

September 21, 2014

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Variety of Events on Tap for September and October

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events ranging from Food & Fellowship to Family Movie Night to the first St. John Oktoberfest. This is just a sampling of upcoming events. More are listed in the bulletin.

- **September 25: Food & Fellowship** — New monthly social event held at various restaurants to meet others. First one at Boston Beer Garden at 6:30 p.m. (See page 7 for details)
- **September 27: Catholic College Fair** — Catholic schools from around the country will exhibit how they provide spiritual and educational experiences starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Ballroom



- **September 27: Family Movie Night** — Bring your chairs and blankets to watch “Muppets Most Wanted” in our Ballroom with concessions to benefit the Boy Scouts (See page 7 for details)



- **September 28: Youth Altar Server Training**
6:00 p.m

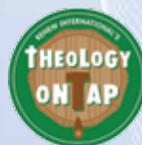


- **September 29: Diocesan Mass Taping** — Masses taped from St. John for the homebound in the diocese from 10:00 a.m. to Noon (See page 3 for details)

- **October 4: Oktoberfest** — Games, exhibits, German bratwurst and schnitzel, as well as refreshments that are part of the traditional celebration of Oktoberfest. Sponsored by the Knights and St. John. (See page 21 for details)



- **October 5: Families in Christ** 9:45 a.m. in the Ballroom



- **October 7: Theology on Tap** at St. John at 6:30 p.m. (See page 7 for details)

- **October 23: Fairwell Party for Scott Schlossberg** — Come celebrate 17 years of St. John memories with Scott in the Ballroom from 4 to 8 p.m. (See page 6 for details)



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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 p.m.

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

September 20, 2014 Saturday			
8:00 AM	+	Joseph H. McCarthy	Robert K. Mawe & Family
Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday			
3:00 PM	+	Charles Price	Ann Mullally
5:00 PM	+	Ernie Woonsam	5:00 PM Eucharistic Ministers
September 21, 2014 Sunday			
7:00 AM	+	Patricia Schoeberl	Bob Schoeberl
9:00 AM	+	Al & Joan Moser	Children
11:00 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Regina Stavredes	Flora Benkor - Daughter
5:00 PM	+	Michael Massa	Carole Calandrucci
September 22, 2014 Monday			
8:30 AM	+	Janice A. O'Connor	Douglas O'Connor
September 23, 2014 Tuesday			
8:30 AM	+	Carol Kingham	Betty & Gregory Bitondo
September 24, 2014 Wednesday			
8:30 AM	+	Melanie Porter	Carole Calandrucci
September 25, 2014 Thursday			
8:30 AM		Mass for the Unborn	Respect for Life Committee
September 26, 2014 Friday			
8:30 AM	+	Ernie Woonsam	Dolores Kernochan
September 27, 2014 Saturday			
8:00 AM	+	Anastasio Apostolopoulo	Anne Kingsley
Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday			
3:00 PM	+	Jean Conti (Scolieri)	Tony & Sue Manes
5:00 PM	+	Fred Roughan	Teresa Roughan
September 28, 2014 Sunday			
7:00 AM	+	Dorothy Pascoe	Bob & Barb Garbinsky
9:00 AM	+	Marie & John Captane	Suzanne
11:00 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Eileen Riley	Donald & Rita Pasternak
5:00 PM	+	Ernie Woonsam	Jim & Darlene Follese

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, September 20, 2014**

Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-g n,
Paul Ch ng Ha-sang, and Companions
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Sunday, September 21, 2014

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Monday, September 22, 2014

Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); Autumn begins
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5775
begins at sunset
Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 25, 2014

Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 26, 2014

Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 27, 2014

St. Vincent de Pau
Eccl 11:9 – 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

Sunday, September 28, 2014

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

Holy Communion Available for the Hospitalized and Homebound

Any parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion while he/she is in the hospital or unable to get to Mass from his/her home may do so by calling the parish office, 566.8740, or emailing emministry@sjecc.com. An Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist will bring Holy Communion at a mutually agreed upon time. Please note that the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Holy Communion to North Naples NCH on Monday through Friday.

**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.

MASS INTENTIONS...

Spiritual Adoption Program Continues With Month Six

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

MONTH 6 - Developing Baby — “I’m sitting up straight now!”

Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. She sits up straight now to accommodate her internal organs which have moved into their final place in her little body. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don’t forget to pray for your baby. Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mom might still feel pressure to abort.



The next Novena of Masses for Life at St. John will be Thursday, September 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 44:24 - “Thus says the Lord, your redeemer, who formed you from the womb: I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, I spread out the earth by myself.”



Life Matters

Recently, I saw a prayer request on a faith group to which I belong. The request was for a young man named Jason who was in a horrible car accident. The initial reports stressed that there was no paralysis. He was put into a medically induced coma to ensure he did not move and risk further damage. The following day, we were told the parents were being pushed into signing a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) order for their son. After an evening in prayer, I sent a message to the parents asking them to resist the DNR order.

I do not personally know the parents and I can only imagine their pain, but I fear they will be led astray in our crazy world where too many of these decisions are being made in the name of utility, rather than in the name of life and the sanctity of every human being. The Christian world does not question the “quality of life”. Christians ask only “Is there life?” The answer is to always resuscitate a living man without thought to the kind of life he may or may not have to endure in the future. I know there may be folks ready to line up and debate me on this. But, as Christians we are asked to resist the messages coming from the world that says a life of suffering has no value, or that a life woven with pain is not a life worth living. Life always has innate value.

We need to let God alone make these life and death decisions and put all of our trust in Him. Please pray for Jason and his family. Please pray for our confused world.

You Are Invited

Diocese Will Tape Two Masses for the Homebound at St. John on September 29

Taping of two different Masses for the homebound is scheduled for Monday, September 29 from 10:00 - Noon here at St. John the Evangelist.

The first liturgy that will be taped is for World Mission Sunday. The celebrant will be Fr. John. The taped liturgy will air on Sunday, October 19.

The second liturgy that will be taped is for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The celebrant for that liturgy will be Fr. Len. The taped liturgy will air Sunday, November 16.

All parishioners are invited to participate in the tapings as a congregation. Arrive around 9:45 a.m. Refreshments will be served after the second taping. The tapings will take about 90 minutes including a short break between the two Masses.

The Sunday Mass on Television is an outreach of the Diocese

of Venice Department of Communications and is supported by the donations of viewers. According to the Department of Communications, “This outreach serves those who, for reasons outside of their control, are unable to attend Sunday Mass in one of the parishes of the Diocese. For many homebound individuals, this outreach reminds them that they are loved by their brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the Diocese of Venice, and that they remain a vibrant and loved part of our faith community.”

Those in Collier and Lee counties who are interested in viewing a televised Mass to the homebound, or might know someone who would be comforted by this outreach, may view the Mass on WFTX-TV FOX 4 on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
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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jp@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Parish Secretary
Deborah Marsh

Assistant to the Pastor
Tricia Schwarz

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist
Tom Oram

Choir Director
Ellie Roberts

Sacristan
Lorna Woonsam

Director of Family Mission
Jean-Paul Boucher

Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor
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Jean-Paul Boucher

Religious Boutique
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Richard Neville: 566.8740

Education Staff
Director of Faith Formation
Margie Lynch: 228.3904/3909

Director of RCIA
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email staff members at:
info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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

Mass Cards

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

We are currently accepting intentions for 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...

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Hymns for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 20 & 21

Readings:	753
Entrance Hymn:	349 God, We Praise You
Offertory Hymn:	pg. 15 of the bulletin In This Place
Communion Hymn:	255 Draw Near
	455 Seek Ye First
Closing Hymn:	484 We Are Called
Choral Anthems at 11 AM Mass	
Prelude	Alleluia Canon William Boyce
Offertory	Draw Near In Faith Christopher Walker

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, September 22: Monday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The just one shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord.

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

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

Tuesday, September 23: Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Jn 10: 14*

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Wednesday, September 24: Wednesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.

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

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

Thursday, September 25: Thursday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Jn 10: 14*

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Friday, September 26: Friday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

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

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

Saturday, September 27: Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Lk 4: 18*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for he has anointed me
and sent me to preach the good news to the poor,
to heal the broken-hearted.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 107 (106): 8-9*

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Seven-Week Grief Support Sessions Begin October 14

When death takes a loved one, you are often left feeling forsaken, frustrated and fearful about the future. It helps to tell your story and share your feelings with those who understand what you are experiencing. You will meet those people at the St. John grief support seven-week series on Tuesdays starting October 14.

The seven-week sessions which focuses on a specific area each week will be on Tuesdays, October 14, October 21, October 28, November 4, November 11, November 18 and November 25.

The Support Group will meet from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in rooms 3 and 4 in the Parish Life Center. Anyone who needs help with grieving is welcome. For more information, call Dee at 594.7193.

St. John the Evangelist and

Boy Scout Troop 226 present.....



 **Free Admission**

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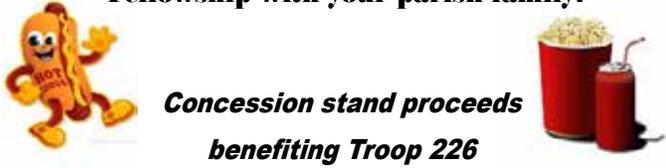
Saturday, September 27, 2014

Doors open at 6:30 - Movie starts at 7:00 p.m.

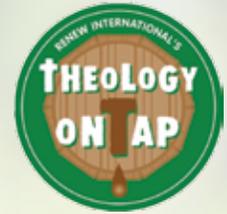
★ **Bring your blankets and pillows** ★

Fellowship with your parish family!

Concession stand proceeds benefiting Troop 226



St. John Will Host Theology on Tap Monthly



Our weekly Theology on Tap program is in full swing! If you are still looking for a way to meet new people, have a beer and learn about our faith, then this is perfect for you! The schedule is as follows:

1st Tuesdays of the month: St. John Library

2nd Tuesdays of the month: St. Agnes

3rd Tuesdays of the month: St. Peter the Apostle

4th Tuesdays of the month: St. Williams

St. John will be hosting our first Theology on Tap on October 7! The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. Babysitting will be provided and the event is open to all our "Young" Adults.

Next week, Thursday September 25 we will have our first Food & Fellowship at Boston Beer Garden meeting at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please email Jen at jen@sjecc.com.

Free Ecclesiastical Latin Course Will Be Offered This Fall at St. John

Saint John the Evangelist is very pleased to announce that a free course in Ecclesiastical Latin will be offered here at the parish this fall. We proudly introduce parishioner Steven Fachada, who teaches Latin, Greek, and Art History at the Community School of Naples. Participants will first learn the basic structure of the grammar and then turn to an examination of a range of Latin texts such as passages from the Gospels, the parts of the Mass, and other familiar prayers. No previous knowledge of Latin is expected or required.

Sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6.00 until 8.00, beginning in late September or early October. If you are interested, please contact the instructor either by e-mail: sfachada@communityschoolnaples.org or by telephone 239.597.7575, ext. 418 for more information.

This is a rare and wonderful opportunity which we hope many will avail themselves of, since we have such a great resource here. Having acquired graduate degrees in the history of art (Courtauld Institute of Art, London) and business administration (London Business School), Mr. Fachada worked for several years as a researcher at the National Gallery, London. A lifelong interest in the languages and culture of ancient Greece and Rome has been the impetus to his study of the classical world, especially as it manifested itself in central Italy in the fifteenth century. His other interests include theatre, both ancient and modern, opera and the music of the Baroque. He is a member of the Joint Association of Classical Teachers (London).

Altar Servers:

Jean-Paul Boucher
jp@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

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Deacon Al Groh 566.8740

Eucharistic Ministry

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Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

Pastoral Stewardship Council:

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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@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 parishioners by attending funerals as

representation of our faith community. Elaine: 566-8160

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

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

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

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

Circle of Comfort. If you have cancer, or are taking care of someone who does, you may be facing challenges that may leave you feeling overwhelmed, frightened, alone and in need of comfort. Let us share our experience of faith, strength and prayer with you. We help each other live one day at a time through encouragement, prayer, laughter or whatever it takes to bring comfort to each other. Jim or Darlene 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 consecutive Tuesdays beginning October 14 at 10 a.m. in rooms 3 and 4 in the Parish Life Center. Dee: 594.7193

Hospitality Ministry. Volunteers serve light refreshments for parishioners who gather after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses for sharing, communicating and extending fellowship. Elida Gill: 239.597.8909 or Judy Hemond 561.779.6024

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: 293.6876

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 10:00 - Noon: Want to learn? We are a service group that knits & crochets to benefit those in need: blankets for soldiers, hats for cancer patients, baby hats & booties & prayer shawls. Call the office: 566.8740

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 Gyskiewicz, 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	Specialist Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army
CSM Paul Bianco U.S. Army, (Afghanistan)	Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett U.S. Marine Corp
Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army	AT3 Corinne MacFarlane U.S. Navy
S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force	Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army
Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy	LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)
BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	LCpl. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Adam Decker U.S. Air Force	Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Nicholas Detloff U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Daniel Palmer U.S. Army
Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army	Cpt. John Palmer U.S. Army
Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	1Lt. Robert Pedrigo U.S. Army
Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines	Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army
Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	Lt. Gregory Spencer U.S. Army, (Afghanistan)
Cpl. Dylan Granza U.S. Army Ranger	Lt. Kelly Spencer U.S. Air Force
Specialist Shelby Granza U.S. Army	Houng Tran U.S. Army
S. Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer U.S. Marine Corp * LAV Recon (Afghanistan)	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:

Arthur Butts, G. William "Bill" Shepherd and Martin Welzmuller
May they rest in eternal peace.

Deacon Al	Leon Doughty	Lillian Luchini	R.L.S.
Kary Alonso	Ann Marie Esposito	Mary Jo Magner	Jerry Salvi
Jacob Andrew	T.F.	Ann Maniuszko	Edna Sanvidge
Rich Annunziata	Marie Fabiano	Pat Martell	Cynthia Scariati
Fernando Ardila	Claire Fabrizio	Patricia Massa	Peter Scariati
Thomas Ardila	Dottie Farrell	Zoey Mazzanti	Cathy Schloendorn
Lana August	Steve Ferrante	Barbara McCabe	Charles Schumacher
Jimmy Bee	Taylor Fiedler	Sharon McCarthy	Claire Scott
Margie Benefico	Patrick Finck	Carolyn McDonald	Douglas Scott
Barbara Berg	Donna Flynn	Ann McFee	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Grayson Berry	Edward Gaynor	John McGuire	Teresa Shengulet
Linda Berry	Theresa & Paul Giandina	Reggie McGuire	Bill Shepherd
Mary Bessner	Gomez Family	McKee Family	Bruce Sherman
Elizabeth Bommarito	Helen Graff	Carolyn McNichols	Karen Shin
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Paula Carsky	Gerard Heyen	Ned	Kathy & David Struble
Christine Cassara	Karen Hohne	Paige Nelson	Dot Sullivan
James Castaldi	Charlotte Hollohan	Peter Nicoletta	Pat Sutter
Rosalie Castro	Jeff Horkey	Emma O'Rourke	Joanmarie Switalski
Marie Castry	Colton Horvatt	Edmund Ostos	Brooke Sytsma
Michael Cataldo	Donald Howe	Maryla Panagos	Tara & Family
Mary Rose Cefaratti	Michael Hutchins	Piccirelli Family	Rita Taranto
Diane Centenaro	Tony Jenkins	Albert Pellegrino	Kathy Tendick
Frank Ciccarelli	Lucy Debra Jones	Rayna Perez	Margaret Tomaszewski
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Josephine Cocchi	Lisa and Dave Kepner	Joe Pohrer	Norma Trevino
Pat Corr	Kevin Kincaid	Jean Prather	Charlotte Tunucchi
Michael Cotteta	Deborah Knight	Richard Pratt	George VanNest
Violet Crane	Krista Kozowyk	Mary Alice Qualls	Pat Velasquez
Danny Curtin	Jim Krauser	Joe Reid	Barbara de Mauriac
Anthony & Edna D'Antuono	Lilian Kudile	Linda Reilly & Family	Larry Watson
Nestor Deocampo	Diane Leahy	Aurelia Rein	Doris Webster
Barbara de Mauriac	Mary Jane Leake	Bennett Robert Richards	Lisa Tomei Wilton
Jim Diamante	Dan LeBlanc	Janie Ries	John & Mary Yotis
Julie Dieter	Tash & Brian Lee	David Rohan	Robert Ziegler
Alison Dodger	Mary Lenick	Ashley Rutenberg	
Alexandria Dolkas	Lindsay Levery		

LET US PRAY...

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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2014 ~ TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



I have **officially moved my family across the country to Arizona!** What I learned through this experience was that I don't care to ever do it again. The entire process took approximately one week and was excruciating to say the least. It is amazing how much

junk one family can accumulate in only eight years at a single residence. Thank God professional movers were enlisted to handle the packing process as I am confident that without them, we would have never left Naples. The unpacking process has been painful at best, although I was able to head back to Naples and leave the residual work in the capable hands of my wife and mother-in-law. Ella, Mia and Nate are adjusting well to their new environment. They are amazed at the mountains and are really taking in the new sights and sounds of the Desert Southwest. The day after we arrived, the Phoenix area had a record rainfall (2.7 inches) so in the eyes of my little ones it was simply status quo!

We have experienced **many new forms of wildlife** as well. Although I was warned of some of the dangerous insects, I did not expect to find a scorpion in Nate's bathing suit while preparing for a swim. This wasn't your average scorpion, but instead a fairly large one and very aggressive. I made sure to show the triplets and explain never to touch one before crushing him, wondering how many more we will find. Following that encounter, I checked my shoes twice before putting them on and shook out every piece of clothing I chose to wear.

I have attached several pictures in my column illustrating our move and some of the **scenery in and around the Scottsdale** area. I will now have a 20 mile commute (currently only 5 miles) to my new office, however, the scenery is stunning and will certainly make the drive much more enjoyable.

Since announcing that I will be leaving Saint John the Evangelist, I have had plenty of time to **reflect on my 17 years**



of employment. Little did I know at the time, but in 1997 we were still in our infancy. I had the pleasure of growing the parish into a very large family under the tutelage of two amazing pastors, Fr. Glackin and Fr. Ludden. I have so many fond memories that I will never forget and am extremely proud of what we accomplished during my tenure.

Since **JP is now overseeing the day to day operations** of the parish and will inform you all as to what is going on internally, during my remaining time here, I thought I would share some funny stories from my early years here that you may find interesting.

For those of you who don't know, **I ended up here by accident.** As a matter of fact, I initially thought I was interviewing for the position of manager of an athletic facility. Five minutes into my initial interview, I realized that I had no idea what position for which I was interviewing. As it turns out, I was able to work my way through that interview and was called back for a second. It was at this interview that I knew St. John was out of the ordinary. One of the questions asked of me was about my golf handicap. Coming from the golf business in Tallahassee, I was quite the player at the time with a 4 handicap. I thought this was an odd question until

Fr. Glackin arrived to the interview late after celebrating a funeral. As he walked past one of the board members, they stopped him and explained that I was a 4 handicap. I thought this very strange until I found out that one of the players in their tournament foursome had recently passed away and they would need a strong replacement. So it seems that if my financial and management skills did not impress them, my abilities on the golf course were good enough to get me the job. And golf we did! Back in the late 90s during the summer months when Naples was a ghost town, Fr. Glackin would stop by my office after daily Mass no less than three days a week and let me know that we would be playing golf that afternoon. Relationships with many of our long time parishioners were developed during these golf outings for which I will be forever grateful.

More to come next week...

Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA



Jamaica Outreach Program

This Weekend's Second Collection

is for the benefit of St. Pius X Parish in Jamaica

Poverty has no season or recess in the lives of people who live in need day in and day out. Your donation will send the message to our sister parish in Kingston that, like sisters everywhere, we'll never forget them in our prayers, generosity, or good will. The second collection this weekend will go towards keeping the doors of St. Pius X open throughout the year; it's the kind of help sisters everywhere offer to one another in good times and bad. The staff of St. Pius thanks you and so do we.

40 Days for Life Campaign Begins September 24

Join others in praying for an end to abortion during the 40 Days for Life fall campaign from September 24 to November 2 in Sarasota or Fort Myers. See www.40daysforlife.com for details and an 8-minute video about the impact the campaign is having around the world with over 8,000 lives saved. You can make a difference!

Questions? Contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941.441.1101.

The Saint John the Evangelist Ladies Lunch Bunch Will Meet September 24

Saint John the Evangelist's Ladies Lunch Bunch welcomes all women of the parish to our first luncheon of the season. It will be held at Imperial Country Club on September 24, at 11:30 a.m. We will order off the menu and the club will accept Visa and Master cards.

To make a reservation, please call Doris Heath at 239.598.1837 before Monday, September 22. This month our donation will be to the Abused Women's Home and we ask that you bring any travel size personal items as well as the free gift cosmetics given by the cosmetics companies.

Please come and join us for fun and fellowship.

Permanent Diaconate Formation Program Meeting Scheduled for Saturday, October 4

The Diocese of Venice Diaconate Office is holding a discernment information meeting for those interested in the diaconate and their wives on Saturday, October 4, at St. Leo Parish Hall, 28290 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs and again on Saturday, October 25, St. Martha's Parish (Brother Geenan Hall), 200 North Orange Avenue, Sarasota. Both sessions are from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. followed by a closing Mass. Please contact Deacon William Ladroga, Director of Diaconate Student Formation at 941.484.9543 or 941.378.7070 for further information.

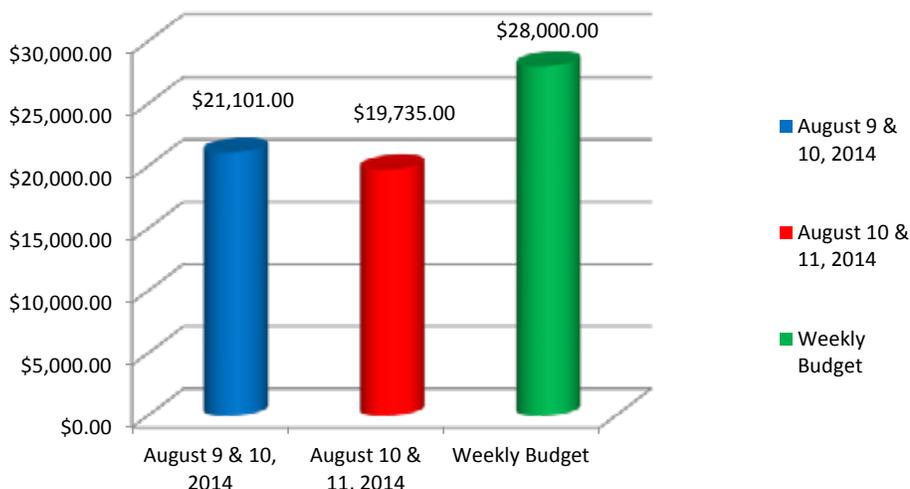
Volunteers Needed on Thursdays for Elementary Schools of Immokalee

Volunteers are urgently needed on Thursdays for the elementary schools of Immokalee. The pupils are either migrant or Title 1 children in classes from pre-K through sixth grade. Please join other members of the parish in assisting the teachers in the classroom with all subjects, but particularly in math and reading.

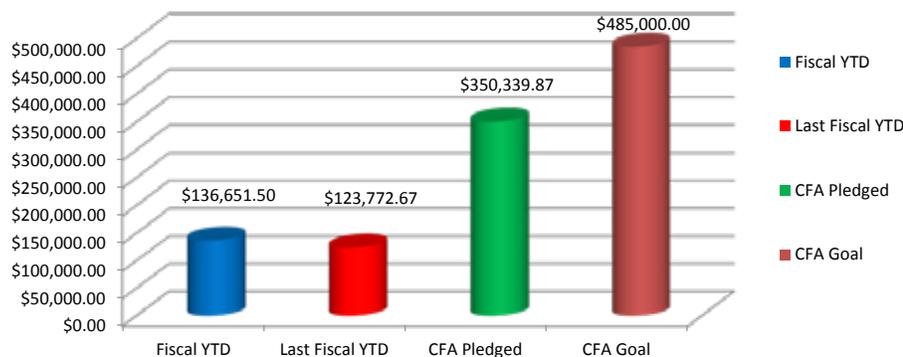
We travel by bus once a week, leaving Sam's Club at 8:00 a.m. or at McDonald's at Pebblebrooke at 8:15 a.m. and we return to Naples by 1:30 p.m. Call George at 325.8420 for details.



Collection Summary



Fiscal YTD (7/1/2014-6/30/2015) & CFA Summary



5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, September 21, 2014: the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song **Here Is Our King** David Crowder

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Chorus



Here is our King, here is our Love, here is our God who's come to bring us back to him.
 He is the One, he is Je - sus. And he is our King, here is our Love, here is our
 God who's come to bring us back to him. He is the One, he is Je - sus. Je - sus.

v.1) From wherever spring arrives to heal the ground...
 From wherever searching comes—
 (the look itself, a trace of what we're looking for!)
 so be quiet now and wait...
 The ocean is growing—the tide is coming in, here it is:

v.2) And what was said to the rose to make it unfold
 was said to me here in my chest
 so be quiet now, and rest...
 The ocean is growing—the tide is coming, here it is:
 (to Chorus, above)

Kyrie • spoken

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

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Response
 (cf. Ps 145:16)



The Lord is near to all who call up - on him. —
 The Lord is near to all who call up - on him.

Gospel Acclamation *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist*

Preparation Song

In This Place

Trevor Thomson

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Verses



1. We are all hun - gry peo - ple, we need shel - ter and
 2. All our lives are a Mys - t'ry; we see not where they
 3. Though the world may — tell us to — look at our -
 4. In the bread that is bro - ken is the Christ that re -
 1. strength. We are one in our hurt - ing, we are
 2. lead. We are asked now to trust you and we
 3. selves, we reach out to an - oth - er where —
 4. stores. As we take, now re - ceive him, we find

1. one ___ in our pain. In our suf - f'ring and sad - ness,
 2. know we must be - lieve. As our feet be - come Christ's feet,
 3. suf - fer - ing dwells. As our hands be - come Christ's hands,
 4. love ___ ev - er - more. As the bread be - comes Bod - y,

1. we are saved by the grace
 2. we go forth with the grace
 3. we are healed by the grace
 4. we are filled with the grace } of the pow - er and the

1-4. Spir - it that is here in this place. We are

gath - ered at ta - ble as ___ one in the Lord. We are
 (*to - geth - er)
 gath - ered as peo - ple who are liv - ing the Word. Our ___

hearts and our spir - its are nur - tured by grace. It is

Je - sus who fills us. He is here in this place.

Communion Songs **Enough**

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All of You ___ is more than e - nough ___ for ___ all of me, ___

___ for ev - 'ry thirst ___ and ___ ev - 'ry need. ___ You ___ sat - is - fy ___

___ me ___ with Your love, ___ and all I have ___ in You ___ is more than e - nough. ___

V.1) You're my supply, my breath of life
 Still more awesome than I know
 You're my reward, worth living for
 Still more awesome than I know, and (to Chorus)

V.2) You're my sacrifice of greatest price
 Still more awesome than I know

You're my coming King, you are ev'rything
 Still more awesome than I know, and (to Chorus)
 Bridge) More than all I want, more than all I need
 You are more than enough for me
 More than all I know, more than all I can say
 You are more than enough (to Chorus)

455 Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty

Closing Song

484 We Are Called

David Haas

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Philippians 1:20C-24, 27A

Matthew 20:1-16A

The Word & Life

Seeking a Generous God

Everyone wants to be treated fairly and with justice. In our dealings with those in our family, with our friends, and with people in church or society, we expect that they will grant us the dignity of being fair. Today's gospel contradicts the world's sense of fairness. It seems extremely unfair that those who worked long hours should receive the same pay as the ones who came at the last hour. How many of us would put up with this scenario? What we have to remember is that through this parable, Jesus is teaching us to go deeper into the reality of God. The parable demonstrates how God summons people into His kingdom at various times and places. God calls people in every season. He is always at work, ready to seek out what is lost and to offer salvation. God offers the gift of eternal life and it is never too late to accept His invitation. Such is God's generosity — that he is ready to love and forgive even in the eleventh hour.

The message for us is that God's ways are clearly not our ways, neither are his thoughts our thoughts. We are always invited to turn to God who is gracious and forgiving. It takes longer for some people to recognize the Giver in the midst of the gifts of life. Most of us can easily give witness to the ways in which God has manifested Himself to us, and how we have responded to Him. Even though some of us may have been totally dismissive of God's will in our lives, certain events take place or certain people enter our lives to remind us that God's redemption is forever at work and that He is calling us to right relationship with Him. It may well take us or others until the eleventh hour to respond to the grace and love of God's invitation, but God offers us the gift of forgiveness and transformation nonetheless.

Reflection Questions

1. What is challenging about today's parable?
2. What does today's parable tell us about God's initiative?
3. How does God's mercy and justice differ from that of the world?
4. Name the times in which you have responded to the Lord and have neglected the Lord?
5. In what way do you think God will repay you for your discipleship and Christian witness?

Let us consider for a moment how the countries of our world have tried to settle international disputes. International affairs can be far removed from God's plan for unity and peace. Deadlines are necessary at times to affect change in hostile environments. But is it necessary to go to war when countries run out of time? We must discern how to create environments in which lasting peace can be secured, patiently building up trust and offering adequate time for negotiations. The example set by God is one of patience, not hurriedness. The parable demonstrates this very point. International politics are indeed complex, but we should heed the lessons of history. Although not the true way, war sometimes is very necessary. No matter what our stand, we must always pray for those young men and women who give themselves in service to their country, praying that God will keep them safe.

Those of us who are thirty or older will remember that we were asked to pray for the conversion of Russia from communism to religious freedom. Today, if we adhere to the wisdom of the gospel, we know we must pray

for the conversion of those who engage in violence and mass destruction. Prayer changes hearts, not violence. It is never too late for those who are violent to have a change of heart and to begin to love instead of hate. God waits for such individuals to enter the harvest of His love and kingdom. It is never too late for them. It takes our prayer and openness to God's generosity to allow this transformation to take place. God's ways are certainly not our ways for anything is possible for Him. In the words from Isaiah we can only pray that the scoundrel forsake his way and the wicked his thoughts.

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



Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your mercy and love. May all people come to know you, especially those who sin against your love. May we rejoice when the sinner returns to you and let us encourage one another to pray for those who persecute us. Amen.



A banner depicting Blessed John Paul II hung from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican April 25, 2014. The banner was hung the morning of April 25 in advance of the April 27 canonization of Blesseds John XXIII and John Paul. (Catholic News Service/Paul Haring)

Wisdom of the Fathers

"From that distant day the call of the Lord Jesus "You go into my vineyard too" never fails to resound in the course of history: it is addressed to every person who comes into this world...

You go too. The call is a concern not only of Pastors, clergy, and men and women religious. The call is addressed to everyone: lay people as well are personally called by the Lord, from whom they receive a mission on behalf of the Church and the world. In preaching to the people Saint Gregory the Great recalls this fact and comments on the parable of the laborers in the vineyard: "Keep watch over your manner of life, dear people, and make sure that you are indeed the Lord's laborers. Each person should take into account what he does and consider if he is laboring in the vineyard of the Lord."

The Pressing Needs of the World Today: "Why do you stand here idle all day?"

...A new state of affairs today both in the Church and in social, economic, political and cultural life, calls with a particular urgency for the action of the lay faithful. If lack of commitment is always unacceptable, the present time renders it even more so. *It is not permissible for anyone to remain idle...*

Since the work that awaits everyone in the vineyard of the Lord is so great there is no place for idleness. With even greater urgency the "householder" repeats his invitation: "You go into my vineyard too".

The voice of the Lord clearly resounds in the depths of each of Christ's followers, who through faith and the sacraments of Christian initiation is made like to Jesus Christ, is incorporated as a living member in the Church and has an active part in her mission of salvation. The voice of the Lord also comes to be heard through the historic events of the Church and humanity, as the Council reminds us: "The People of God believes that it is led by the Spirit of the Lord, who fills the whole world. Moved by this faith it tries to discern authentic signs of God's presence and purpose in the events, the needs, and the longings which it shares with other people of our time. For faith throws a new light on all things and makes known the full ideal to which God has called each individual, and thus guides the mind towards solutions which are fully human".

— ***"CHRISTIFIDELES LAICI" paragraphs 1 & 2***
— ***Saint John Paul II***

Faith Formation



Landowner and Vineyard laborers

Mark Your Calendar

September 21

Catechetical Sunday

October 5

Families in Christ

October 12

Safe Environment Training

Sunday Students

October 15

Safe Environment Training

Children

Faith Formation News

Catechetical Sunday...will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, September 21, 2014 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This year's theme is "Teaching About God's Forgiveness." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

Families in Christ...is scheduled for its 2nd session of the year on Sunday, October 5, 2014 at 9:45 a.m. in the ballroom.

Safe Environment Training...is scheduled for our Sunday morning students on October 12, 2014 in the seminar room of the Claussen Center and the ballroom of the Parish Life Center. Wednesday evening students will receive Safe Environment Training on October 15, 2014 in the seminar room and the ballroom. The Diocese of Venice has made Safe Environmental Training a mandatory class for all children.

Faith Formation continues on page 17

“My Thoughts Are Not Your Thoughts...”

By Janel Esker

Many of us have watched toddlers try on their parents' shoes and try to walk around the house with “big feet.” The first few steps are usually adorable, but inevitably the brave adventurer takes a tumble. I've even seen adults try this trick: On a recent walk to protest domestic violence, men wore high heels while walking a mile. It was entertaining to watch the guys try to stay upright—most tended to lose their balance just like those toddlers.

I feel similarly off-balance when I read today's Gospel passage. The landowner's actions are upsetting to my sense of fairness, balance, and how things ought to be. Shouldn't workers who labor all day get more pay than those who work only an hour? That seems fair, doesn't it? But, as the Lord reminds us in today's first reading from Isaiah, “My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways...”

When the landowner, who represents God, pays all the workers the same wage, we see unfairness, but God sees mercy showered abundantly on everyone. We can never completely know the mind and heart of God—our human minds can't think that broadly or that generously—but, in Christ, we can begin to share in God's mind and heart. What is most comforting about this story is remembering that we're not always the early risers hired first. Often we're the ones hired at noon, or 3PM, or even just before the day's end. Sometimes we're the late sleepers or the unwanted workers; sometimes we're in great need of God's undeserved mercy—and God showers it upon us abundantly.

Bringing Home the Word, Sept 21, 2014, Liguori Publications

PRAYER

Lord, I am grateful for the gift of your compassion. Help me to be more generous in sharing your compassion with others.

Rev. Warren J. Savage and
Mary Ann McSweeney

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA classes start on Thursday, October 2, 2014. It is **not too late** to join the journey. Is something lacking in your life? Do you want true happiness? Are you ready to put Christ in your life? Do you need spiritual growth? Are you returning to Church? Are you seeking the Sacraments of Initiation?

For more information please contact Margie Lynch at
239-228-3909 or email
RCIA@saintjohntheevangelist.com

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

Preschool

Life Question: Who do you meet at Church?

Gospel Question: Who do I welcome?

GRADES K-1

Life Question: Who is in my Church family?

Gospel Question: How is God like the owner of the vineyard?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: When is a time when you got the most?

Gospel Question: What do the owner's actions tell us about God's love?

GRADES 4-6

Life Question: What is a family activity in which each one needs to do his or her part?

Gospel Question: How fair is the way the landowner pays the workers in the vineyard?

GRADES 7-10

Life Question: Who always treats you fair?

Gospel Question: How fair or just is giving the last workers hired the same daily pay as the first to be hired?

ADULTS

Life Question: When have you gotten more than you deserve?

Gospel Question: What makes a person first or last in our society? In God's eyes?

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Two Parishioners Exemplify St. John's Mission: #ToServe

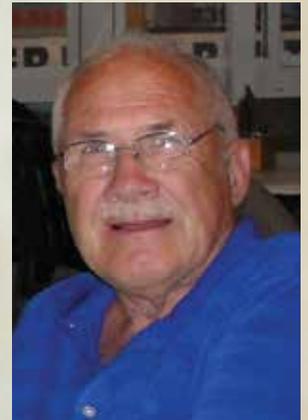
Sadly, they have passed on



Marty Welzmuller

In the space of a week our Saint John the Evangelist parish community lost two parishioners whose number one priority was helping others, that is, #ToServe. G. William "Bill" Shepherd passed away Thursday, September 11, and Martin "Marty" Welzmuller passed away Sunday, September 14. The Memorial Mass for Bill and the Funeral Mass for Marty were both celebrated Wednesday, September 17. Both are great losses to our parish family.

Bill seemed to be everywhere on a mission to repair things most would not be aware of. He kept the pump going in the Narthex on the holy water fountain and maintained the baptismal font. When St. John needed more storage he was responsible for the acquisition of the old shipping containers. He contacted the vendor in Tampa, travelled to Tampa to ensure that the containers were worthy, and then arranged for the purchase, delivery and placement of the containers on our property behind the kitchen. He was also responsible for keeping the electrical



Bill Shepherd

room in church clean, clearing out any of the garbage and taking it to the dumpsters.

Even though Bill was not a Knight he helped with the annual fish bakes for which the Knights were grateful. He was fondly known as the "popcorn man". At many of the parish events, he was the one popping the corn and filling the bags.

Bill was always at the front of the line to help wherever he could, but he didn't want recognition. It was the joy of helping others, especially repairing or fixing items for the needy or around the church, that gave him the most pleasure. He helped all the organizations but didn't need to actually join them.

Marty was the treasurer for the Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281, an extremely time-consuming and incredible responsibility that required writing the checks and keeping the balances, making sure the right funds went to the proper sources. He managed the funds of the Knights of Columbus with attention to detail and compliance with procedure. Marty participated in every meeting, both business and social, and, in most cases, worked behind the scenes to make each meeting successful. Marty served as an officer for the Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Anywhere a volunteer or help was needed Marty was there — a force behind the Knights' charitable work for St. John.

For the past few years Marty was responsible and did much of the cooking for the Knights' fish bakes during Lent. He has also been known to cook up a batch of his famous spaghetti sauce for the end of the year Altar Server dinner and other occasions. Most recently, he was responsible for putting together the dinner menus for the upcoming first St. John Oktoberfest. He spent many hours going to several German delis and restaurants to sample a variety of German food to make sure the attendees at the October 4 Oktoberfest will get a real taste of German food. Additionally, Marty was a part of Collier Harvest, which picks up food from Publix and delivers to Youth Haven, St. Matthew's House and Sarah Ann Mental Health.

Like Bill, Marty was at his happiest when he was helping others. Both Bill and Marty are true examples of Catholic gentlemen and outstanding human

beings. Indeed, they exemplified the #ToServe part of our St. John parish mission statement. They will be greatly missed by all who were touched by them.

(Left) Marty at the Knights' fish bake and (right) Bill making popcorn at the parish picnic.



Thanks to everyone who contributed information for this tribute.



Faith and Wine

Gabriella Frei

Thursday, September 25, 2014

Please join us as we welcome Gabi Frei, a gifted Catholic musician and singer, who will share her personal faith journey through a mixture of original songs and a few more known praise and worship songs. Gabi's music shows how she has surrendered her heart to God's will.

**Full of Grace -
Songs of
Surrender and
Trust to Jesus
through Mary**

6:30-8:30 p.m.

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As women and mothers, Gabi believes "Our vocation is one that necessitates constant rejuvenation, constant openness to His grace and strength. But that is our life - we can be full of grace because HE is generous and gives us what we need to endure each moment. Our cup can overflow into our families and communities because He first fills it. Surrender to His will places us in perfect position to receive all He has in store, all the grace, all the strength, all the promises. And Mary is our model - we echo her Magnificat, her "yes", unified with Jesus saying not my will but yours to the Father."

\$20 prepay

(includes light dinner, glass of wine/beverage, and speaker)

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make new ones!

Save the Dates!

- October 16 – Joan Lynch
- November 13 – Amy Snyder**
- December 11 – Missions Fair
and wine tasting
- January 8 – Father John Ludden
- February 19 – Father Leo
Patalinghug**
- March 12 – Valli Leone
- April 9 – Father George
Ratzmann
- **Joint Faith & Ale/Faith &
Wine events

Please prepay for this event no later than noon on September 22nd by going to www.faithandwine.com or dropping off your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." to the St. John parish office. Or you can mail (post-marked before September 18th) your check to Mary Beth Clary, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP, 9132 Strada Place, 3rd Floor, Naples, Florida 34108.

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Faith and Wine is a group of diverse women who seek fellowship with each other and a greater understanding of their Catholic faith in order to enrich their lives and help them cope with the ever-changing challenges presented by today's society. For more information, please visit our website at www.faithandwine.com.

Giving Thanks for All Our Blessings

Religious Gift Boutique Offers Variety of Fall and Thanksgiving Items

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Schnitzel (breaded pork or chicken) dinner ~ \$8.00

Beef Goulash dinner ~ \$8.00

Children's Meal with a Frankfurter or a piece of
Schnitzel and Mac and Cheese ~ \$4.00



Beer and a souvenir mug, wine and soda will be available for purchase as well.

Entry includes entertainment, games, rides, exhibits, festivities

Adults ~ \$7.00

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Tickets on sale at St. John the Evangelist Office and after all weekend Masses or at

<http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ways-to-give>

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For additional information, please call the parish office at (239) 566-8740 or Bill Warvel (732) 672-4109.

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Feb 1	Bonaire, AN	7am	2pm
2	St. Georges, Grenada	12pm	7pm
3	Dominica, DM	7am	4pm
4	St. Thomas, USVI	9am	4pm
5	Grand Turk, TC	1pm	7pm
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