. How are you being asked to tend to the harvest of the Lord?
- 4. In what ways are you preventing God's Word from being choked and destroyed?
- 5. Have you planted "seeds" to make the world a better place?
- 6. How are you using the gift of faith that has been entrusted and gifted to you?
- 7. How is Christ the leaven in your life?

The first parable speaks of a man who sowed good seed during the day (light) and the enemy sowing weeds while everyone was asleep at night (darkness). Jesus goes on to say that the harvesters could only safely remove the weeds at harvest time. Removing the weed beforehand could endanger the wheat. He is clearly telling us that it takes time to discern what is good and what is bad, and that eventually the time will come when they will be separated. The good will shine like the sun in the kingdom (salvation) and the bad be thrown into the furnace (destruction). The good news given to us today is that as a Church we have the time to grow and prove ourselves worthy disciples before God, producing fruit that will last.

The second image Jesus uses is that of the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large bush. We are entrusted with the Word of God in humble ways. It is in our small acts of charity and love that the greatness of God is revealed. All of us as individuals can make a difference in our world. We only have to look at recent examples of how one person can plant the seed and start a revolution of love and hope. Examples of this can be seen in the lives and actions of Mother Theresa of Calcutta, Pope John Paul II, Gandhi, Martin Luther King,

Jr., etc., etc. Each of these individuals felt a call deep within to go out and plant the seeds of change which would bring about a better world, one of care, understanding, and compassion. If we compare ourselves to these great giants who made such huge contributions, we might feel overwhelmed, but we must continually remember that we can make the world of difference to those around us when we plant even the smallest seeds of kindness and love.

The third image is that of a woman who mixed the yeast with the flour in order to see it rise. The yeast is to the flour what Christ is to us. The yeast helped the bread to rise. Christ offers us the Word of God and his very life so that we can rise with him to new life. Jesus is the yeast of God that makes our lives successful. We have to humbly accept this ingredient into our lives so that we can be transformed by the saving power of God!



#### Prayer

Lord, we realize that the kingdom is already here, but it has not yet been fully realized. It is waiting to become. You reveal the kingdom in the parables that you offer us so we can gradually embrace the fullness of your kingdom. Give to your Church the wisdom to discern your message just as you shared your wisdom with the disciples when you lived on this earth. Amen.

#### **Voices of Faith**

#### On the Parable of the Mustard Seed

"Who ever saw the mustard-plant, wayside weed or tended crop, grow tall as a shrub, let alone a tree, a tree full of shade and nests and songs?

Acres of yellow, not a bird of the air in sight.

No, He who knew the west wind brings the rain, the south wind thunder, who walked the field-paths running His hand along wheat stems to glean those intimate milky kernels, good to break on the tongue,

was talking of miracle, the seed within us, so small we take it for worthless, a mustard-seed, dust, nothing.
Glib generations mistake the metaphor, not looking at fields and trees, not noticing paradox. Mountains remain unmoved.

Faith is rare, He must have been saying, prodigious, unique — one infinitesimal grain divided like loaves and fishes,



Mustard Tree/Wikimedia Commons

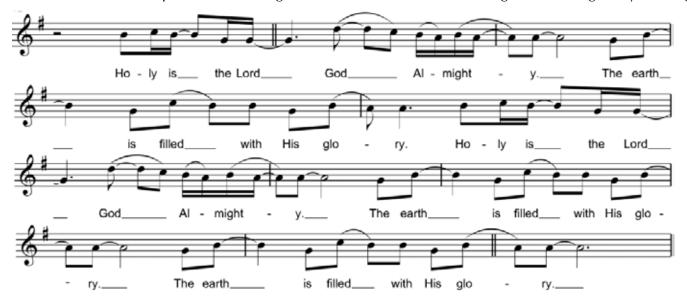
as if from a mustard-seed
a great shade-tree grew. That rare,
that strange: the kingdom
a tree. The soul
a bird. A great concourse of birds
at home there, wings among yellow flowers.
The waiting
kingdom of faith, the seed
waiting to be sown."

— [Denise Levertov 1923-1997]

# 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, July 20, 2014 the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song Holy Is the Lord Chris Tomlin CCLI Song #4158039. ©2003 worshiptogether.com songs / sixsteps Music. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. CCLI License #2008891.

Verse) We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength. We bow down and worship him now; how great, how awesome is he! And together we sing, ev'ryone sing:



Kyrie • spoken

Gloria • The Mass of St. John the Evangelist (please see worship aid in pew)

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Gospel Acclamation

The Mass of St. John the Evangelist

**Preparation Song** 

215 Deep Within

David Haas

Memorial Acclamation (**C**) • Great Amen • Agnus Dei

The Mass of St. John the Evangelist

(please see worship aid in pew)





**Closing Song** 

481 City of God

# "Eternal Vigilance Is The Price Of Liberty"

— Thomas Jefferson

Bishop Dewane celebrated the closing Mass for the Fortnight at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice on the Fourth of July and reminded the faithful about our need to defend religious liberty.

On June 30, the US Supreme Court upheld the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, holding that businesses like Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Wood Specialties can't be forced to violate their religious beliefs to comply with the unjust contraception mandate from the federal government. While these victories don't, in and of themselves, mitigate our challenges, they didn't bolster our resolve as we continue the fight.

The battle goes on as **Sisters of the Poor, Priests for Life, Eternal World Television Network** (EWTN), and other nonprofits will have their day in court next June. What is concerning is that the court was divided in this 5-4 vote and the decision fell short of addressing nonprofits.

STAND UP
RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM

Please continue your prayers and fasting and standing up for our constitutional rights and our religious liberties.

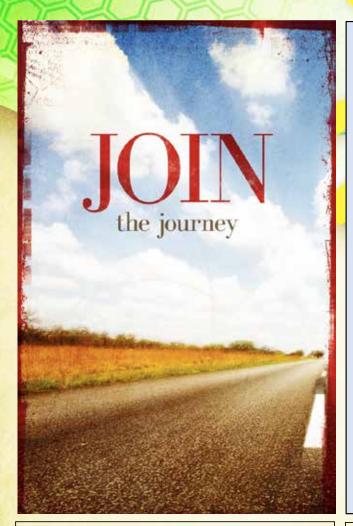
"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government." — *Thomas Jefferson* 



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Faith Formation needs catechists and teacher aides for the 2014-2015 school year. Our program has expanded to include grade levels Pre-K through Tenth Grade. Please contact Margie Lynch, Director of Religious Education if you desire to become more involved in your church.

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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# St. John Needs YOU...As a Catechist!

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







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