



SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 24, 2011

*Easter Sunday*

## An Empty Tomb Full of Promise (John 20:1-9)

Today, we join countless people all across the world in proclaiming Jesus Is Risen! The remote cemetery of Jesus' burial has become the garden of promise, opening wide the door to the world's salvation. To the skeptic, the empty tomb could bring speculation, but to the believer, the void is filled with the endless possibilities that God had intended to bring to the world. Even Mary of Magdala thought at first there was a sinister plot in which Jesus' body had been stolen. Peter must have been completely startled to see his burial cloths discarded. His denial must have also preoccupied his mind as he wondered about what was going on. However, as soon as the beloved disciple sees the empty tomb, he remembers Jesus' words and believes that He Is Risen. Peter and Mary of Magdala did not yet understand the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

The first Easter represents Jesus' power over sin and death. The shadow of the cross is removed by the light from the towering Easter candle, reminding each one of us that Jesus is the Light of the world! We celebrate Easter every year to remind us that our lives do not end in death. The transforming power that enabled Jesus to rise is the same transformation that is offered to us today. As we experience loss after loss, the light from our Easter candle reminds us the road through death for our loved ones is illuminated by the light of Christ's resurrection, showing them to their final dwelling.

As communities gather to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, they gather as a changed community. Babies will experience their first Easter this year whilst others will occupy the seat of the Church, mourning the loss of a loved one who celebrated the paschal feast last year. However,

Easter reminds us that such people are still with us in the communion of saints that gather around the altar every time we offer the sacrifice. How is this possible? It is all possible because of Jesus' resurrection.

The resurrection represents a promise for each one of us. One day people will mourn our loss just as people mourned over Jesus' death. We will be laid to rest just as Jesus was. However, we will share in the new life that Jesus experienced as he arose from the dead - that is God's promise to us. Until that moment, we are called to live as Jesus lived. We are invited to share in his divine life by loving one another with unconditional love, helping the poor, and living our lives with the compassion of Jesus. In order to be people of the resurrection, we have to put into practice the things that we preach. Our acts of love, kindness, and selfless giving, are the acts that open wide the gates of eternity to each one of us. Such is the gift of resurrection!

We pray: Lord of all life, be with us this day. Cast your shining light upon a world in need of your love. May our light shine as your light shines through all of time. As we remember the ones who have journeyed through death before us, we kindly ask that you bring them to the resurrection. Amen!

May God continue to bless you throughout the Easter Season.

Very Rev. John L. Ludden

Pastor

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## This Week's Mass and Liturgy Schedule

Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions

Requested by

**April 23, 2011 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Anthony Fabiano (Morning Prayer) Marie Fabiano Depursel

**Vigil Services Holy Saturday**

8:00 PM + Fr. Al McPartland Fr. John L. Ludden

**April 24, 2011 Easter Sunday**

7:00 AM + Katherine DeFrancesca Peter DeFrancesca  
 9:00 AM Clergy (Church)  
 9:00 AM + Alba Mancini Children & Grandchildren (PLC)  
 11:15 AM Parishioners (Church)  
 11:15 AM Parishioners (PLC)  
 1:15 PM Edward Zandri His Children  
 5:00 PM + Mrs. Krug Robert Calijone & Family

**April 25, 2011 Monday**

8:00 AM + Andrew Collis Mr. & Mrs. Frank Timte  
 9:00 AM + Joe Day Dan & Sue Wagner

**April 26, 2011 Tuesday**

8:00 AM + Michael Powell Arthur Powell  
 9:00 AM + James Sivore D.S. McCarthy

**April 27, 2011 Wednesday**

8:00 AM + Bob Graffy Edwin Langhenry  
 9:00 AM + Louis Perrotta Family Julia Perrotta

**April 28, 2011 Thursday**

8:00 AM + Fr. Dan Dymski Florence DeRoches  
 9:00 AM + Joseph Felong Colleen Felong

**April 29, 2011 Friday**

8:00 AM Intentions of Shirley Riedey Sue & Joe Sivo  
 9:00 AM John Cournan Neighbors on Cercina

**April 30, 2011 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Rose Dellane Alfonso & Vera Mangone

**Vigil Services**

3:00 PM + William Hoffman Mrs. Joanne Johnson  
 5:00 PM John Cornan Sue & Bill Troy

**May 1, 2011 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Curt Fisher Fisher Family  
 9:00 AM + Joseph Felong Colleen Felong  
 11:15 AM Parishioners  
 1:15 PM + Alfred Gaddis Dorothy Daly  
 3:00 PM Bob & Loretta Judy - 25th Anniversary  
 5:00 PM + Bernadette & Philip Monachino Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Monachino

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, April 23, 2011**  
 Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

**Vigil Services**  
 Gn 1:1 – 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]

**Sunday, April 24, 2011**  
 Easter Sunday  
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4  
 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9  
 or Mt 28:1-10

**Monday, April 25, 2011**  
 Easter Monday  
 Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday, April 26, 2011**  
 Easter Tuesday  
 Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday, April 27, 2011**  
 Easter Wednesday;  
 Administrative Professionals Day  
 Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday, April 28, 2011**  
 Easter Thursday  
 Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday, April 29, 2011**  
 Easter Friday; Arbor Day  
 Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday, April 30, 2011**  
 Easter Saturday  
 Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Vigil Services**  
 Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9;  
 Jn 20:19-31

**Sunday, May 1, 2011**  
 Divine Mercy Sunday  
 Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9;  
 Jn 20:19-31

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Administrative Office Hours are:**

Monday - Friday

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

(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

(until all are heard)

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Daily Mass:**

Monday-Friday

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

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

12 Noon Mass during Lent

**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.

**Contemporary Sunday Mass:**

5:00 p.m.

**Home Bound**

Eucharistic Ministers are available at any time to bring Holy Communion to the home bound.

**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!

**PRAYER GROUPS**

*Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

We pray every morning in the Church except Sunday. We begin at 7:15 a.m. and end just before the 8:00 Mass.

Please join us. (We have printed guides with the prayers available.)

*Centering Prayer*

The Centering Prayer group meets weekly on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in room 15 of the Claussen Center. The Centering Prayer group also meets on Tuesdays, at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish Library. Everyone is welcome. Vincent Cinque: 566.2937

*Divine Will Prayer Group*

Fridays at 9:45 a.m.: The Divine Will Prayer Group studies living the "Our Father" through the writings of Venerable Louisa Piccarreta. We meet in the Claussen Center. Please join us. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

*Liturgy of the Hours*

Members of the third order of our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites pray the Liturgy of the Hours after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

*St. John Prayer Group*

St. John prayer group meets Wednesday mornings after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

**PRAYER LIST**

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

Margaret Wood, Charles "Mike" Powell, Andrew Schwarz,  
Ann Lebreche and Raymond Paredes

*May they rest in eternal peace.*

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

Agnes Amato	Sheila Holleran	Maryla Panagos
Tony Amato	Mary Charlotte Hollohan	Dolly Parker
Matt Brown	Michael Hanrahan	Mike Powers
Jordan Cole	Jeanne Majeske	Patricia Shannahan
Artie Corr	John Majeske	Margaret Shea
James Doody	Debra Margherita	Alice Suki
Elsa Everstijn	Judy Maza	Leonard Sbrocco
Bill Farhet	Alex Moody	Mary Scholbe
Madeleine Feist	Mario Monaco	Jeffrey Smith
Jennifer Fields	Rev. Richard Mueller	Marie Trucco
Marie Garvey	Margaret Nagel	Frank Trucco
Jerilyn Guise	Tyler Ostos	Robert Van Haften

**To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740,  
email: [info@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:info@saintjohntheevangelist.com),  
or complete the form below and return to the parish office.**

*Please add to the PRAYER LIST*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please print first and last name

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Parish Clergy



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

Fr. Len Gioeli      Associate  
 Fr. George Hazler   Weekend  
                                  Associate  
 Deacon Hal Brenner  
 Deacon Robert H. Chalhoub  
 Deacon Frank Paniccia  
 Deacon Al Groh

## THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT ...

*Please pray for the loved ones of our St. John community who are serving:*

**Bradley N. Chartier**  
U.S. Army

**Sgt. Chris Counts**  
U.S. Marine Corps  
(Serving in Afghanistan )

**PFC Anthony J. Diamante**  
U.S. Army, serving in Ft Bragg, N.C

**Joshua Emmons**  
U.S. Air Force

**Lt. Joseph Gilig**  
1st Marine Division \* LAV Recon

**Spec. Adam C. Janes**  
U.S. Army, Ft. Bragg, NC

**Lt. John Meyers**  
U.S. Army

**Capt. Daniel Palmer**  
U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

**Lt. John Palmer**  
U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

**Lt. Martin Palmer**  
U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

**Capt. Oliver Schrang**  
U.S. Army

**Capt. John Vrett**  
U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

## 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.

*Welcome to all of our new parish families.*

## *Catholics Come Home*

Parish Evangelization Should Continue! Although our Diocesan Catholics Come Home Campaign media campaign ads end on Easter Sunday, the Parish's work in evangelization should continue! Particularly during this Easter Season, we cannot forget those inactive Catholics in our local areas who no longer attend Mass at all. We also need to reach out and share the good news of the Gospel to all those who are non-believers, as we are called to, as evangelists. Our Lord Himself reminded us of the need to leave the 99 sheep, to get the 1 that was lost, and how much of all Heaven rejoices when just one of those sinners returns (Luke 15:4-7).

### *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.

### *Mass Cards*

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

### *Mass Intentions*

We are currently accepting intentions for 2012.

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

We have 2011 & 2012 availability. Call or visit the office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

### St. John the Evangelist *Getting To Know You* NAME TAGS

For a minimal investment of \$5.00 you can buy a St. John name tag which will include: Your name and hometown city and state.

By wearing it to Mass and Church gatherings we will all get to know one another better. You can attach your payment with the order form below and drop it in the collection basket or you can make your payment when you pick up your tag.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Town City \_\_\_\_\_ Home Town State or Country \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE** for the backing: MAGNET or PIN

**NOTE: Those with a pacemaker/defibrillator should purchase the nametag with a pin backing.**

We will call you when your name tag arrives. You can pay for it when you pick it up if you have not already paid. Nametags will be in the Parish Office during regular staff hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Parish Contact Information

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

**All Administrative Staff**  
566-8740

*email: [info@SaintJohntheevangelist.com](mailto:info@SaintJohntheevangelist.com)*

**General Manager**  
Scott Schlossberg: 566.1678

**Fax:** 239.325.2100

**Administrative Assistant**  
Melanie Harrison: Ext. 127

**Secretary to the Pastor**  
Natalie Campbell: Ext. 134

**Pastoral Musician and Liturgist**  
Tom Oram: Ext. 179

**Choir Director**  
Ellie VanderMeuse

**Sacristan**  
Lorna Woosam: Ext. 133

**Communications**  
Kathy Sims: Ext. 128

**Memorial Garden**  
Scott Schlossberg: Ext. 114

**Religious Boutique**  
Marianne Brooks: 591.4668

**Nursery (Infant thru Pre-K)**  
Kelly Marie Heslin: 514.2937

**Education staff**

**Director of Faith Formation**  
Margie Lynch: 514.2927

**Administrative Assistant to the Director of Faith Formation**  
Shannon Gaeta: 514.2927

**Director of Youth Ministry**  
Brendan Budlong: 566.8740 Ext. 177

**Director of RCIA**  
Margie Lynch: 514.2927

**Preschool Director**  
Renee Dantonio: 325.2102

**Family Ministry**  
Charlene Youngs: Ext. 123

### **Wanted: Missionaries**

The next scheduled mission to our sister parish, St. Pius X, in Kingston, Jamaica, will take place May 25-30, 2011. The primary purpose of this trip is to conduct pre-school physicals on four and five year olds who will start school at DuPont Primary next fall. RNs and LPNs are particularly welcome but we can put anyone to work, checking eyes, height, weight, and simply helping the children be where they're supposed to be, as well as entertained.

If you are interested and have a valid passport, please call Ann Kerns at 514.1553.

### **Letter Carrier's Food Drive Now — May 14**

The annual letter Carrier's Food Drive this year this year is Saturday, May 14. Residents who live in Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs may place any canned or non-perishable food donations by their mailboxes between now and May 14. Then your mail carrier will collect the donations. Residents may also leave donations at any of the postal branches throughout the area. The canned goods collected during this food drive will be distributed to over 60 local agencies to help feed the less fortunate in Collier and southern Lee counties, and for The disaster relief storage. The food pantries of these agencies continue their much needed work throughout the summer months because of this drive. For more information concerning the food drive or to volunteer to help on May 14, please call Collier Harvest at 455-FOOD.



## SCOTT'S CORNER



The Paniccia Prayer Garden is officially sold out. All 14 Stations of the Cross, six benches, St. Francis of Assisi statue, St. Francis of Assisi mosaic and wall fountain have been committed to by very generous parishioners. Believe it or not, we actually have a waiting

list for Stations in case someone is unable to fulfill their obligation. In addition, only two of ten benches remain in the memorial garden, and the fountain for the memorial garden has also been purchased. All four benches remain in front of the church for those who may be interested. The cost for a bench is \$3,000.00. I would like to say that I am amazed at the outpouring of support for the prayer garden and wish to thank those who stepped forward to purchase the items offered to honor or memorialize their loved ones.

The new fountain in the Memorial Garden was to be installed this past week and operational by the weekend. Due to an extremely early bulletin deadline, I am optimistic that you will be able to see it as you arrive for Easter Masses. Please accept my apologies if it is not installed. This fountain will make a dramatic setting in our Memorial Garden located immediately opposite the Holy Family. Thank you to Jack and Madeline Gaffey for their generous donation to make this beautiful fountain a reality.

Several months ago I wrote about our St. John the Evangelist Boy Scout Troop 168. The troop is not only looking for new members but also for new leadership. This is a small but very active troop whose members may be seen hosting a pancake breakfast in the PLC or assisting the Knights of Columbus with Lenten Fish Bakes. A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. Boy Scouts try to incorporate this oath into every aspect of their lives. These are traits that I would imagine all parents would like to see in their sons. We are looking for Catholic leadership for this Troop as there is a strong faith component that is incorporated through the Diocese of Venice. There are countless Catholic badges available to earn through the church. If you would like to have your son join this troop or if you, as a Father, would like to take a leadership role, I urge you to contact Jim Cullen (Scout Master) at 269.1049 or Eric Flesher (Committee Chair) at 248.8055 to explore the possibilities. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for further information as well as pictures of some of the great events in which these young men participate.

Do you have a used copier that you would be willing to donate to the Faith Formation Department at St. John the Evangelist? The only copier currently at the disposal of the Faith Formation staff is located in the lobby of the PLC. By having a copier in the Claussen Center, greater efficiencies may be obtained. This new/used copier would also be used by the Music Department and Youth Ministry Department as they are both located in the Claussen Center. If you are able to help, please contact me at 566.1678. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has been hard at work planning for numerous improvements to take place on campus over the summer. As I mentioned last week, we will be re-stripping the parking lot in late spring. In addition, they are currently accepting bids to replace the poor bollard lighting with pole lighting in the parking lot north of the Claussen Center. Bids are also being accepted to revamp the lighting on the interior of the church. A new landscaper has been retained to take over maintenance for the site beginning in early May. Please look for many new changes to the grounds over the summer. Plans are also underway to totally overhaul the kitchen in the PLC by replacing the faulty lighting, resealing the floor and making numerous other enhancements. The work in the kitchen will take place in late June. The Buildings and Grounds Committee has been a great help to me in ensuring that the campus is in great shape.

Do you enjoy the new statues of Mary and St. John the Evangelist? Are you mesmerized looking at the beautiful crucifix while sitting in Mass? You can now have all three of these beautiful pieces in miniature form (11" x 5" x 5") for your home or office. Our sculptor, Timothy Schmalz, is creating miniature replicas of all three pieces, which we will offer for sale at \$35 each. There are very limited quantities (200) of each piece. If you would like to pre-order yours, please contact Natalie at [Natalie@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:Natalie@saintjohntheevangelist.com). We are expecting delivery in mid to late September.

Thank you so much for supporting St. John the Evangelist.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA  
General Manager



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*DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA*

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*Communications Department***Statement Regarding “Catholics for Choice”**

Despite that we are heading into the holiest week in the Church’s calendar, it is important to address an issue of immediate concern. In our diocese, it is sad to say, there is an attempt to distort Catholic teaching to advance a particular agenda that is offensive to Catholics and like-minded people of good will. So-called “Catholics for Choice” seeks to mislead the public by displaying advertisements about an upcoming workshop.

The workshop, which is scheduled to be held in Collier County, purports to do the impossible—to bridge the gap between the Catholic teaching that all human life is sacred and worthy of protection, and the notion that abortion, the deliberate killing of unwanted human life, “can be a moral choice,” as the group states.

The Catholic Church is unquestionably clear in Her teaching that, “direct abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, always constitutes a grave moral disorder, since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being. This doctrine is based upon the natural law and upon the written Word of God, is transmitted by the Church's Tradition and taught by the ordinary and universal Magisterium (*Evangelium Vitae*, § 62).”

While praying for the unborn children who are killed through abortion, the Church also prays for and reaches out to women who have had abortions.

It is hoped that families impacted by the scourge of abortion may receive the healing they need. For this reason the Diocese of Venice supports an after birth home for mothers and their children, and a post-abortion healing outreach and helpline.

It is our prayer that the members of this organization reconcile their position with that of the Catholic Church, rather than promote a belief contrary to the Faith they claim to profess.

This statement is made for the sake of clarity and honesty in understanding the teachings of the Catholic Church.

*For more information please contact Billy Atwell, Director of Communications for the Diocese of Venice in Florida, at [Atwell@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Atwell@dioceseofvenice.org) or call 941-484-9543.*



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DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA  
*OFFICE OF THE BISHOP*

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May, 2011

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The commitment of the Church in poor dioceses across the country is not without challenge, as many of the parishes in these mission dioceses are unable to support their core ministries.

Sustaining pastoral work in poorer dioceses in the United States is made possible through our support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This Appeal supports essential pastoral outreach in home mission dioceses: evangelization, youth ministry, priest formation, aid to parishes and training of the laity.

There are many places in the United States, such as Appalachia, the Deep South, the Southwest and the Rocky Mountain states where the Catholic Church struggles just to keep parishes open. The Dioceses in such locations rely on the Catholic Home Missions Appeal to bridge the gap between the need and the ability to sustain their pastoral work. Your donations make it possible.

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice have scheduled the Catholic Home Missions Appeal for the weekend of April 30/May1, 2011. Please be generous in this Appeal and help to strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank J. Dewane".

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





## OUR PARISH LENTEN PROJECT: MISSION BACKPACK UPDATE 1050 Backpacks! 50 Filled and Ready to Go!

Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we have collected 1050 backpacks to take to the children of the Caribbean Islands! Our challenge now will be to make sure that each backpack is filled with all of the supplies on our list below. We currently have 50 backpacks filled, tagged and ready to go to the children in need. **We still need 1000 of each of the supplies listed.** So please keep the supplies coming! *For those of you wishing to make a monetary donation, your checks may be made payable to St. John the Evangelist, with Mission Backpack in the memo line.* With your donations, we will be purchasing additional supplies at a discounted rate to fill all of the backpacks. Thank you!

### Suggested List of Supplies for Our "Mission Backpack" Lenten Project

Box of 24 Count Crayons	Glue Sticks	Scissors
Washable Markers	Watercolor Paint Set	Pack of Sharpened Pencils
Pencil Sharpeners	Erasers	Colored Pencils
Pocket Folders	Composition Notebooks	Washable Liquid School Glue
Highlighters	Rulers	Index Cards
Zippered Pencil Cases		



*Did you know?* In order for the backpacks to clear customs on the islands, each backpack must be tagged and all of the contents listed outside of the backpacks. Over 1,200 tags were prepared and will be secured to each backpack. These third grade parishioners are busy preparing the backpack tags as part of their service to the Mission Project.



*One backpack, filled, tagged and ready to go.*

— "With Christ as our core, we humbly serve others."  
— Mission Backpack Motto



## Parish Ministries and Outreach Programs & Events:

<b>Altar Servers:</b> John Dina .....591-3662	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Ladies of Charity:</b>
<b>Arimatheans:</b>	Lou Altieri.. .....450-6004	Valerie Matulis ..... 390-3545
Virginia D'Agostino .....597-7687	<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers:</b> John Smith 598-2306	<b>Lectors:</b> Victor Yopez ..... 290-9090
<b>Arts &amp; Liturgical Environment:</b>	<b>Grief Support:</b>	<b>Daily Mass Lectors:</b>
Kay Sanfelippo . .....949-7122	Dee Donnelly-McGrath..... 594-7193	Rosemary Slevin..... 596-7057
<b>Calling &amp; Caring:</b>	<b>Jamaica Mission:</b>	<b>Men's Club:</b> Andy Sanfelippo.....949 7122
Deacon Al Groh .....566-8740	Al & Ann Kerns .....514-1553	<b>Prayer Group:</b> Linda Reilly.....566-8740
<b>Centering Prayer:</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus:</b>	<b>Respect Life:</b>
Vincent Cinque .....566-2937	David Reis ..... 948-1083	Rosemary Erickson.....597-3941
		<b>St. Vincent de Paul:</b> Bill Smart...566-8740

### Arimatheans

A group of caring parishioners who wish to support their brothers & sisters in Christ, who have experienced the loss of a loved one, by attending the funeral as representation of our faith community. Virginia: 597.7687

### Cursillistas

Third Tuesday monthly at 7:30 PM: The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas are welcome including visitors & seasonal residents.

Bob & Loretta Judy: 596.2291

### The Circle of Comfort

Are you or a loved one affected by cancer? We are a support team. Our mission is to help, encourage, pray, listen, laugh or whatever it takes to help each other live one day at a time. So for anyone who has been affected by cancer, let us share our journey of experience, strength and hope. We do not meet on a regular basis. If you can't come to us, we will come to you. Call Jim or Darlene: 495.9741

### Divorced and Separated

For more information call 200.8881

### Families Helping Families

Mondays at 6 p.m. A program for families with a member who has a problem with alcohol &/or drugs. This is a small group setting where we talk & answer questions.

Bill: 498.7523

**Grief Support** *NEW DATES*  
Sessions will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Claussen Center on Thursdays, April 28, May 12 and May 26. Anyone in need of help after the loss of a loved one is welcome. Dee: 594.7193

### Knights of Columbus

Last Monday of every month: St. John K of C Officers. First Monday of every month:

Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited to join our Council meeting. 595.3713

### St. John Nursery

Available for the 3 & 5 on Saturday, & 9, 11, & 1 on Sunday. The nursery is located in the PLC. Children ages 1-5. Kellymarie: 514.2937

### St. John Choir

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

First and third Tuesday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Bill Smart: 566.8740

### 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. Anne Orem: 566.9636

### Ladies of Charity

The group meets monthly and volunteers in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank and visits local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. They are available to provide friendly visits and to perform simple errands for the elderly and homebound. Valerie Matulis: 390.3545

### Mah Jong

Wednesday, noon-3 p.m..Beginners welcome. Joan Scariotti: 594.0994

### Maternity Outreach

This ministry is for all new mothers in our parish. If you are a new or expectant mother & are interested in this ministry's support or just for the fellowship & friendship. Tiffany Moody: 878.6809 or email: tmoody123@comcast.net.

### Men's Club

Group of dedicated men – with the superb assistance from their ladies – whose primary mission is to assist and pastor the parish.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 2:00 for about one hour. New members welcome. Andy Sanfelippo: 949.7122

### M.O.F.I.A.

The group discusses the Holy Scriptures and its application to everyday life. Pizza, soft drinks, & a casual discussion group. Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

### Philothea

Wednesday nights from 7-9 p.m Women ages of 20-45 meet to support & encourage one another through the joys & sufferings of their respective vocations as mothers, wives, & career women. This is a time to grow in fellowship with one another in & towards a greater relationship with Jesus, our Savior. Ruth Wardein: 398.4428 or email: redhedded28@yahoo.com

**Religious Gift Shop** *CHANGE OF HOURS*  
We still have items for First Communion, Confirmation, Easter Baskets and Mother's Day. Our hours of operation will change during Holy Week as follows: The Gift Shop will be CLOSED on: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Regular hours will resume on Monday, April 25. Hours: After morning Masses Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m., Saturday 2:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m., Sunday 7:45 a.m. -1:00 p.m. June 1 to Oct. 1 we will only be open on the weekends Saturday and Sunday.

### Sing-Along at Nursing Facilities

A joyful gathering and interaction with the residents who interact singing their favorite remembered songs. Tuesday, April 12 at 2:00 p.m. at Millennium House at Bonita Springs. Jayne Potter: 597.5483 or Barbara: 593.1881

### St. John Sewing

Sewing for Immokalee and Jamaica. Will return November, 2011.



## Boy Scouts of America • Troop 168 St. John The Evangelist Church • Naples, Florida

*Scouting: A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.*

Boy Scouts try to incorporate this oath in every aspect of their lives.

Boy Scout Troop 168 meets at the church every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. Meetings consist of planning campouts, events, how to earn service hours and what merit badges to earn.

The most important aspect of the troop is that the boys are in charge and they make the decisions. Adults make "suggestions".

Recently the boys have been canoeing and camping on the Peace River, sailing with the Sea Scouts and earning their rifle and shotgun merit badges and participating in C.O.P.E. at Camp Miles.

Last summer the boys were invited to attend the 100 years of scouting Jamboree held in Virginia. Along with this came the chance to tour Washington D.C as well as the surrounding area. Plans were made to make this a joint adventure with two other troops from Naples.

The boys travelled by train and in doing so earned their railroading merit badge. They camped in the back yard of a previous scoutmaster and helped him celebrate his 80th birthday. They toured the Capitol, Antietam Battlefield, the Air and Space Museum and many other monuments and museums.

They earned numerous merit badges including motorboating, swimming, canoeing, American heritage and first aid.



They climbed Old Rag, braved thunderstorms, bears and leaky tents and a cancellation of their train reservation for their trip home. Scouting sometimes includes learning how to overcome adversities.

The boys paid for the trip through the pancake breakfasts that were held at the church and from donations. This year the pancake breakfasts have once again helped the boys earn the money to attend numerous campouts, events and



pay for their summer camp trip to Camp Shands (near Gainesville).

Troop 168 is Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church's troop. This troop is a small troop and is always looking for new members such as new leaders and boys from the parish. You are welcome to come visit our troop and meet a great group of Scouts. You could become one, or help train, our next group of future leaders. If you have any interest, please contact Scout Master Jim Cullen at 269.1049, Committee Chair Eric Flesher at 248.8055 or Brendan Budlong, Youth Minister at 566.8740 ext. 177. We look forward to seeing you.



*article submitted by Cheryl Brock,  
Boy Scouts of America, Troop 168*



# Faith Formation Department

Margie Lynch, Director of Faith Formation • Shannon Gaeta, Administrative Assistant

Phone: 239.514.2927 • Fax: 239.566.9117 • Email: Faithformation@  
saintjohntheevangelist.com

## \*\* Sacramental Notice \*\*

**05.03.11**

Music Rehearsal at 5:30 p.m.

**05.06.11**

First Communion Rehearsal at 5:30 p.m.

**05.07.11**

First Communion Ceremony at 11:00 a.m.

### Getting Ready for Whole-Community Catechesis Weekly Discussions Questions

*Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011*

**Sunday Readings:** Acts 10.34, 37-43;

Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-31

*Sunday by Sunday (Adults)*

- When have you experienced the power to give life?
- What disciple in the Easter gospel are you most like in your faith – the beloved disciple, Peter, Mary Magdalene?

*Spirit (Older Teens)*

- Who has most influenced your faith?
- What makes the beloved disciple believe? Mary Magdalene? Thomas?

*Visions (Younger Teens)*

- What family traditions are important to how you celebrate Easter?
- How does Mary Magdalene recognize Jesus?
- How does Thomas come to believe Jesus is risen?

*Venture (Grades 4-6)*

- What good news have you heard lately?
- Who spreads the good news Jesus is risen?

*Good News (Grades 2-3)*

- What do you like about candle light?
- Why do we light an Easter candle as a sign of Jesus?

*Promise (Grades K-1)*

- What are ways your family celebrates Easter?
- What happens on Easter morning?

*Seeds (Preschool)*

- What new life do you see in nature?
- What happens on Easter?

## Maternity Outreach Ministry

For all new and pregnant Moms! The women in this ministry would love to bring you meals and help out after the birth of your baby, but you first need to contact us! The time following the birth of your child is blessed and hectic all at once; let us lend a hand and take care of some meals and anything else you may need.

If you are interested in receiving services from this ministry or if you feel called to serve, contact Tiffany Moody at 239.878.6809 or email at tmoody123@comcast.net.

## For Happily Married Couples

Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of routine, work and everyday responsibilities; a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Make your good marriage great!

The next weekends in this diocese are July 22-24 in Fort Myers and November 4-6 in Sarasota.

For more info, email [swflwwme@yahoo.com](mailto:swflwwme@yahoo.com); or call 458.8205 or visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) — Paul and Linda Mostek

# Fr. John to Host Irish High Tea for 40 Parishioners

Fr. John will host an Irish High Tea for 40 of St John the Evangelist parishioners with a question and answer period covering The Catholic Faith and St. John the Evangelist Church. Tickets are still available.

The question must be presented when tickets are purchased in order to cover as many questions as possible in the allotted time period.

The first Irish High Tea will be

Wednesday, April 27, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the St. John Library. It will be open seating.

Tickets will cost \$10.00 and are available in the parish office. Fr. John plans to host this Irish High Tea about every six weeks.

### *Fine China Needed for Tea*

Peter Heaney, director of Community Life, is looking for donations of fine

china to serve 40 to use at the Irish High Teas. He is looking for tea cups and saucers, side plates, 3-tier cake plates and other serving pieces. He is also seeking donations of teapots and milk jugs.

If you wish to donate any fine china or have any questions, contact Peter at 290.8484 or email him at peter@saintjohntheevangelist.com.

## Irish High Tea with Fr. John

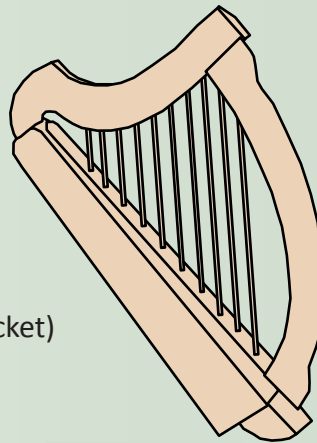
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
Library at the PLC



Bring this form to the  
Parish Office

For validation with  
Payment of \$10 (This is your ticket)

Limited to 40 tickets



Ticket # \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday,  
April 27, 2011  
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

detach here

### Questions for Fr. John: (about our Church, our Parish, our Faith)

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## St. John the Evangelist Vacation Bible School Volunteer Form

Please mail to:

Jasmine Dina 7121 Timberland Cir. Naples, FL 34109

Phone: 239-289-0585

Or email: [vbs@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:vbs@saintjohntheevangelist.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Crew Leader (must be at least 14 years old) \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. Crew Leader (must have completed 5th grade)

\_\_\_\_\_ Station Leader/Helper. Please Circle all that applies: Crafts Games Food Set up PandaMania Party

Would you like to work with the preschoolers (4 and 5 years old) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Does Not Matter \_\_\_

**All crew leaders and Jr. Crew leaders must attend a training meeting prior to VBS - time TBD and be able to serve from 8:45 AM to 12:15 PM on all 5 days of VBS, June 13th - 17th**

Full Time Volunteers who are serving all 5 days will receive a PANDAMANIA Volunteer Shirt.

Please **Circle** your shirt size: Adult - SM MED LG XL

### PART TIME VOLUNTEERS

Please indicate which days you will be available. (Circle All That Apply) M T W TH F

We will be contacting you to place you in a needed position, Thank you.

The nursery will be provided from 8:30am - 12:15pm each day of VBS for PANDAMANIA Volunteers Only. All nursery children must be registered on this form so we can be ready for them.

If yes, please indicate: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of your children registered for VBS	Age	Do you want to be their Crew Leader?
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| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ |

Names of your children who are applying to be Jr. Crew Leaders	Age	Would you like to be paired together?
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| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ |





**St. John the Evangelist Vacation Bible School  
Registration Form  
June 13-17 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Please fill out a form per child registering** (age 4 years to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade).  
**Attach \$25 Tuition per child** (checks payable to St. John the Evangelist).  
Mail to:  
Jasmine Dina, 7121 Timberland Circle, Naples FL 34109 Phone: 239-289-0585  
Or email: vbs@saintjohntheevangelist.com

**Early registration for volunteers' children and St. John's parishioners March 13<sup>th</sup> – March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Open registration starts March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish your family is registered with: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M/F \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
In Case of Emergency, Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_  
Allergies or Medical concerns: \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you want any of your family members grouped together? (Crew leader, Jr. Crew leader, siblings) Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
Elementary and preschool children do not travel together.  
Any special needs your child might have that you would like us to take into consideration \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size :( Circle one) YXS (4-6) YSmall (6-8) YMed. (10-12) YLarge (14-16) Adult Small  
*Please note: when ordering shirts, they may run small!*

Pre-order your music this year!! **Sing & Play Party Time** – DVD \$15.00 and CD \$10.00  
# \_\_\_\_\_ DVD # \_\_\_\_\_ CD please *pre-pay & add amount to registration tuition.*

**MISSION BACKPACK**

As part of PandaMania VBS, our church is on a mission to collect backpacks and school supplies for kids in schools on the Island of St. Lucia. Would you like to donate:

Your old backpack or a new one  
 \$10 to purchase a new backpack       \$5 to purchase school supplies

*Please pre-pay & add amount to registration tuition.*

**VBS PandaMania Family Night, June 17th 6:00 p.m. in PLC  
VBS Family Mass, June 19th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass in Church**



# 5 PM Contemporary Mass Music Worship Aid

Opening Song      **261 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

Kyrie

*Mass of Light*

Gloria

*Mass of Light*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, Sing! Glo-ry to  
 God! Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo-ple on earth!

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118)

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***This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.***

Gospel Acclamation

*Cantor or choir, then all:*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Preparation

**272 Alleluia No. 1**

Donald Fishel

Sanctus

*Mass of Light*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Memorial  
Acclamation  
*Mass of Light*

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re - stored our life.  
Lord Je - sus come! Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry!

Great Amen

*Mass of Light*

Our Father

Agnus Dei

*Mass of Light*

**Communion Song Communion**

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**Chorus) This is the Body; this is the Blood  
Broken and poured out for all of us  
In this Communion, we share in his love  
This is the Body; this is the Blood.**

That set me free  
I hunger and thirst for your love  
Come fill me today

*Verse*) I will remember ev'rything, Lord,  
That you've done for me  
I won't take for granted the Sacrifice

*Bridge*) We hunger and thirst for your love  
And your righteousness  
We long for your Presence here, Lord  
Be with us again

**Meditation / Blessing of Children**

**We Fall Down**

Chris Tomlin

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We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus. The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.  
And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy," we cry, "Holy, holy, holy," we cry, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb!"

**Closing Song**

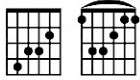
**Mighty To Save**

Morgan / Fielding

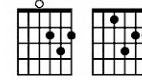
*Verse 1*) Everyone needs compassion,  
Love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness,  
The kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations:

*Verse 2*) So take me as you find me,  
All my fears and failures; fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in, now I surrender:

Sav - iour, He can move the\_\_ moun - tains. My God is might - y to save.\_\_ He is  
might - y to save.\_\_ For - ev - er, Au - thor of Sal - va - tion. He rose and  
con - quered the grave.\_\_ Je - sus con - quered the grave.\_\_



# THE MUSIC PAGE



Hymns for Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord, April 24, 2011		
Entrance Hymn:	261	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Preparation Hymn:	272	Alleluia No. 1
	269	The Strife Is O'er
Communion Hymn:	487	Table of Plenty
	513	Song of the Body of Christ
Closing Hymn:	263	Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Happy Easter!** From the whole Music Department here, myself & **Ellie VanderMeuse**, happy Easter—**Christos aneste!** This is the high point of our liturgical year—just as the Resurrection was indeed the high point of all history. Thank you for being here and celebrating with us. We hope to see you again, and often. Thanks again to our additional musicians, including our assistant organist **Eleanor Phelps**, **Jean Brooks**, our several cantors, our Contemporary Ensemble and especially our **Adult Choir**, which put in a great deal of extra time to bring the music of the Triduum rites of Holy Week to you at such a high level. Additionally we presented two Lenten concerts—one largely classical, one largely contemporary. Thanks to the choir **especially** for the effort required to bring you the **Seven Words of Christ From the Cross** as our Good Friday meditation. We hope it touched you spiritually and added to your experience of Holy Week.

**Mass music changes** During this great season, again the Mass Ordinary music setting changes. You will notice principally the restoration of the **Gloria** and the **Alleluia**. From time to time, as the celebrant prefers, there may also be a sprinkling rite. We will balance these additional sung settings by speaking the penitential rite. The setting we will be using is the **Mass of Light**, by David Haas, with which most are already familiar—especially its exciting setting of the Gloria. Please find below two parts that did not fit in the worship aid in the center. **Thank you for singing!**

## AMEN



A - men, a - men! A - men, a - men!

## LORD'S PRAYER

Chant

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, hal-losed be thy name;

thy king-dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for-give us our tres-pass-es

as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us

not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

## *Out and About The Diocese Of Venice*

### **The Mustard Seed Tidbits**

#### **Bishop Will Celebrate Mass for Victims of Child Abuse at St. John the Evangelist**

April is Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month, and in conjunction with the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Bishop Frank J. Dewane will celebrate Mass for Victims of Child Abuse at St. John the Evangelist Thursday, April 28, 11:00 a.m. This is the fourth consecutive year this Mass will be held in the Diocese. All are encouraged to attend.

#### **Fashion Show Benefits Our Mother's House**

Aston Gardens and Patchington's of Venice are hosting the Women Helping Women Fashion Show and Lunch, Thursday, April 21, 12:15 p.m. at Aston Gardens, 1000 Aston Gardens Drive, Venice. The luncheon benefits Our Mother's House of Catholic Charities, a program committed to helping homeless mothers and their children attain self-sufficiency. Tickets \$25 and only 100 will be available. For more information or to purchase tickets please call Our Mother's House at 941.485.6264.

#### **Our Mother's House of Catholic Charities in Venice**

Our Mother's House of Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers to assist staff in the day care center. Our Mother's House is a residential program for homeless mothers and their children and has partnered with Children First to establish an Early Head Start program on site. The day care center is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. If interested please call Our Mother's House at 941.485.6264.

#### **The Disaster Amateur Radio Network (DARN)**

The Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice Disaster Response Team has six fully equipped UHF/VHF Radio Stations throughout the diocese. DARN is in

need of volunteers who are willing to serve their community in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. There are no dues or meetings to attend. The network meets on the air once each month. Anyone interested who is qualified or are willing to take steps to become a licensed amateur radio operator, please contact Bob Sullenberger by phone at 941.497.5422 or email at robert.sullenberger@hotmail.com.

#### **Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Child Abuse Prevention Month takes place through the month of April. Do you know the five steps to safer environments?

The Diocese of Venice requires that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools must undergo child abuse prevention training through the Safe Environment Training program. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse:

1. Know the warning signs of an inappropriate relationship with a child.
2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth.
3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth.
4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children.
5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority.

For further questions regarding Safe Environment Training, please call Dr. Kathy Kleinlein, Director of Safe Environment Awareness Training and Certification, at 941.484.9543.

#### **Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

This Appeal helps support poor dioceses across the country. It provides for pastoral outreach programs that they could not otherwise afford. The collection is scheduled for April 30-May 1. Please be generous in your giving. It will truly make a difference.

#### **For couples planning marriage**

The Diocese of Venice will hold a one day Marriage Preparation Program to help engaged couples prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. The program will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Myers, April 30. The program is designed to give couples planning marriage the opportunity to dialogue honestly about their prospective lives together within the Sacrament of Marriage. Registration is \$75 per couple, and includes continental breakfast and lunch. This fee is non-refundable. For further information, please call Betty Karsokas at 941.484.9543.

#### **26th Annual Diocese of Venice Council of Catholic Women Convention**

The 2011 Convention of the Venice Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (VDCCW) to be held on May 2-4 at the Lido Beach Resort in Sarasota will focus on the theme, "Called to be Women of Prayer." For further information and convention registration forms check the VDCCW website at [http://venice\\_dccw.catholicweb.com](http://venice_dccw.catholicweb.com) or call Mary Poker, Registration Chair at 941.493.4894.

#### **Rice School Offers Four Summer Courses**

Summer Courses will be held at the Rice School Center, just outside of Port Charlotte (3.7 miles east of I-75, Exit 170). All classes may be taken at either M.A., Diocesan Diploma, or Audit levels (tuitions differ according to level). The following courses are scheduled: RPM 530 Christian Morality, RPM509 Methods in Pastoral Theology and RPM550 Liturgical Catechesis. Please call 941.766.7334 or visit [www.riceschool.org](http://www.riceschool.org) for dates, times and tuition fees.





## St. John the Evangelist Early Learning & Childcare Center

### HAPPY EASTER FROM PREK3 AND PREK4!!



### THE JELLY BEAN PRAYER

**RED** IS FOR THE BLOOD HE GAVE.  
**GREEN** IS FOR THE GRASS HE MADE.  
**YELLOW** IS FOR THE SUN SO BRIGHT.  
**ORANGE** IS FOR THE EDGE OF NIGHT.

**BLACK** IS FOR THE SINS WE MADE.  
**WHITE** IS FOR THE GRACE HE GAVE.  
**PURPLE** IS FOR HIS HOUR OF SORROW.  
**PINK** IS FOR OUR NEW TOMORROW.

A BAG FULL OF JELLYBEANS  
COLORFUL AND SWEET,  
IS A PRAYER, IS A PROMISE,  
IS A SPECIAL TREAT.



MAY THE JOY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION  
FILL YOUR HEART AND BLESS YOUR LIFE.

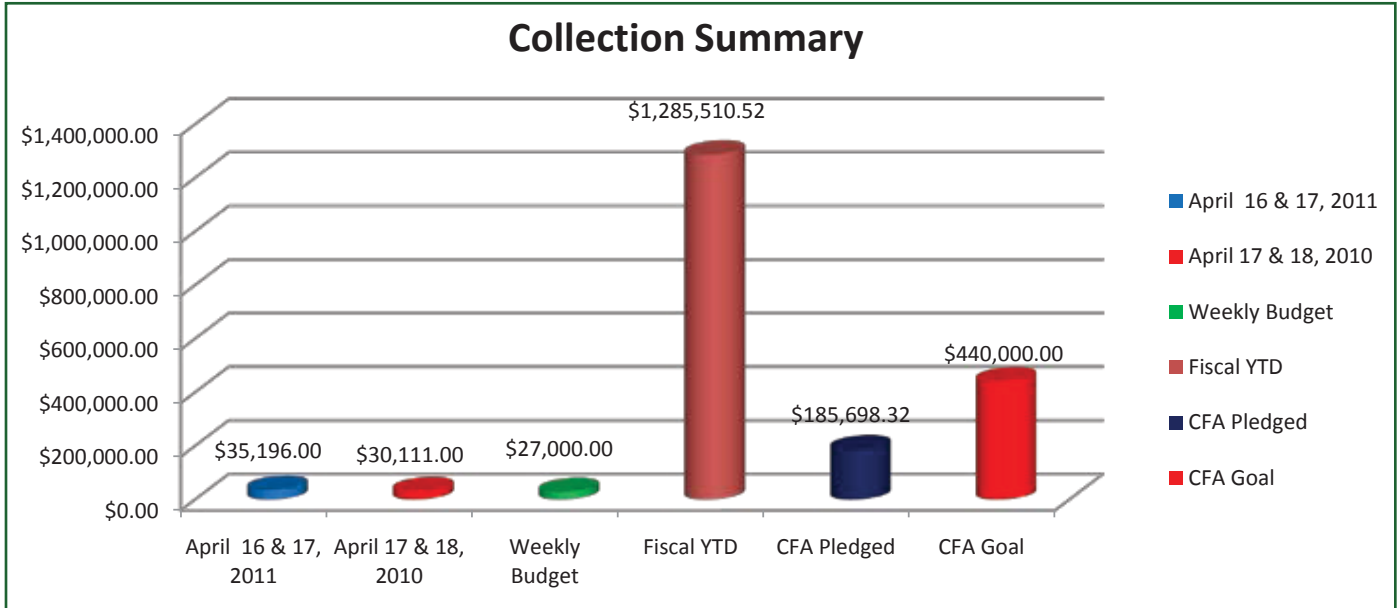
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### A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

Father of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe the spirit of wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith: Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### SAVE THE DATE

*as we celebrate the*

### Ordination of Transitional Deacon Michal Szyszka to the Priesthood Saturday, May 21st, 2011

**Priesthood Ordination Mass will be held at  
11:00 a.m. at Epiphany Cathedral, Venice FL**

**Celebration of Deacon Michal Szyszka's  
First Mass**

**Sunday, May 22nd, 2011, at 11:15 a.m.  
St. John the Evangelist**



*Michal Szyszka at his Deacon Ordination*

A decorative border made of green leaves and vines, with three pink roses on the left side, framing the central text.

Join us at the  
St. John Knights of Columbus Annual

**SPRING FLING  
DINNER/DANCE**

Featuring the music of  
the popular  
BILLY DEAN & DAWN  
Friday, APRIL 29, 2011

6:00 – 10:00 PM in the PLC

Catered by Cappelli's  
Great Dinner & Open Bar – Great Entertainment

Tickets: \$45 per person available in the parish office  
beginning Monday, April 4.

Tables of 8 suggested - Jackets Required

*Welcome in the Springtime  
with your Favorite Gal!!*

## St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Please Join Us for a Special Mass to Celebrate



The Feast of Divine Mercy  
 Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011  
 3:00 p.m.

## Centering Prayer - a Method of Silent Prayer

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather, it adds depth of meaning to all prayer and facilitates the movement into a receptive prayer of resting in God. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him. The

source of Centering Prayer, as in all methods leading to contemplative prayer, is the presence of the Indwelling Trinity within us.

When we learn to enjoy and trust the presence of God, we will naturally turn to that presence in prayer.

## Honor A Mom With a Gift That Makes A Difference!

There's a reason more long distance phone calls are made on Mother's Day than on any other recognized holiday – we love Moms! Why not honor or remember a Mom this Mother's Day, May 8, by making a donation in a Mom's name to The Gabriel House?

The Gabriel House is a Christian home for abandoned, displaced and medically needy children. Located in Fort Myers, The Gabriel House has cared for over 300 children since its incorporation in 1992. The home has taken in children locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. The Gabriel House offers love and medical treatment for children who are neglected and literally discarded.

Ed and Annie Ravish, founders of The Gabriel House, administer programs geared to helping children reach their highest level of independence and functioning in a loving, Christian environment. Most recently they received word that a little boy from India, Kumar, was approved to be released

to The Gabriel House. They need to raise funds to cover Kumar's travel expenses, as well as raise funds for his medical treatment.

Representatives from The Gabriel House will be here Mother's Day weekend. Please consider making a donation today for Kumar and for the other children who currently reside at The Gabriel House. The Gabriel House is a non-profit 501 c 3 corporation and receives no State or Federal funds. All financial support is raised by private donations, grants, in-kind gifts and remembrances in wills and trust funds.

Please make checks payable to: The Gabriel House, Inc. and indicate on the check the "Mom" being honored (or remembered). Please include the Mom's full name and mailing address, if you'd like a card sent to that Mom indicating the gift has been made in her honor. Mail checks to: The Gabriel House, Inc., 16520 S. Tamiami Trail, #18251, Fort Myers, FL 33908



## Providence House Needs Help for Another Mom

*Providence House is a faith-based organization dedicated to strengthening family life and dignity by providing transitional housing and supportive services to help motivated homeless and near-homeless single women with young children obtain self-sufficiency. Visit us online at [www.providencehousenaples.org](http://www.providencehousenaples.org)*

Hello friends, remember the mom you helped back in December with her car note and insurance? To safeguard her privacy, we will call her Abby. In late February, Abby had just dropped her daughter off for school and made a bold move. Without a plan, or awareness of any openings, she walked into a Sweetbay supermarket, completed an application and submitted a resume for a position in pharmacy. She was offered an interview on the spot, and she walked out with that job!

For three months prior, Abby had aggressively searched for work with no results. Lots of folks had been praying for her. God's timing and economy is everything! Abby is back on track today and continuing her journey towards self-sufficiency. Hearing stories like Abby's allows each of us a chance to help if helping is right for us (the right time, place and opportunity). This is God's way. He works His wonders through His children and accomplishes His will.

We have another mom here planning to obtain training to work as a certified nursing

assistant. The cost of the training is \$850 total (includes textbook). She has paid half of this fee and needs help paying the \$425 balance. She is employed with Staples. She is reliable, trustworthy, and very hard working. She cannot sustain herself on that income alone. She has to go back to school for more skills. Will you help her?

If this opportunity is right for you, please send a small gift to Providence House on behalf of the "CNA Mom". Your help can be \$10 or more. Someone once said to me, "God has his own economy." I have long since learned that we are God's economy. Our mailing address is PO Box 128, Naples, FL 34106. Thank you!

### Adult Faith Enrichment Sack Lunch Series Presents: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Matt Loboda returns to the Sack Lunch Series with the Holy Spirit! It is a great time to deepen our understanding and increase our devotion to the Holy Spirit. It is a great opportunity during this lenten season to prepare our hearts for the one promised by Jesus.

For a long time the Holy Spirit, has been given a meager amount of attention and devotion. Who is this third person of the Trinity? Some have even proposed the Holy Spirit as the unknown or forgotten God. However, the Second Vatican Council has focused the attention of the Church on the Advocate and as a result of this focus there has been an increased greater understanding of the Third Person of the Trinity.

Ultimately, our goal is to have a personal encounter with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Living God. Please join us for these spirit filled presentations.

**Thursdays, April 14, 21, 28 & May 5th**  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Seminar Room, St. John the Evangelist

**RSVP Today! 566-8740 Limited Seating**  
**Babysitting Available Upon Request**







## First Annual Parish Winter Cruise January 21, 2012 – January 28, 2012



Join Father John Ludden and your fellow St. John the Evangelist parishioners on a 7-day fun and sun vacation to the western Caribbean. Forget the cold and snow. Forget rain and clouds. Sail with us to a place where the sun most always shines, the breeze is gentle, and the air is always warm! Your cruise will start in Ft. Lauderdale and visit Grand Cayman, Roatan Honduras, Belize City, Cozumel Mexico, and return to Ft. Lauderdale. Cruise fares start at \$840.00 pp and include all port charges, taxes, and transfers. With a deal like that, how can you lose??

**36 Cabins Booked – DON'T GET LEFT ASHORE!**

### CRUISE DETAILS

- Crown Princess; Jan 21-28 2012
- Private Masses With Father John
- Cruise fare, taxes, port charges, and transfers included in quoted price
- Motor Coach transfers from St. John's to Ft. Lauderdale and return
- Free Parking Behind Claussen Center
- All meals aboard ship
- Theatrical style entertainment on-board
- Group cocktail party
- On-board amenities

### PRICING SCHEDULE

- Interior Category J \$ 840.00
- Ocean-view Category D \$1023.00
- Balcony Category BD \$1240.00
- Mini-Suite Category AC \$1440.00
- Penthouse Suite \$2598.00
- Owner's Suite \$2898.00

All pricing is per person based on double occupancy. Prices are subject to change until final booking and may incur additional fuel surcharges solely at the discretion of the cruise line.

For Additional Information and/or to book this exciting cruise contact:

Check upcoming bulletins for information on our Spring Cruise in April, 2012, aboard the Celebrity Equinox...www.saintjohntheevangelist.com

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Spring Cruise: Transatlantic to Rome, Mediterranean and Greek Island Cruise and 3 nights in Rome with Fr. John. Book one or all three segments.

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## ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION OF SPIRIT, MIND, & BODY

### Congratulations, Honor Roll Students!

The following Saint John the Evangelist parishioners have made the 3rd Quarter Honor Roll.

**ALL "A" HONOR ROLL**  
Virginia Hodges – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**"A/B" HONOR ROLL**  
Colton Rose – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Looking for an ideal place for your little one for next school year?

Saint Ann Catholic School has an established, excellent, proven program for 3 and 4 year old.

(Yes, we do accept VPK!)

Call 239-262-54110 to reserve your child's spot.

#### **TEACHER POSITIONS FOR 2011-2012**

*Middle School Science*

*Middle School Language Arts*

*Applicants must be certified by the  
State of Florida.*

*Contact Mr. Tommy Bridges at  
239-262-4110 or*

*[tbridges@stann.net](mailto:tbridges@stann.net).*



The Clergy and Staff  
of Saint John the Evangelist  
wishes all of its parishioners and visitors  
a happy and blessed Easter.