

February 22, 2015

First Sunday in Lent

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SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Prayerful Beginning to 40 Days of Lent



Fr. John with participants at the Prayer Walk at Planned Parenthood in Naples immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass. (photo by Bob Reddy, Diocese of Venice)



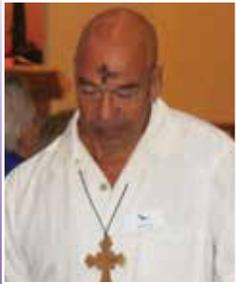
Bishop Frank Dewane greeted parishioners after he celebrated the 8:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass at St. John before leading the Prayer Walk in Naples.



The Arts and Liturgical members prepared the church and grounds for Lent.



Participants at the first seating of the Feeding Hunger, Filling Hearts soup event at St. John, which benefitted Guadalupe Social Services. (More details in a future bulletin.)



After receiving ashes.



Tomato Basil Soup



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

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

<b>February 21, 2015</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	John McCusker	Smart Family
<b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>			
3:00 PM	+	Joseph DeFrancisco	3:00 PM Ushers
5:00 PM	+	James Tranchida	Nancy & Dick Fuller
<b>February 22, 2015</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		
7:00 AM	+	Thomas Mooney	Nan & Tim Mooney
9:00 AM	+	Anthony Terzi, Jr.	John & Maureen Wurtz
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Emilia & Aniello Musella	Terry Sisk
5:00 PM	+	Lowell Wallace	The Wallace family
<b>February 23, 2015</b>	<b>Monday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Joseph Warren	John & Elizabeth Copertino
9:00 AM	+	Gaspar Barbaro	Guy D'Amore
NOON	+	Maria Caruso	Dolores Kernochan
<b>February 24, 2015</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Grace & Dominic Corbino	The Corbino family
9:00 AM	+	Robert Fadie	Delorey Family
NOON	+	Robert Ullen	John & Gloria Murcott
<b>February 25, 2015</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Frances Miller	Bill & Karen Wright
9:00 AM	+	Nicholas Grugnale	Marion Gravina & Family
NOON		Benoit Boudreau (Seminarian)	Agnes Boudreau
<b>February 26, 2015</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Ernie Woonsam	Bill Shepherd
9:00 AM	+	Frank Seidl	Pat Seidl (wife)
NOON	+	Father of Gerald Baker	Phil & Mary Cronan
<b>February 27, 2015</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Jean Smith	Lee Youlio
9:00 AM	+	Dodd Millar	Don & Peggy Eckstein
NOON	+	Jean Smith	Mr. & Mrs. Audette
<b>February 28, 2015</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Estelle Robbins	Dan & Sue Wagner
<b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>			
3:00 PM	+	Charles F. DiMeglio	Nicholas "D" DiMeglio
5:00 PM	+	Clifford Dickens	AnnMarie Dickens
<b>March 1, 2015</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		
7:00 AM	+	Edward O'Brien	The Family
9:00 AM	+	Jim Parejko	Mariam Tanner
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Edward Garzarelli	The Michitsch Family
5:00 PM	+	Guy LaCroix	Pat & Harold Jaffee

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 21, 2015**

St. Peter Damian  
Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**Sunday, February 22, 2015**

First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending; Washington's Birthday  
Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**Monday, February 23, 2015**

St. Polycarp; Julian Calendar Lent begins  
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday, February 25, 2015**

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday, February 26, 2015**

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday, February 27, 2015**

Abstinence  
Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday, February 28, 2015**

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

**Sunday, March 1, 2015**

Second Sunday of Lent  
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

**Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities**

Friday, February 27 10:00 AM  
Bentley Village  
+ John Mancuso req. by Peter DeFrancisco

**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](mailto: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.

**MASS INTENTIONS...**



A Capital Campaign for  
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Campaign Corner

Sunday, February 22, 2015

*Living a spiritual life requires a  
change of heart, a conversion.  
Such a conversion may be marked by a  
sudden inner change, or it can take place  
through a long, quiet process of transformation.*

Henri J.M. Nouwen

### What Does Our *Build Our Future - Serve Our Past* Campaign Mean To You?

From the perspective of the gospel, fund-raising is, first and foremost, a form of ministry. It is a way of announcing our vision and inviting other people into our mission. Vision and mission are so central to the life of God's people that the scriptures remind us that "without vision we perish" and "without mission we lose our way." Vision brings together needs and the resources to meet those needs. Vision also shows us new directions and opportunities for our mission. Vision gives us courage to speak when we might want to remain silent. Saint John has a clear mission: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community. This campaign's entire focus is to achieve this mission.

Fund-raising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission, with their time, their talent, and their treasure. When we seek to raise funds we are declaring, "We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God had given you — your energy, your prayers, and your money — in this work to which God has called us." Our invitation is clear and confident because we trust that our vision and mission are like "trees planted by streams of water, which yield fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither" (Ps. 1:3).

*Every time we approach people for money, we must be sure that we are inviting them into this vision of fruitfulness.*

If you are sitting in church right now, you have a unique opportunity to hear from Fr. John speak directly about this vision for the future of Saint John the Evangelist. After each Mass, volunteers from this campaign will be outside the church and over in our facilities to answer questions and give you a chance to learn more. Please take advantage of these opportunities. Refreshments will be provided.

Next weekend will be your last chance to attend our Awareness Sessions:

**Sunday, March 1, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Joe Lichwalla, our Campaign Coordinator at: 248.877.3332 or email: [campaign@sjecc.com](mailto:campaign@sjecc.com)

Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager  
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**BUILD OUR FUTURE - SERVE OUR PAST CAMPAIGN**

FEBRUARY 22, 2015 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## PARISH CLERGY



**Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor**

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Forrest Wallace	
Deacon Frank Panicia	Senior Status
Deacon Al Groh	Senior Status

## SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

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

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

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

### **Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements**

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

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Lorna Woonsam

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## PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: [saintjohntheevangelist.com](http://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.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass:

*Monday-Friday*  
8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and Noon

*Saturday* - 8:00 a.m.

### Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

### Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,  
11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.  
5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

## FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the front office at 239.566.8740 or email: [info@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 2016.

### **Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine**

We have 2016 Mass availability and 2015 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 First Sunday of Lent, February 21 & 22

Readings:	<b>636</b>
Entrance Hymn:	<b>117</b> These Forty Days of Lent
Preparation Hymn:	<b>215</b> Deep Within
Communion Hymn:	<b>page 13 of this bulletin</b> Ubi Caritas
	<b>329</b> When It's All Been Said and Done
Closing Hymn:	<b>193</b> Take Up Your Cross

### Choral Anthem at 9 & 11:15 AM Mass

Communion	<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>Steven C. Warner</b>
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## ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

**Monday, February 23: Monday of First Week of Lent**  
**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Ps 123 (122): 2-3*

Like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God, till he show  
us his mercy. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Mt 25: 40, 34*

Amen, I say to you:

Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren,  
you did it for me, says the Lord. Come, you blessed of  
my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from  
the foundation of the world.

**Tuesday, February 24: Tuesday of First Week of Lent**  
**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Ps 90 (89): 1-2*

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to  
generation; from age to age, you are.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. From all their distress, God rescues the just.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Cf. Ps 4:2*

When I called, the God of justice gave me answer;  
from anguish you released me;  
have mercy, O Lord, and hear my prayer!

**Wednesday, February 25: Wednesday of First Week of Lent**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Ps 25 (24): 6, 2, 22*

Remember your compassion, O Lord,  
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.  
Let not our enemies exult over us.

Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not  
spurn.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Cf. Ps 5: 12*

All who take refuge in you shall be glad, O Lord,

and ever cry out their joy, and you shall dwell among  
them.

**Thursday, February 26: Thursday of First Week of Lent**  
**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Ps 5: 2-3*

To my words give ear, O Lord; give heed to my sighs.  
Attend to the sound of my cry, my King and my God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Mt 7:8*

Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks,  
finds;

and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

**Friday, February 27: Friday of First Week of Lent**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Ps 25 (24): 17-18*

Set me free from my distress, O Lord.

See my lowliness and suffering,  
and take away all my sins.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Ez 33: 11*

As I live, says the Lord, I do not desire the death of the  
sinner,

but rather that he turn back and live.

**Saturday, February 28: Saturday of First Week of Lent**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Ps 19 (18): 8*

The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are steadfast; they give wisdom  
to the simple.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Mt 5: 48*

Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect, says the  
Lord.

by Jean-Paul Boucher

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## #ToKnow, #ToLove, #ToServe – Lenten Message from Pope Francis: “Make Your Hearts Firm”

In our continued efforts to invigorate St. John programs and March is roaring in like a lion! With our Ministry Parade next weekend, the Parish Picnic and Ministry Fair the next, and Lenten events every single week, we are engaging our active Parish Family with fun, faithful events to capture and showcase the joy of our Catholic Community. And with dual Masses for Palm Sunday in both the Church and the Ballroom, we will be making sure March goes out like a lion as well.

There is so much going on here at St. John, from the physical renewal in the church to the operational changes to ensure transparency and efficiency to the pastoral focus to make serving our Parish Family and the Community around us the top priority, that sometimes we can get lost in the details of those efforts. We need to step back every once in a while and appreciate the gift of our faith and deeply connect with the joy it provides to us, if we let it. So, instead of boring you with details of the church operations this week, especially this first Lenten weekend, when we will be focusing all our effort on our Capital Campaign and New Life Center, I wanted to step back. Pope Francis has provided us with his Lenten Message for this year, and it is core to our Catholic Community, providing three steps we should all take this Lenten Season:



*Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each communities and every believer. Above all it is a “time of grace” (2 Cor 6:2). God does not ask of us anything that he himself has not first given us. “We love because he first has loved us” (1 Jn 4:19). He is not aloof from us. Each one of us has a place in his heart. He knows us by name, he cares for us and he seeks us out whenever we turn away from him. He is interested in each of us; his love does not allow him to be indifferent to what happens to us. Usually, when we are healthy and comfortable, we forget about others (something God the Father never does): we are unconcerned with their problems, their sufferings and the injustices they endure... Our heart grows cold. As long as I am relatively healthy and comfortable, I don’t think about those less well off. Today, this selfish attitude of indifference has taken on global proportions, to the extent that we can speak of a globalization of indifference. It is a problem which we, as Christians, need to confront...*

*God’s people, then, need this interior renewal, lest we become indifferent and withdraw into ourselves. To further*

*this renewal, I would like to propose for our reflection three biblical texts.*

1. *“If one member suffers, all suffer together” (1 Cor 12:26) – The Church*

*Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ. In this body there is no room for the indifference which so often seems to possess our hearts. For whoever is of Christ, belongs to*

*one body, and in him we cannot be indifferent to one another. “If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honoured, all the parts share its joy” (1 Cor 12:26).*

*The Church is the *communio sanctorum* not only because of her saints, but also because she is a communion in holy things: the love of God revealed to us in Christ and all his gifts. Among these gifts there is also the response of those who let*

*themselves be touched by this love. In this communion of saints, in this sharing in holy things, no one possesses anything alone, but shares everything with others. And since we are united in God, we can do something for those who are far distant, those whom we could never reach on our own, because with them and for them, we ask God that all of us may be open to his plan of salvation.*

2. *“Where is your brother?” (Gen 4:9) – Parishes and Communities*

*All that we have been saying about the universal Church must now be applied to the life of our parishes and communities. Do these ecclesial structures enable us*

*image: Pope Francis waves as he leads the weekly audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican February 18. (Catholic News Service photo/Giampiero Sposito, Reuters)*

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*to experience being part of one body? A body which receives and shares what God wishes to give? A body which acknowledges and cares for its weakest, poorest and most insignificant members? Or do we take refuge in a universal love that would embrace the whole world, while failing to see the Lazarus sitting before our closed doors (Lk 16:19-31)?...*

*Her mission is to bear patient witness to the One who desires to draw all creation and every man and woman to the Father. Her mission is to bring to all a love which cannot remain silent. The Church follows Jesus Christ along the paths that lead to every man and woman, to the very ends of the earth (cf. Acts 1:8). In each of our neighbours, then, we must see a brother or sister for whom Christ died and rose again. What we ourselves have received, we have received for them as well. Similarly, all that our brothers and sisters possess is a gift for the Church and for all humanity.*

*Dear brothers and sisters, how greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference!*

3. *“Make your hearts firm!” (James 5:8) – Individual Christians*

*As individuals too, we have are tempted by indifference. Flooded with news reports and troubling images of*

*human suffering, we often feel our complete inability to help. What can we do to avoid being caught up in this spiral of distress and powerlessness?*

*First, we can pray in communion with the Church on earth and in heaven. Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer! The 24 Hours for the Lord initiative, which I hope will be observed on 13-14 March throughout the Church, also at the diocesan level, is meant to be a sign of this need for prayer.*

*Second, we can help by acts of charity, reaching out to both those near and far through the Church’s many charitable organizations. Lent is a favourable time for showing this concern for others by small yet concrete signs of our belonging to the one human family.*

*Third, the suffering of others is a call to conversion, since their need reminds me of the uncertainty of my own life and my dependence on God and my brothers and sisters. If we humbly implore God’s grace and accept our own limitations, we will trust in the infinite possibilities which God’s love holds out to us. We will also be able to resist the diabolical temptation of thinking that by our own efforts we can save the world and ourselves...*

*During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: “Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum”: Make our hearts like yours (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference.*

*It is my prayerful hope that this Lent will prove spiritually fruitful for each believer and every ecclesial community. I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you.*

- Pope Francis ([http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/papa-francesco\\_20141004\\_messaggio-quaresima2015.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/papa-francesco_20141004_messaggio-quaresima2015.html))

### **Diocesan Marriage Tribunal Information Evening**

The Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Venice will host information evenings here at Saint John the Evangelist on Monday, February 23, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Venice, on Monday, March 2, and St. Agnes Parish, Naples, on Tuesday, March 10. All sessions begin at 7:00 p.m.

The evenings are designed for those who have experienced a civil divorce/dissolution and wish to marry in the Catholic Church. The evenings include a short presentation on the types of marriage cases considered by the Tribunal along with an opportunity for questions and answers by participants with Tribunal personnel. No reservation is required and all are welcome. For further information, please call the Tribunal Department at 941.484.9543.

### **2015 Emerald Ball March 14 at Ritz-Carlton in Naples**

Catholic Charities of Collier County is holding the 2015 Emerald Ball on Saturday, March 14 at the Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort in Naples. The evening is an elegant, black-tie gala featuring cocktails, dinner, dancing and an auction. Sponsorship opportunities are available. All proceeds will benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities in Collier County.

For more details please contact 239.455.2655, [star@catholiccharitiescc.org](mailto:star@catholiccharitiescc.org), [www.catholiccharitiescc.org](http://www.catholiccharitiescc.org).

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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.

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

**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.

**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). **Winter Season Hours:** Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. If interested in volunteering in the gift shop contact Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

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

**Grief Support.** Sessions will run for seven consecutive Tuesdays beginning February 17 at 10 a.m. 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. If interested in helping contact Elida Gil: 239.597.8909 or Judy Hemond: 561.779.6024

**Job Search Skills & Support.** Mondays 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the library. Free. Carol Marlow: 948.0050

**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.** Meets third Tuesday of every month at Noon except January and February when they

meet at 6:30 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K Gary Ray: 821.5115

**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, 7:45 - 8:45 a.m. New members welcome. Joe Lichwalla: 239.495.2001

**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. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

**Narcotics Anonymous.** Thursday, Saturday, 8 p.m.

**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. Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941

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

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

**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. and Monday evenings. Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687 or maggnana@comcast.net or Linda Reilly, 821.8982

■ Please check the Event Sheets on the building doors for the meeting location of the group. Groups do not always meet in the same location from week to week. ■

## PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

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## 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 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:*

<b>Cpl. Francisco Alvarenga</b> U.S. Marines	<b>Hennessy</b> U.S. Army
<b>Sp. Petrus Botha</b> U.S. Army	<b>Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett</b> U.S. Marine Corp
<b>S. Isaiah Brutus</b> U.S. Air Force	<b>Lt. John Meyers</b> U.S. Army
<b>Ensign Stuart Campbell</b> U.S. Navy	<b>LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)</b>
<b>BM2 Charley Davidson</b> U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	<b>LCpl. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)</b>
<b>Adam Decker</b> U.S. Air Force	<b>Ryan D. Novak (USMC)</b>
<b>Nicholas Detloff</b> U.S. Air Force	<b>Cpt. Daniel Palmer</b> U.S. Army
<b>Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante</b> U.S. Army	<b>Cpt. John Palmer</b> U.S. Army
<b>Joshua Emmons</b> U.S. Air Force	<b>Cpt. Martin Palmer</b> U.S. Army
<b>LCpl. Conor Fleurant</b> U.S. Marine Corp	<b>Lt. Robert Pedrighi</b> U.S. Army
<b>Lt. Colin Flood</b> U.S. Army, Special Forces	<b>Lt. Joseph Schafer</b> U.S. Army
<b>Lt. Bernardo Garcia</b> U.S. Marines	<b>Cpt. Martin Palmer</b> U.S. Army (Afghanistan)
<b>Lt. Joseph Gilig</b> 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	<b>Pvt. 1st Class Aron Siwek</b> U.S. Army
<b>Cpl. Dylan Granza</b> U.S. Army Ranger	<b>Lt. Kelly Spencer</b> U.S. Air Force
<b>Specialist Shelby Granza</b> U.S. Army	<b>Houng Tran</b> U.S. Army
<b>S. Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer</b> U.S. Marine Corp * LAV Recon (Afghanistan)	<b>IT2 Jason E. Tydingco</b> (USN)
<b>Specialist Douglas</b>	<b>SSGT. Matthew Watson</b> 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. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

### Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

One hour of peaceful, silent and beautiful prayer and contemplation. Mondays: 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Centering Prayer will meet

weekly after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Maria Jones: 348.5361

### Liturgy of the Hours

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

### St. John Charismatic Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

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

## PRAYER LIST

*We remember those who have died recently, especially:*

Sam Baio, Michael Bianco, Randy Chapman, Nestor Estrada, Margaret L. Kegaly and Thomas J. O'Brien

*May they rest in eternal peace.*

Deacon Al	Taylor Fiedler	Joseph LoPresti	Jerry Salvi
Fernando Ardila	James Fish	Ma.Teresa Lozano	Edna Sanvidge
Tomas Ardila	Donna Flynn	Lillian Luchini	Larry Sarg
Elizabeth Arena	Jim Follese	Margie Lynch	Bud Sauser
Robyn Baldwin	GFD	Jeanne Macari	Cynthia Scariati
Agatha Barczyski	Rois Maire Ni Gabann	Katherine Malatesta	Peter Scariati
Dick Becker	Thomas Gaither	Lynne Malpeli	Cathy Schloendorn
Jimmy Bee	Bob Garbinsky	D. Martin	Debra Sciacqua
Howard Begley	Edward Gaynor	Enrique Martinez	Rosemary Sciuik
Margie Benefico	Michael Getty	Barbara Massey	Walter Scott
Barbara Berg	Theresa & Paul	Barbara McCabe	Darlene Sczerbinski
Joe Bernetich	Giandina	Simone McGaffee	Jeff Seigwarth
Linda Berry	Richard Goepel	Meghan McGivney	Griffin Shallow
Ansley Black	William Grogevant	Claire McGuire	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Kathleen Bradach	Joan Haler	Mary McKay	Teresa Shengulet
Patricia Bruno	Sam Hardy	Carol Midili	Karen Shin
Jim Butler	Reg Hart	Ed Moriarity	Judy Siderio
Frank Caccavo, Jr.	Raymond Hartwick	Alisa Morgan	Barbara Silva
Nancy Campbell	Harriet Hayes	Elsie & Ken Moskal	Louis Simonini
Glenn Carroll	Richard Hennings	Eddie and Anne	Marianna Smith
Marie Castry	Joseph Hennessy	Murphy	Winnie Smith
Diane Centenaro	Gerard Heyen	Forrest Murphy	Dan Spreng
John Chiravallatti	Charlotte Hollohan	Paige Nelson	Frank Squartino
Chloe	Peggy Hooper	Gloria Oliver	Hank Squartino
Frank Ciccarelli	Jeff Horkey	Emma O'Rourke	Howard Steinruck III
Gerald Clancy	Colton Horvatt	Edmund Ostos	Justin Strickland
Richard Clark	Donald Howe	Michael "Jesse"	Susan Stokes
Claussen Family	Michael Hutchins	Owens	Kathy & David
Roseanne Conforti	JMG	Maryla Panagos	Struble
Pat Corr	JRB	Ronnie Paul	Pat Sutter
Nancy Cote	Jan J.	Picciorelli Family	Joanmarie Switalski
Michael Cotteta	Bobbie Johnson	Albert Pellegrino	Tara & Family
Violet Crane	Charleen Kasabian	Rayna Perez	Michael Vincent
Anthony & Edna	Chester T. Kauffman	Megan Peterson	Taranto
D' Antuono	Kevin Kincaid	Barbara & Michael	Rita Taranto
Jackie Davies	Krista Kozowyk	Picci	Margaret
Barbara de Mauriac	Jim Krauser Family	Paula Piluso	Tomaszewski
Adele Deiger	Lilian Kudile	Patricia Poczatek	Lorraine Torrance
Nathan Dent	Cammie Lake and baby	Joe Pohrer	Patricia Trapnell
Jim Diamante	Josephine Lancia	Jean Prather	Pat Velasquez
Julie Dieter	Lindsay Lavery	Richard Pratt	Marybeth Walsh
Al DiMenna	Diane Leahy	Baby Gage Presnell	Mary Ellen Wheeler
Alexandria Dolkas	Mary Jane Leake	Mary Alice Qualls	Mary Ann Williams
Leon Doughty	Louise LeBlanc	Nancy Reddy	Tom Wood
Netsy Erickson	Tash & Brian Lee	Joe Reid	Bob Wright
Ann Marie Esposito	Mary Lenick	Aurelia Rein	John & Mary Yotis
Marie Fabiano	Leta	Henrietta Reynolds	Angelo Zavaglia
Claire Fabrizio	Donna Limarenko &	Charles S. Roberts, Jr,	
Enrique Feredjian	Family	David Rohan	
Brian Patrick Ferreira	Catherine Lombardo	Tony Ross	

**LET US PRAY...**

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740, or email: [info@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:info@saintjohntheevangelist.com)

FEBRUARY 22, 2015 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

# Ministry Parade Next Weekend; Ministry Fair and Parish Picnic March 8

Saint John the Evangelist is blessed to have over 50 ministries of dedicated volunteers providing a vast spectrum of services to the parish and our community. These ministries embody our Vision: **To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in his church and our community.**

If you are interested in learning more about these ministries, representatives will parade their banners during the Masses the weekend of February 28-March 1 to illustrate their commitment to our parish. Additionally, these ministries will be on hand during the Ministry Fair on March 8 from Noon to 3:00 p.m. in the PLC Ballroom as part of the annual Family Fun and Ministry Day. Please stop by to ask any questions you might have and sign up with any ministries that engage your aspiration to serve.

As a reminder, the Family Fun and Ministry Day is free, but you must RSVP by March 6. The Food Service is hosted by the St. John's Men's Club. There will be activities for all attendees of all ages to enjoy from bounce houses, a dunk tank, a climbing wall to live entertainment, food and beverage.

See page 18 for more details and for the RSVP form.

## *Saint John the Evangelist Lenten Liturgies*

### **Daily Masses will be:**

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

### **Saturday Morning Masses will be:**

8:00 a.m.

### **Stations of the Cross will be:**

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

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

### **Reconciliation:**

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

Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

### **Lenten Penance Service:**

March 31, 7:00 p.m.

### **Holy Week:**

March 29 ~ Palm Sunday

April 2 ~ Holy Thursday

April 3 ~ Good Friday, Prayer

April 4 ~ Blessing of the Easter baskets; Easter Vigil

April 5 ~ Easter Sunday

April 12 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

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

## *A Scout Is Reverent*

We celebrate scouting this Scout Sunday as the anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America program 105 years ago.

The Scouting program at Saint John the Evangelist is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

But the success of our Scouting program depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young people may benefit from our Scouting ministry. Both the Cub Scout Pack and the Boy Scout Troop have grown tremendously in the last year. This is only possible because of the many adults who volunteer to work with our boys.

We congratulate all the volunteers who are active in Scouting and want to offer a special prayer and word of thanks to the leaders of Pack 226 and Troop 226 chartered to Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church.



*text and photos submitted by Carolyn McNichols, Boy Scout Troop 226*

## Opportunity to Advertise in the Weekly Bulletin

The weekly bulletin you receive each week features all the important weekly Parish news and Mass service schedules.

The bulletin has six ad pages comprised of local businesses, many of them parishioner owned. The revenue from these ads allows St. John to receive free shipping and printing each week.

If you are a business owner, self-employed, a contractor, in the legal or medical profession would you please consider supporting the weekly bulletin by placing an ad? The ads are priced whereas in most cases these advertisers see a tangible return on the investment they make in advertising their business.

We also can accept sponsor ads for "In memory of" (a loved one) which can be adorned with a rose or simply a "Complements of (individual or a family name)

Our sales rep for the bulletin is Joe Sheehy. You can contact Joe direct: 203.231.0727 or email: [jsheehy@MessnerPublications.com](mailto:jsheehy@MessnerPublications.com) Joe will also be on campus the week of March 2, if you wish to speak to him directly.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and continued support of the weekly bulletin. We ask that you also continue to support our current sponsor advertisers, many of whom have been advertising for years, and let them know you saw their ad in the bulletin.

## Jamaica Outreach Program

### Food Drive for St. Pius X Food Pantry Set for Weekend of March 21-22

Now is the time to take advantage of the Buy 1 Get 1 Free bargains at your local super market. The annual JOP food drive for the Glackin- McPherson Pantry will be held on the third weekend in March. Medium sized cans of vegetables, juice, meatless beans, and 3 lb. bags of rice are always welcome. Banned food items are: NO meat of any kind, no dairy items, no sugar, coffee, peanut butter, or barbeque or spaghetti sauces are allowed.

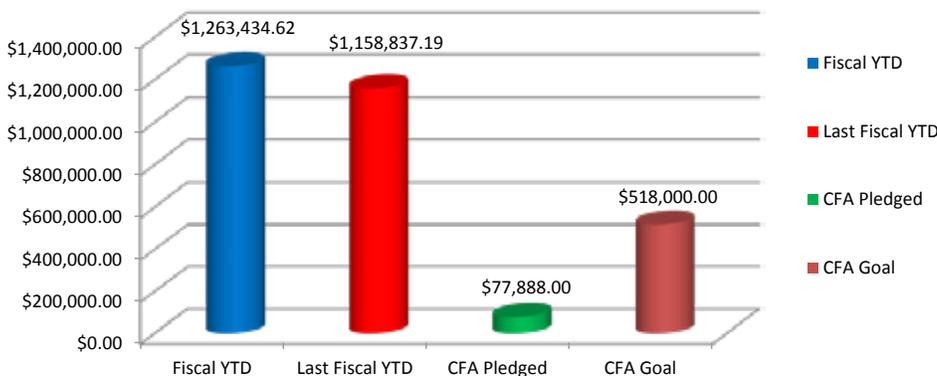
### Black and Indian Missions Collection

The annual collection for the Black and Indian Missions is scheduled for this weekend. To read the letter from Bishop Dewane, please visit the diocesan website: <https://files.ctctcdn.com/45669ebe001/1d7caeb0-823c-4093-bb6f-d500182ce88e.pdf>

### Collection Summary



### Fiscal YTD (7/1/2013-6/30/2014) & CFA Summary



### February 22 First Sunday of Lent:

*In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.*

Last month, our parish SVDP conference was able to assist 9 families in our parish boundaries with rent, FPL electric bills, medical assistance, gasoline vouchers, and food. The total cost was **\$4205.29**. This is only possible with your donations to SVDP thrift shops (Bonita Springs and Naples), SVDP envelopes, and the poor boxes in church. God bless you

**The 2015 Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Calendar is available in the Narthex. Pick up your copy, if you have not already done so.**

# 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

## Sunday, February 22: the First Sunday of Lent

Opening Song **Blessed Be Your Name** Matt Redman CCLI Song No. 3798438 © 2002 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) Beth Redman, Matt Redman All rights Reserved. CCLI #2008891.

Verses 1 & 2) Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name, when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name. (*chorus, below*)

Verses 3 & 4) Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name  
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. (*to chorus, below*)

Bridge) You give and take away; you give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name!" (*to chorus, below*)



Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say, "Bless - ed be the

name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your name. Bless - ed be the

name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous name."

Kyrie • 5A *hymnal*

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Response (cf. v.10)

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your cov - e - nant.

Gospel Acclamation

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

Preparation Song **215 Deep Within** David Haas

Communion Songs **Ubi Caritas** Bob Hurd

\*U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra: De - us i - bi

Verses: Cantor/Choir

est, De - us i - bi est.

1. The love of Christ joins us to -
2. In true com - mu - nion let us
3. May we who gath - er at this
4. For those in need make us your
5. May we one day be - hold your

1. geth - er. Let us re - joice in him, and in our love and
2. gath - er. May all di - vi - sions cease and in their place be
3. ta - ble to share the bread of life be - come a sac - ra -
4. mer - cy, for those op - pressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a
5. glo - ry and see you face to face, re - joic - ing with the

to Refrain

1. care for all now love God in re - turn.
2. Christ the Lord, our ris - en Prince of Peace.
3. ment of love, your heal - ing touch, O Christ.
4. ho - ly sign of jus - tice and new life.
5. saints of God to sing e - ter - nal praise.

**329 When It's All Been Said and Done**

Jim Cowan

**Closing Song** **Awesome God** Rich Mullins CCLI Song No. 41099. © 1988 BMG Songs, Inc. All rights reserved. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. Used with permission. CCLI License #2008891.

*Verse 1*

When he rolls up his sleeves, he ain't just 'puttin' on the ritz'  
 Our God is an awesome God!  
 There is thunder in his footsteps and lightning in his fists  
 Our God is an awesome God!  
 And the Lord wasn't joking when he kicked 'em out of Eden  
 It wasn't for no reason that he shed his blood  
 His return is very close and so you'd better be believin'  
 That our God is an awesome God! (to chorus)

*Verse 2*

When the sky was starless in the void of the night  
 Our God is an awesome God!  
 He spoke into the darkness and created the light  
 Our God is an awesome God!  
 Judgment and wrath he poured out on Sodom;  
 Mercy and grace he gave us at the Cross  
 I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten  
 That our God is an awesome God!

Our God is an awe - some God, He - reigns from hea - ven a - bove with  
 wis - dom, pow'r, and love, our God is an awe - some God!

# The Word & Life

*Genesis 9:8-15*  
*Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9*  
*1 Peter 3:18-22*  
*Mark 1:12-15*

## *Changing the Heart ~ A Noble Endeavor*

The Season of Lent is here and we are called to conversion. The discipline of Lent — fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, enable us to enter the depths of our souls and to discern God’s will in our lives. Conversion is not simply the changing of the mind, but also the changing of the heart. The mind can simply digress from one thing to another. It is here that opinions are formed and sin reigns supreme. Each Lent we are called to “Metanoia” which means “a change of heart”. A true change of heart brings transformation to the life of the one who commits himself to be converted to Christ in this most holy season.

### Reflection Questions

1. Why does Jesus go into the desert?
2. What is the value in fasting and praying?
3. What are the temptations Jesus experiences?
4. How does Jesus respond to each temptation?
5. What does Lent mean to you?
6. What does Lent prepare you for?
7. How do you deal with the temptations in your life?
8. Are you willing to join the Church’s call to fast, pray, and give alms this Lent? Why or why not?
9. What commitments are you willing to make?
10. What will bring you fulfillment?

In today’s gospel, we hear of the temptation of Jesus. Jesus listened to the Spirit of God within himself and the Spirit led him into the desert where he underwent self-denial. The forty days Jesus spent in the desert enabled Him to look deep within himself. It was in this reality that Satan brought temptation. Jesus, however, resisted this temptation, uniting his heart to the Father in heaven. In this short passage from Mark we also hear that Jesus was “... among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.” He had to deal with both the good and the bad. Out of this test, Jesus is seen to call us to repent and believe in the gospel. He calls for a change of heart and surrender to the good news.

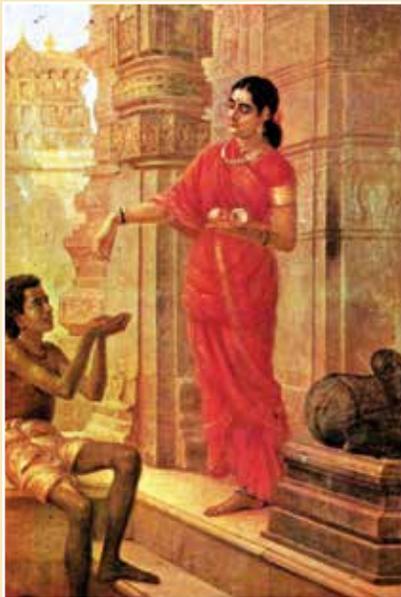
Each year we are given an opportunity to turn our lives back to God. We are bombarded with so much today. Goodness is all around us, but so also is sin. Materialism, indifference, discrimination, the world of sensuality and the undermining of the dignity of life, deter us from living the fullness of life. During Lent, Christ and the universal Church invite us to reflect on our lives and to return to God. This is a time to refuse to be

mastered by sin and yield to the love of God. The language of the heart allows us to let go of what is nonessential and hold onto what is essential. If we turn our hearts toward God, we can remove the negative influences that bring the stain of sin to each one of us.

Let us reflect on our lives. If there is a person or persons with whom we are in conflict, we are asked to turn away from the temptation of resentment and to grapple with the mystery of God’s mercy and

forgiveness. If there is a situation that we are involved in that is seemingly unjust, immoral, or unethical, then we are challenged to transform these broken realities.

We live in a world of fragile peace — fragility exists because of sin. However, the answer to prayer for a lasting peace can be found. This hope exists in the dignity and soul of every individual. Peace can be made a reality when we allow the Prince of Peace to speak through us. This is the hope to which we are called!



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



### Prayer

*Turn our minds to you, O Lord. Transform our hearts so that we can return to you in love. Help us to remove the things that hinder your new life and growth. Temptation is all around us — do not let us choose sin over you. You are our only hope and salvation. Let our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving lead us to you. Amen.*

## Voices of Faith

### Temptation

The fearless preacher Paul  
Reminds us all  
“The word is near you,  
In your mouth and in your heart.”  
Sentiments not of an empty soul  
But one who knows The Lord

And so we enter into forty days  
Of Holy Lent  
God bids us enter forth the wilderness  
To spend time with him  
With fasting, prayer and charity  
Our hearts, mouths and souls open to the living Lord

In the desert of our lives  
We encounter our God  
Waiting to speak to us  
To love us and show us the Way  
Leading us to the Truth of all truths  
And to the reality of Resurrection’s Light

Our holy longing leads us forth  
To seek heaven’s way  
Hungers run deep in our souls  
As we wait to be fed by Sacred Word  
Fleeting promises of a deceptive world  
Brings temptation’s dawn born on the wings of a fallen angel

In false promises our minds do wander  
Taken away from wisdom divine  
Our mouths praise not God’s Word  
Nor do our hearts reveal love sublime  
Our imaginations fall into temptation  
Where an angel fallen waits to steal

But in Christ we move forward still  
Our discipline of Holy Lent enables us to see  
Hope divine and sacred will  
Of the One who bids us to rely not  
Upon the food that will perish  
But upon the Word that gives life

In the midst of a world filled  
With allusions and selfish ambitions  
We are tempted to settle with second best  
And fill our minds with false promises  
But God patiently awaits  
Our fitting worship and praises

So let us not be taken in  
By the prince of lies  
Cast not your lives into the darkness of sin  
Put not The Lord your God to the test  
Allow not the promise of his mercy to excuse not  
your actions  
But fall into the arms of Love itself who will bear  
you upon eagle’s wings

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

# Faith Formation

## Faith Formation February Calendar

February 22 - Sunday Faith Formation Class  
February 25 - Wednesday Faith Formation Class

## Faith Formation March Calendar

March 1 - Sunday Faith Formation Class & Safe Environment Training  
March 4 - Wednesday Faith Formation Class & Safe Environment Training  
March 8 - Family Fun and Ministry Day  
March 11 - Wednesday Faith Formation Class  
March 15 - No Sunday Class  
March 18 - No Wednesday Class  
March 22 - No Sunday Class  
March 25 - Wednesday Faith Formation Class & First Communion Activity Night/Parent Meeting  
March 29 - No Sunday Class

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## "Friday Night Fish Fest"

at Saint John the Evangelist PLC during Lent  
Dinner will be served from 5 PM to 7 PM

### Fish Fest Dates:

Friday Nights in Lent: February 20, February 27,  
March 6, March 13 and March 27;  
(No Fish Bake on March 20 nor on Good Friday)

### Complete NEW Menu!

#### Baked Fish Platter ~ \$12.00

Lemon butter baked fish, cup of New England clam chowder, rice, broccoli florets, cole slaw, fresh baked garlic roll, dessert, soda, lemonade, coffee, tea.

#### Shrimp Scampi ~ \$14.00

Linguini pasta with shrimp in a scampi sauce, cup of New England clam chowder, cole slaw, fresh baked garlic roll, dessert, soda, lemonade, coffee, tea.

#### Fried Cod Filet ~ \$15.00

2 piece beer battered fried cod basket (7 oz.), cup of New England clam chowder, broccoli floret, fresh baked garlic roll, tartar sauce, dessert, soda, lemonade, coffee, tea.

#### Children's meal under 10 years old \$5.00

Mac & Cheese, ice cream

Tickets for Wine & Beer Available at \$3.00 each

(Take Outs Available)



**Fish Fest Tickets only available at the door.**



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FEBRUARY 18 – MARCH 29

# HELP SAVE LIVES



**9,699**

Babies saved  
from abortion  
*... so far*

**107**

Workers quit the  
abortion industry  
*... so far*



**59**

Abortion centers  
closed down  
*... so far*



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

*Join the worldwide  
movement to protect  
mothers and babies*

From **February 18 - March 29**, our community will join with hundreds of other cities and towns participating in *40 Days for Life*, a life-saving campaign made up of three components:



**PRAYER &  
FASTING**



**COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH**



**PEACEFUL  
VIGIL**

*40 Days for Life* is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, involving more than 650,000 volunteers in 559 cities across 27 nations.

With God's help, *40 Days for Life* has achieved **proven results**: 9,699 babies spared from abortion, 107 abortion worker conversions, and 59 closed abortion centers.

Get involved, and *you* can help save lives!

## **ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST 40 DAYS FOR LIFE DATES:**

- **February 27** (Friday) 9am-5pm
- **March 5** (Thursday) 9am-5pm
- **March 10** (Tuesday) 9am-5pm

Signup after Mass on February 14/15 and Feb. 21/22. Contact Nancy or Paul Curti at [plancurti@gmail.com](mailto:plancurti@gmail.com) or 612-616-1434.

Join us outside of Planned Parenthood (1425 Creech Rd at Goodlette-Frank) to pray for an end to abortion.

# Family Fun and Ministry Day

Sunday, March 8 from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

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

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

If you are a retiree, single parent or the parents of a family of 12, Please Come and Enjoy Our Parish Family!



## Something for Everyone!

- bounce houses and obstacle courses
- a dunk tank
- a climbing wall
- numerous crafts
- a balloon toss
- potato sack races
- a cake walk
- and many more activities
- a clown and a juggler who fabricates balloon characters
- live entertainment outside

## Food and More Food!

- a full picnic fare complete with hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, mac and cheese
- snow cone, cotton candy and popcorn
- Beer and wine

*Food Service hosted by the St. John's Men's Club.*

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

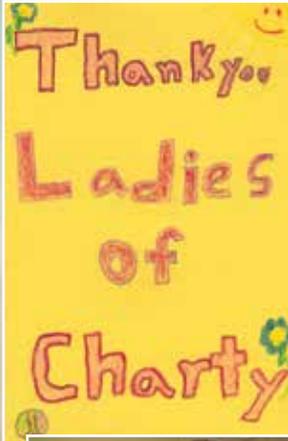
Please complete and drop in the collection basket or drop off in the parish office. Thank you for your co-operation.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number in family attending \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of children attending \_\_\_\_\_

# Recipients of Christmas Sneakers Drive Say Thank You!



Recipients of sneakers at Guadalupe Social Services pose with their bags of sneakers and goodies. Recipients from Naples Park Elementary School express their appreciation with thank you notes.

Dear Ladies of Charity,  
Thank you for giving us opportunity to get to have some shoes and not go barefooted in public or when you are out in school. Thank you for donating these for our school. I really appreciate thank you very much.

Dear Ladies of Charity,  
Thank you so much for donating shoes to our school. It's very sad how some kids can't afford shoes. Now with the help from such generous foundations like Ladies of Charity and Ladies of Love kids can be safe while walking, running and jogging. Naples is so lucky to have you guys.

The Ladies of Charity would like to thank each one of our **parishioners at Saint John the Evangelist** for being so generous during the Christmas Sneaker Event. We collected over 600 pairs of sneakers with a donation of over \$2,000. Thank you, thank you, thank you. You have made so many children happy at Naples Park Elementary and Guadalupe Social Services with these beautifully wrapped sneakers.

A special thank you to Kriger Orthodontics, McDonalds, Chick-Filet, and Jose' from Joe Cool Hair Salon. With these additional items (candy canes, ice cream coupons, toothbrushes and crayons) the bags were full.

May God bless each of you throughout the New Year and beyond. We wish you all peace, love and good health in 2015!

**Milestone Anniversary Mass at St. Leo Saturday, March 14; RSVP to Parish Office**

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: February 7 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice and March 14 at St. Leo Parish in Bonita Springs. Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Please call the St. John office for reservations no later than a week before the event (Epiphany or St. Leo) you choose to attend.

**Diocesan Volunteer Appreciation Mass and Lunch February 28**

In appreciation of the volunteers of the Diocese of Venice, Bishop Dewane invites all volunteers to a Mass on Saturday, February 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Epiphany Cathedral Parish, Venice. The Mass is an opportunity to extend gratitude and appreciation for those who generously give of their time and talent. A lunch will follow the Mass in the Parish Center.

Please call the St. John parish office no later than February 22 to register.

**Next St. John's Ladies Luncheon Is February 26 at the Dunes**

The St. John's Ladies will have their monthly meeting at the Plantation in the Dunes Thursday, February 26 at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are made by sending a check for \$18.00 by February 24 to: Marianne Brooks, 10140 Regent Circle, Naples, FL 34109.

We encourage those who are new to St. John to come and enjoy this time of fellowship with your sister parishioners. We ask that you bring a gift of food for the less fortunate.

If you have any questions, please call 239.591.4668.

**Monday, March 2 7:00 pm**  
**St John Ballroom open seating**  
**doors open 6:30**




**Concert**

**Billy Dean & Dawn**

**Kevin Williams** Jamaican tenor

**Tickets: \$20**  
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**SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST**  
**25th ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH**

**Friday, March 20, 2015 • 5 P.M. Mass**  
**Followed By Dinner/Dance and St. Joseph's Altar**



Breads and Altar Offerings/Blessing  
 "la tavola di San Giuseppe"



Procession to PLC

**Traditional St. Joseph Feast Italian Dinner**  
*Catered by Frisco's*

**APPERTIVO:** Wine, Soda, Beer **ANTIPASTO:** At each table with bread and oil dip  
**MINESTRA ZUPPA (soup):** w/grated cheese garnish  
**PRIMO PIATTO (first dish):** Pasta with Shrimp in garlic butter  
**SECONDO PIATTO (main dish):** Eggplant Parmesan, Baked White Fish  
**CONTORNO:** Vegetable **DOLCE (dessert):** Italian Cannoli  
**DRINKS:** Caffe/Tea **Mangia, Mangia, Mangia**

**ENTERTAINMENT: "Greg & Claudia"**  
**All Tickets \$40.00 per person**

**To Purchase Tickets:** via website at:  
<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2015SaintJosephFeast>  
 • on sale in February and March after Masses  
 • or contact Bill Warvel [wwarvel@aol.com](mailto:wwarvel@aol.com); 239.331.7151

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Celebrant/Homilist: Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia, S.A.C., S.T.D., V.F.

(Tables of 8 available)



Direct from the Emerald Isles: The Saint John the Evangelist  
St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday, March 15th 🍀 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Dinner 🍀 Dancing 🍀 Harp & Thistle Band 🍀 Tir-Na-Nog

Open Bar 🍀 Traditional Corn Beef Dinner 🍀 Casual Dress

*Be Wearing Your Green!*

Music by West of Galway, Southwest Florida's Premier Irish Party Band

Tickets: \$25.00 per person.

On sale in the parish office and on our website

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## BIG BAND DANCE

### EVERYONE WELCOME!

### Next Dance of the Season

## Tuesday, February 24, 2015

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

*Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era*

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



Remaining  
Big Band  
Dances

Tuesday,  
February 24

Tuesday,  
March 10

Tuesday,  
March 24

Tuesday,  
April 14

*Singles  
Welcome*

**Admission:**

\$10.00 cash  
only at the door  
~ includes snacks

**Cash Bar:** Water  
and Soda ~ \$1.00

- Beer ~ \$2.00  
per 12 oz. cup;  
\$7.00 per 60 oz.  
pitcher

- Wine and  
Mixed Drinks  
~ \$3.00

**Dress:** Country  
Club Casual  
(No shorts please.)

*Sponsored by  
the Men's Club*

## Baseball Anyone?

### Twins Spring Training Game March 21

Men's Club is sponsoring St. John at the Stadium Saturday, March 21 at the Twins Spring Training game. Game time is 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. Ticketholders will meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and caravan together to the game. There are a limited number of tickets available.

To purchase tickets, contact Joe Lichwalla at 239.495.2001 or 248.877.3332.

### Associated Alumnae of Sacred Heart Luncheon Saturday, February 28

The Associated Alumnae of the Sacred Heart (AASH) Luncheon at Imperial Golf Club on Saturday, February 28 to benefit the RSCJ nuns retirement fund. All alumnae and their friends are welcome. \$40 per person. For information and reservations please call Carla Grieve at 566.7680 or Mary Lou Steffens at 643.9744.

### CEILI DANCE LESSONS

Learn to dance in time for the St. Patrick's dinner dance which will be on March 15.

Join the fun: Wednesdays in the Library, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., January 28, February 4, February 11, February 25, March 4, and March 11.

Contact Kathy Millard, 239.260.7289 with any questions.



# OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015 10 AM - 12 NOON

To date, meet just a few of the luckiest colleges and universities in the world. They're about to receive graduates from the Class of 2015:

Auburn University	Northwestern University
Clemson University	Providence College
Florida State University	University of Miami
New York University	University of Michigan

For a full list, visit [www.sjnceltics.com/college-acceptance/](http://www.sjnceltics.com/college-acceptance/)

Graduates currently matriculating in three service academies:

U.S. Air Force Academy	U.S. Naval Academy
U.S. Military Academy at West Point	

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## St. John the Evangelist Men's Club

625 111th Ave No., Naples

# SOCK HOP

Tuesday, March 3, 2015  
6:30 - 10:00 PM



MUSIC @ 7:00 featuring  
oldies of the 50s, 60s & 70s

Tickets \$15.00 per person **cash only** at the door. Includes five \$1.00 tickets to be used to purchase pulled pork sandwiches, beer, wine, soda and mixed drinks.

### Join in the fun

50/50 Raffle  
Contests for:  
Best dressed couple  
Best dressed woman  
Best dressed man

### NOTE:

If you wish to reserve a table for 8, call Joe @ 248-877-3332 no later than February 17. Payment must be made to hold your table.