

SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 24, 2011

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Teen Missionaries Will Take On Mission Possible



The group from Saint John the Evangelist that will travel as missionaries to St. Lucia next month include (front left to right): Myin Martin, Fr. John, Kaelyn Martin; (back left to right): Judy Martin (she will not be traveling to St. Lucia), Brendan Budlong, director of youth ministry, and Brian Ullrich.



Missionaries traveling to St. Lucia attended a day-long mission retreat directed by the Diocese of Venice Mission Office last month.

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This Week's Mass and Liturgy Schedule

Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by

July 23, 2011	Saturday		
8:00 AM	George Axberg	Joan Hannigan	
Vigil Services			
3:00 PM	+ Susan Marino	Tony Manes	
5:00 PM	+ Frederick Scheriff	Tricia Ray	
July 24, 2011	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+ Paul Gianni	Sue & Steve Linzalone	
9:00 AM	+ William Oliver Jr.	Mom & Dad	
11:00 AM	Parishioners		
1:00 PM	+ Joseph O'Connell	Judie Moore	
5:00 PM	Margi Christos	Theresa Miller	
July 25, 2011	Monday		
8:30 AM	+ Rose Erbacher	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Finer	
July 26, 2011	Tuesday		
8:30 AM	+ Bob Graffy	Edwin Langhenry	
July 27, 2011	Wednesday		
8:30 AM	+ Gingie Albert	Dell Albert	
July 28, 2011	Thursday		
8:30 AM	+ Fred Lindquist	Tim & Mary Pettay	
July 29, 2011	Friday		
8:30 AM	+ Clara Gazzaroli	Frank & Joseph Gazzaroli	
July 30, 2011	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+ Louis Natale	Mr. & Mrs. Paul T. Koenig, Jr.	
Vigil Services			
3:00 PM	+ John Curaso	Virginia D'Agostino	
5:00 PM	Keith Kurnath	Ken & Marianne Kurnath	
July 31, 2011	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+ Joanne Fitzgerald	Joyce McCoy	
9:00 AM	Paul Kiley	Muriel, Mary Frances Kiley	
11:00 AM	Parishioners		
1:00 PM	+ Justin Holecek	The Ferreira Family	
5:00 PM	Douglas Snoddy	Wife Audrey	

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 23, 2011

St. Bridget of Sweden;
Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30

Vigil Services

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

Sunday, July 24, 2011

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119; Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Monday, July 25, 2011

St. James
2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

Ss. Joachim and Anne
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, July 28, 2011

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

Friday, July 29, 2011

St. Martha
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday, July 30, 2011

St. Peter Chrysologus;
Blessed Virgin Mary
Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

Vigil Services

Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39;
Mt 14:13-21

Sunday, July 31, 2011

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39;
Mt 14:13-21

PARISH INFORMATION

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Naples, FL 34108

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www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday

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

(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

(until all are heard)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

& 1:00 p.m.

Contemporary Sunday Mass:

5:00 p.m.

Home Bound

Eucharistic Ministers are available at any time to bring Holy Communion to the home bound. Contact: Lou Altieri, 450.6004

For Our Records

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the front office at (239) 566.8740 or email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Thank you!

PRAYER GROUPS

The Rosary

The Rosary is scheduled every day but Sunday, beginning 45 minutes before Mass.

Centering Prayer

The Centering Prayer group meets weekly on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in room 15 of the Claussen Center. On Tuesday mornings, The group will meet in the Parish Library after the 8:30 Mass (9:15.) 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 8:30 a.m. Mass.

St. John Prayer Group

St. John prayer group meets Wednesday mornings after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Henry Ughi and John Zawasky

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

Jacob Andrew	Mary Haynes	Tyler Ostos
Molly Anton	Joe Hilberg	Paticia Palumbo
Kathryn Bach	Scott Hoban	Maryla Panagos
Michaela Basile	Mary Charlotte Hollohan	Dolly Parker
Dick Becker	Don and Julie Howley	Tony Petrilla
Douglas Becker	Mario Incatasciato	Angela Preuss
Robet Brassil	Cade Joslin	Alex Primrose
Matt Brown	Bob Judy	Alicia Rodriguez
Christine Cassara	Ann Kerns	Judy Roth
James Castaldi	Matt Koswenda and Family	Nancy Rounds
Vivian Clements	Emil Liberatore	Patricia Shannahan
Jordan Cole	Ruth Lisser	Leonard Sbrocco
Patricia Brady Convery	Deacon Norman LaLone	Jeffrey Smith
Robert Cuellar	Judy Mazza	Jeanne Snodgrass
Tanya Cuellar	Peggy Marino	Allan Stencil
Owen Destino	Brad Martin	Andrew and Christian Suarez
Donna DiMaggio	Jeanne Majeske	Theresa
Elsa Everstijn	Mary Jane	Mary Tracy
William Farhet	Barbara A. Matyas	Marie Trucco
Donna Flynn	Bruce Metcalf	Conchita Turros
Susan Gallaher	Colleen McIntosh	Raymond Vasko
Bob Garbinsky	Alex Moody	Rodger Welker DDS
Jackie Gibson	Rev. Richard Mueller	Billie Ray Whitlow
Jerilyn Guise	Marjorie Nelson	Marie Wiemert
Raymond H.	Peter Nicoletta	Tom Wood
Michael Hanrahan	Janice O'Connor	Ernie Woonsam
Thomas Hartsell	Bob & Rose O'Brien	Mary Jean Ziska

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740, email: 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. Thomas N. Kelly	Associate
Fr. George Hazler	Weekend Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Rob 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 Corp

BU3 Charlie Davidson
U.S. Navy

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

Ssgt. Patrick H. Hammer
U.S. Marine Corp * LAV Recon

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

Lt. John Meyers
U.S. Army

Lt. Col. David McNulty
U.S. Air Force, (Serving in Afghanistan)

LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)

PFC. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)

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

Lt. Joseph Schafer
U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

Houng Tran
U.S. Army

IT2 Jason E. Tydingeo (USN)
Deployed on US.S. Boxer

Sacraments of the Church

Sacrament of Baptism

The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. Classes are offered once a month and baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 1:00 p.m. mass. Please call the parish office to register for a class. Upon completion of the class and fulfillment of the godparent requirements, parents may schedule a baptism date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Anointing of the sick/funeral arrangements

Call the parish office 566.8740. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide a emergency extension 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.

Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

God, our Father, Creator of the Universe, You have set the earth on its foundation and all the elements of nature obey Your command.

We humbly beseech You to keep us safe from all dangers and calm the storms which may threaten us. May we be secure in Your loving protection and serve You always with grateful hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

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.

St. John the Evangelist, 625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108

Parish Contact Information

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

All Administrative Staff
566-8740

email: 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
Tiffany Moody: 514.2927

Director of Youth Ministry
Brendan Budlong: 566.8740 Ext. 177

Director of RCIA
Margie Lynch: 514.2927

Family Ministry
Charlene Youngs: Ext. 123

Free Citizenship Classes

Citizenship Classes are offered free of charge on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Room 15 of the Claussen Family Center.

The class is ongoing; you can come and start any week. Lou Celano is leading the class. For more information, contact him at 594.8537.

Need Nursery Items

The church nursery needs regular sturdy high chairs, a baby changing table, an old fashioned playpen and bean bag chairs.

If you wish to donate any of these items, please drop the items off at the parish office during regular office hours.

Thank you.

Wedding Banns

First announcement between

Eva Bemova
&
Thomas Raby



SCOTT'S CORNER



I am always jealous this time of year when parishioners call from their summer residences and brag about the wonderful cool weather they are experiencing. Every once in while, I am able to comment

that it is cooler in Naples than it is in the Midwest or Northeast. The LOW temperature in Chicago this past Tuesday was 80 degrees while we enjoyed a relatively cool 75 degree morning. This heat wave is slowly working its way eastward toward the New England states. While I feel for those sweating it out in areas not used to experiencing such temperatures, at least they are getting a brief taste of what we deal with for months on end in the summer.

After weeks of delays, the parking lot project is now complete. I am confident that you are pleased with the end result. The new traffic flow seems to be much more efficient and the parking lot itself looks brand new. Several parishioners commented to Fr. John with positive remarks following Mass this past weekend. Obviously, this is only a temporary fix and we will have to install new asphalt at some point in the future. By re-sealing, we have added many more years to the life of our existing parking lot. Ironically, we are once again in a stretch of dry weather now that work is completed.

Since I am talking about the parking lot, we are also in the process of repairing the lighting in the north parking lot behind the Claussen Family Center (CFC.) If you have ever visited this lot after dark, you

surely have noticed that adequate lighting it very difficult to come by. We are trying to save the existing bollard fixtures by replacing ballasts and changing the lighting to a more efficient bulb. Even when the fixtures were new and working well, the lighting was marginal at best. We hope this temporary fix will brighten the CFC parking lot.



The Panaccia Prayer Garden is an absolute masterpiece and the benches and Stations of the Cross have yet to arrive. The installation of landscaping is now complete and looks so much better than I ever envisioned. Due to the fact that we were able to install the landscaping very early in the growing season, we will have nearly four more months for the shrubs to mature. I would like to commend Hector with Melendez Landscape, Inc.

for taking the extra time to pick out the best shrubs that he could find. We really hit the jackpot and when you see the end result, I am sure you will agree. The private serene environment which I have alluded to since day one is actually taking shape. The confederate jasmine has already started its course of weaving its way through the lattice around the gazebo. I am not sure how fast it grows, but after only five days it is well on its way to filling in the holes. The Podocarpus shrubs which surround the perimeter of the Prayer Garden are massive and have already taken the shape of a hedge due to their extreme girth. Installation of irrigation has been completed and has been fine tuned to ensure that we don't lose any of our plantings. Electrical installation continues for the next several weeks. The electric was somewhat complex as each Station of the Cross requires power in order to illuminate at night. The installation of the water feature will begin this coming week. As a reminder, St. Francis of Assisi (who has already arrived) will be



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SCOTT'S CORNER

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perched atop this waterfall feature in the center of the garden creating a dramatic effect. I have included pictures of the landscaping as well as a crude aerial from the roof of the PLC.

If you have ever driven down the service road from the Claussen Center to the Church, you may have noticed the incredibly unsightly air conditioning units located immediately outside of the west entrance of the church. We are going to plant a very mature Ficus hedge around the air conditioning pad to block

the view of these units and create a much more aesthetically pleasing environment. The new hedge should be installed by this weekend.

Have you read the latest edition of the Florida Catholic? Father Patrick Conroy, son of our very own Ruth Conroy, was sworn in as the chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives in late May. Fr. Conroy is only the second Catholic in House history to be named chaplain. Congratulations to Fr. Conroy and congratulations to Ruth for raising such a fine son. The information may be located in the July 15th Florida Catholic,

page 13.

As a reminder, there are still two benches remaining for purchase. These benches will be located immediately in front of the church and may be engraved, honoring or memorializing a loved one. The cost to purchase a bench is \$3,000.00. The benches are solid granite and are very attractive. If you are interested in purchasing either of these two remaining benches, please contact me at 566.1678.

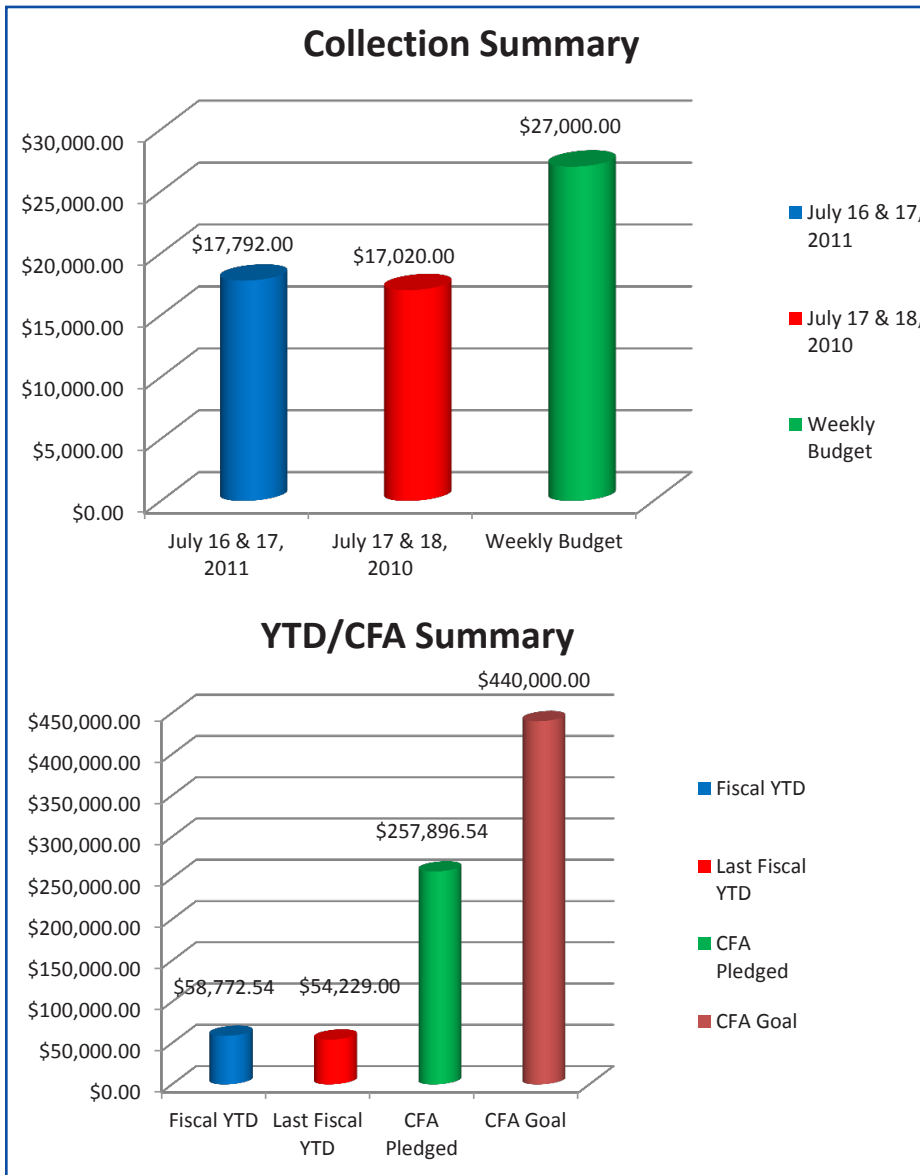
Due to the recent rain, our Memorial Garden looks better than ever. We continue to make enhancements to the landscaping and the new memorial granite benches will be arriving in the next couple of months. If you are interested in purchasing a space in our garden at a mere fraction of the cost elsewhere, please contact me at your earliest convenience to setup an appointment. The all inclusive price is \$1,200.00 and includes the opening, closing, urn, headstone and plaque.

Please remember to support the Catholic Faith Appeal. We have dipped below where we were at this same time last year and I am getting more than a little concerned. If you are able, please consider making a donation the CFA. Thank you in advance for your generous consideration.

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

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager



Bible Teaching

Lectors and friends convene Saturdays, 10 a.m., Claussen Center for relevant Bible teaching and oral interpretation of the Scriptures. Everyone interested in acquiring greater understanding of the weekly readings and growing in faith with us are welcome to join. Victor 290.9090



Parish Ministries and Outreach Programs & Events:

Altar Servers: John Dina591.3662	Eucharistic Ministers: Lou Altieri.....450.6004	Ladies of Charity: Valerie Matulis 390.3545
Arimatheans: Virginia D'Agostino597.7687	Greeters & Ushers: John Smith 598.2306	Lectors: Victor Yopez 290.9090
Arts & Liturgical Environment: Kay Sanfelippo949.7122	Grief Support: Dee Donnelly-McGrath..... 594.7193	Daily Mass Lectors: Rosemary Slevin..... 596.7057
Calling & Caring: Deacon Al Groh566.8740	Jamaica Mission: Al & Ann Kerns514.1553	Men's Club: Andy Sanfelippo.....949.7122
Centering Prayer: Vincent Cinque566.2937	Knights of Columbus: Jim Follese 495.9741	Prayer Group: Linda Reilly.....566.8740
		Respect Life: Rosemary Erickson.....597.3941
		St. Vincent de Paul: 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

Join us to accept, love and discover the person God creates us to be. The end of a marriage does not mean the end to our life. Always remember we are always welcome at our church and most important in our Lord's loving arms. 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

There will be no Grief Support sessions in June or July. The next sessions will be held in Room 13 of the Claussen Center on Thursdays, August 11 and August 25 at 10:00 a.m. 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. 495.9741

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: 514.2927, 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 the pastor and the parish. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 2:00 for about one hour. The next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 13. 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

Pinochle

Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Angie Cornelius: 498.4512

Religious Gift Shop

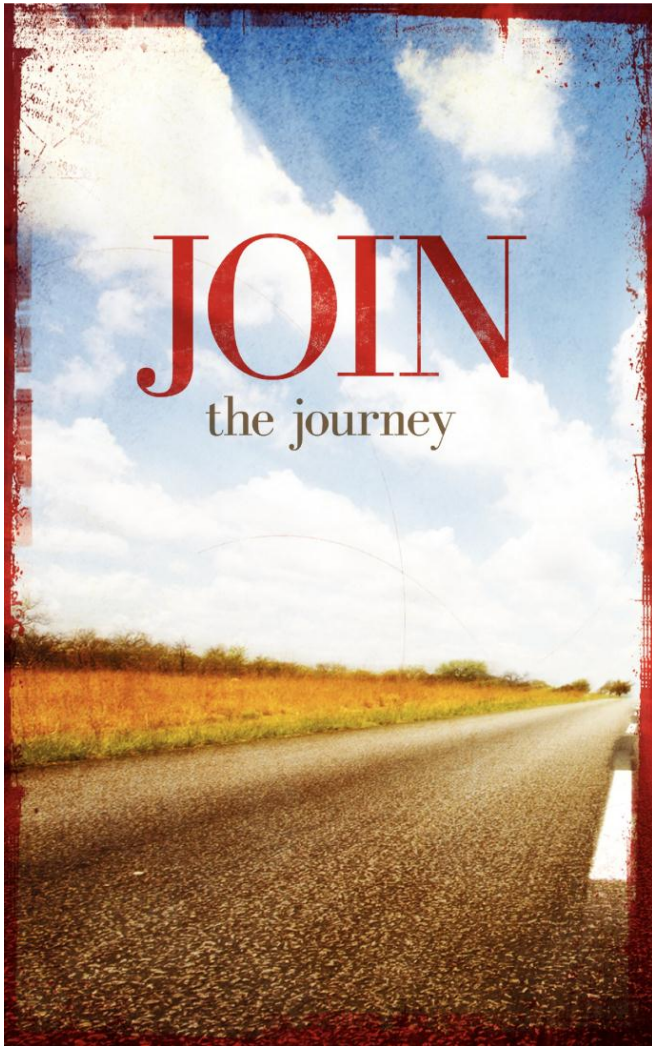
Summer hours effective until November 7: Saturday 2:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m., Sunday 7:45 a.m. -1:00 p.m. The shop is closed Monday through Friday. 591.4668

Sing-A-Long at Nursing Facilities

Sing-a-longs at the local nursing homes and assisted living facilities will resume in October, 2011 through April, 2012. Schedules will be printed in the parish bulletin. Remember there are many in these places who would enjoy your joy-filled visit all year round. Jayne Potter: 597.5483.

St. John Sewing

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



RCIA

- Is something lacking in your life?
- Do you want true happiness?
- Are you ready to put Christ in your life?
- Do you need spiritual growth?
- Do you want to renew your faith journey?
- Are you returning to the church?
- Are you seeking the Sacraments of Initiation?
- Do you know your faith?

CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

For more information, please contact Margie Lynch at 239-514-2927 or email us at RCIA@saintjohntheevangelist.com.

ARE YOU PRO-LIFE?

The Naples Pro-Life Council (NPLC) is the nucleus for local pro-life activity. This includes prayerful, educational and purposeful actions to end abortion and support all human life, from conception to natural death. It is an all volunteer group, financially supported by wonderful donors and the resale store – The Rose Garden.

The office provides a lending library with appropriate material for all age groups, including books, pamphlets and videos. Speakers may be provided to help educate any age group regarding pro-life issues.

You may have noticed the new billboard on the East Trail (Rt.41): “Pregnant?” “Need Help?” “Call 1-800-395-4357,” plus a message to, “Stop Planned

Parenthood Now.” This billboard, ordered by NPLC, is made possible by donors who wish to end abortion.

If you consider yourself to be in agreement with our mission, please consider volunteering some time to help in the Rose Garden or by donating saleable items. You may also consider coming to pray at the abortuary (Planned Parenthood), or to offer financial support to help us continue our pro-life work.

Naples Pro-Life Council & The Rose Garden

938 3rd Avenue North

Naples, FL 34102

Tel: 234-262-LIFE (5433) • Fax: 239-331-8436

Website: <http://actionforlifefnaples.org>



✠✠✠ Celebrating the Lord's Day ✠✠✠

On Sunday, we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Lord's Day, the day of Christ's Resurrection:

As "the first day of the week" (Mk 16:2) it recalls the first creation; and as the "eighth day," which follows the sabbath, it symbolizes the new creation ushered in by the Resurrection of Christ. Thus, it has become for Christians the first of all days and of all feasts. It is the *day of the Lord* in which he with his Passover fulfilled the spiritual truth of the Jewish Sabbath and proclaimed man's eternal rest in God. (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 452)

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus rose on the first day of the week—the day following the Jewish Sabbath. Shortly after daybreak, the women found the tomb empty and Jesus risen from the dead. Jesus' death and Resurrection opened for us the doors of salvation. Sharing in Jesus' death in Baptism, we hope to share in his Resurrection. We become a new creation in Christ. It is that new creation which we celebrate on Sunday:

This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad. (Ps 118:24)

Each Sunday is a "little Easter"—a celebration of the central mysteries of our faith.

THE SUNDAY EUCHARIST

The primary way in which we celebrate the Lord's Day is with our participation in the Sunday Eucharist. What better way to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord than by celebration of the memorial of his Passion, death, and Resurrection?

This celebration is not a solitary, private event. Instead, we come together as the People of God, the Church, to worship with one heart and one voice. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) teaches that "participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church" (CCC, no. 2182).

When members of our church community are absent from this gathering, they are missed. No member of the faithful should be absent from the Sunday Eucharist without a serious reason. The Liturgy should be the first thing on Sunday's schedule, not the last. We should arrive on time, prepared in mind and heart to fully participate in the Mass. Those who cannot attend because of illness or the need to care for infants or the sick deserve our prayers and special attention.

Often, people will suggest that going to Sunday Mass is not necessary. After all, they can pray at home just as well. This has clearly been an issue in the Church for more than a millennium. In the fourth century, St. John Chrysostom addressed this problem directly:

You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests. (CCC, no. 2179, quoting St. John Chrysostom, *De incomprehensibili* 3, 6: PG 48, 725)

Private prayer, though essential to the spiritual life, can never replace the celebration of the eucharistic Liturgy and the reception of Holy Communion.

In some communities, the lack of priests makes it impossible to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday. In such instances, the bishop may make provision for these parish communities to gather and celebrate the Liturgy of the Word or the Liturgy of the Hours. These Sunday celebrations in the absence of a priest may or may not include the reception of Holy Communion. Still, these celebrations allow the People of God to gather and keep holy the Lord's Day.

KEEPING SUNDAY—ALL DAY

Celebrating the Sunday Eucharist—though central and essential—does not complete our observance of Sunday. In addition to attending Mass each Sunday, we should also refrain "from those activities which impede the worship of God and disturb the joy proper to the day of the Lord or the necessary relaxation of mind and body" (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 453).

Sunday has traditionally been a day of rest. However, the concept of a day of rest may seem odd in a world that runs 24/7, where we are tethered to our jobs by a variety of electronic gadgets, where businesses run as normal no matter what the day of the week, and where silence seems to be an endangered species. By taking a day each week to rest in the Lord, we provide a living example to the culture that all time belongs to God and that people are more important than things.

As Pope John Paul II said in *Dies Domini* (*The Day of the Lord*), his apostolic letter on Sunday:

Through Sunday rest, daily concerns and tasks can find their proper perspective: the material things about which we worry give way to spiritual values; in a moment of encounter and less pressured exchange, we see the true face of the people with whom we live. Even the beauties of nature—too often marred by the desire to exploit, which turns against man himself—can be rediscovered and enjoyed to the full. (*Dies Domini*, no. 67)

Not everyone has the freedom to take Sundays away from work. Some people, including medical professionals and public safety workers, must work on Sundays to keep the rest of us safe and healthy. Others must work for economic reasons beyond their control.

Resting on Sunday does not mean that we are inactive. Instead,

Sunday is traditionally consecrated by Christian piety to good works and humble service of the sick, the infirm, and the elderly. Christians will also sanctify Sunday by devoting time and care to their families and relatives, often difficult to do on other days of the week. Sunday is a time for reflection, silence, cultivation of the mind, and meditation which furthers the growth of the Christian interior life. (CCC, no. 2186)

To celebrate the Lord's Day more fully, consider trying the following:

- ✘ Don't use Sunday as your catch-all day for errands and household chores.
- ✘ Share a family dinner after Mass. Have the whole family join in the preparation and cleanup.
- ✘ Go for a walk or bike ride and give thanks to God for the beauty of nature.
- ✘ Spend time reading the Bible or a spiritual book.
- ✘ Pray the Rosary or the Liturgy of the Hours, alone or with others.
- ✘ Volunteer in a local food pantry.
- ✘ Visit parishioners and others who are homebound.
- ✘ Read Bible stories to your children.
- ✘ Turn off your gadgets and enjoy the silence.

As we take time each week to celebrate the Paschal Mystery in the Eucharist and to rest from the burdens of our daily lives, we remind ourselves that we are made in the image and likeness of God who “rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken” (Gn 2:2).

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5 PM Contemporary Mass Music Worship Aid

Opening Song **Open the Eyes Of My Heart** Paul Baloche

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O - pen the eyes ___ of my heart, ___ Lord, ___ o - pen the eyes ___ of my heart,
 4 ___ I want to see you, ___ I want to see you. ___
 8 To see you high and lift - ed up, ___ shi - ning in the light of your glo - ry, ___
 13 Pour our ___ your pow - er and love, ___ as we sing "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly!" ___

Kyrie • *spoken*

Gloria • **30** *Heritage Mass*

Responsorial Psalm (119)

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Response

Lord, I love your com - mands; Lord, I love your com - mands.

Gospel Acclamation

7 *Celtic Alleluia*

Preparation **482** **In This Place** Trevor Thomson

Sanctus **64** *St. Louis Jesuits Mass*

Memorial Acclamation *Danish Amen Mass*

Memorial Acclamation -- Danish Amen Mass

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.
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Great Amen **77** *Danish Amen Mass*

Agnus Dei **19** *Celtic Mass*

Communion Song

The Kingdom of Heaven

Sharon Murray

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5 The king-dom of hea - ven has come to earth.

9 His Pre-cious Blood and Bo - dy, Soul and Divin - i-ty have made me what I'm worth.

13 The king-dom of hea - ven dwells with-in our midst:
True Pres-ence of my Je - - - sus, the Ho-ly Eu - cha - rist.

Meditation / Blessing

510 The Supper of the Lord

Lawrence Rosania

Closing Song

In the Light

Charlie Peacock

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Verse 1

I keep trying to find a life
on my own apart from you
I am the king of excuses:
I've got one for every selfish thing I do

Verse 2

The disease of "self" runs through my blood
It's a cancer fatal to my soul
Every attempt on my behalf has failed
to bring this sickness under control

Tell me, what's go-ing on in - side of me? I des - pise my own be - hav -

4 - ior. This on-ly serves to con-firm my sus-pic-ions that I'm still some-one in need of a

8 sav-ior. I want to be in the light, as you are in the light. I want to shine like the stars in the

12 hea - vens. O Lord, be my light, and be my sal-va-tion, 'cause all I want is to be in the

16 light. All I want is to be in the light.



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Thank you again to everyone who had a part to play in our wedding. It was a fantastic day, and we thank you for sharing it with us. Throughout our engagement and now that we are married, your kind words, well wishes, and especially prayers have been a tremendous support to us both. Martha & I look forward to our future here at Saint John!

Mass Parts for Ordinary Time (July 2 to November 26, 2011)			
Kyrie:	<i>spoken</i>	Memorial Acclamation:	<i>in center of bulletin</i>
Gloria:	30 <i>Heritage Mass</i>	Great Amen:	77 <i>Danish Amen Mass</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	7 <i>Celtic Mass</i>	Our Father:	<i>spoken</i>
Sanctus:	64 <i>St. Louis Jesuits Mass</i>	Agnus Dei:	19 <i>Celtic Mass</i>

Choir on brief hiatus for July We'll resume singing one Mass per week in August; the schedule will run in future editions of this page. You're more than welcome to join us at any time. We'll resume our regular rehearsing and concert schedule in the fall with rehearsal on Wednesday, September 14, from 6-8 PM. Please call with any questions—**239-566-8740, ext. 179** or email at tom@saintjohntheevangelist.com. Thanks for your interest!

Word and Sacrament

VICTOR YEPEZ - Guest Columnist



LEAN ON ME

God cares completely for His creation. He has not abandoned what He created. Because we are His handiwork (Cf. Ephesians 2:10), God knows to the most precise detail what is our future. He has actually already seen everything that will happen to us today, tomorrow and the days to come. In His hands, each one of our lives is a complete plan; everything has been arranged in minute detail, even before we were born. He knows precisely the moment we will take our last breath. It will not happen one second sooner or later that what He has already predestined.

All things are under God's dominion and control. God is the author of everything and knows everything. God never wonders about anything; He never seeks feedback. God is never surprised or amazed at any new discovery. He knows our innermost thoughts, our checking account balance and PIN, our Facebook password. God's plan has already been set; He is not tinkering with it or making adaptations. He has already planned the work and now.... He is working the plan.

So what? No matter what you are going through personally, no matter how deeply you are hurt or how grievous your error, God does not look at you as inferior in status or as the outcome of blind chance. God is constantly observing us, never takes His eyes off us, never takes a break, let alone a vacation, from leading our lives.

God's providence has practical implications for our everyday lives because every detail of our lives are in the hands of our sovereign God. He is never caught off guard by a tragedy or misfortune. All He asks is that we rest in His sovereignty, instead of resisting it. Of all our sins, attempting to live a self-directed life is the greatest. There is no benefit to trying to control everything or everyone in our lives.

Every one of us is facing something troubling today. Those closest to you are incapable of knowing every detail of the deepest concerns of your heart. God, the one who brought you to where you are right now is the only one who knows the real truth. This is **divine omniscience**. It is one of our core beliefs. We believe in an all-knowing and all-powerful God. One who has foretold the outcome from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10).

It is our flawed human nature to be unsettled when we do not understand. This can lead us to complain to God, which is futile and foolish. In Romans 8, St. Paul explains that we struggle with our circumstances because our minds have an orientation toward the flesh, which is hostile toward God. The sin that remains after our Baptism makes us selfish; we want everything to go our way. Afterall, everything is about ME, but when troubles arise, they leave us afraid of facing an adverse outcome and unable to admit we are no longer in control.

We cannot see the future. Romans 8:25 states this clearly: "We hope for what we do not see". We plan, arrange and budget for a

future that we cannot see. God, however, does see and knows the future. Therefore, we would be wise to rest in Him, trust in Him. If we believe this we can turn confidently to Him and pray that He will consider us and take care of us.

Not only are we unable to see, we are likewise ill equipped to pray. We wait, we pray while we wait, but the Holy Spirit is the one who facilitates our prayers, interceding for us as a direct conduit to God, who is good to His very core, full of compassion, lenient to all and gives us good ground for hope (Wisdom 12:19). He calls us to Himself; with full knowledge of all the things that we have done that should work against this calling. Despite knowing our innermost secrets, He loves us no matter what. We are enveloped with a compassion that is beyond our ability to comprehend or describe. Can it get any better than that?!!

If this does not offer some comfort and encouragement, nothing else can. When our strength gets depleted, and we "don't even know how to pray" or are at a loss for words in knowing what to ask, the Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf, by virtue of God's providence. This brings comfort and peace to our troubled hearts. Think about the things that keep you awake at night, haunting your dreams. These things are beyond your ability to change or control. God, however, has no such limitations, He has never been outmatched and has never faced a problem that is beyond His ability to resolve.

Most incredible of all, we are recipients of an unconditional promise: "We know that **all things work for good for those who love God**, who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). There are no strings, no small print, and no hidden agendas. Our human focus is on the immediate, the here and now; God's focus is always on the outcome. There is no equivocation here, We KNOW it!

None of this is intended to create a life of passivity. None of this means that we need to find what is missing, but rather work at discovering what God is ready to reveal to us, which has already been formulated. This is a call about placing God first in our lives. We do not seek God. It is God who seeks us!

God has a plan and a purpose for you and you alone, and His plan and purpose is the best. We limit ourselves when we strive to control our lives because it prevents us from experiencing what God has established for us. We are to believe in the Word of God, our Catholic teaching, and the living of the Sacraments, and act upon them, no matter how we feel, because God promises the ultimate best result. Lean on Him and trust in His faithfulness.

Proclaim Faith, Victor Yepez, Executive Director

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Respect Life

Registration is now open for the statewide Respect Life Conference! Join others from across the state for the 25th Anniversary Florida Respect Life Conference October 14 & 15 at St. Martha School, Sarasota. Hear excellent national and state speakers share how “With God All Things Are Possible” including: Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann; Bishop Frank J. Dewane; Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood Director and pro-life/Catholic convert; a death row chaplain; a fertility doctor and other exciting speakers.

For details and registration visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org and click on the Florida Respect Life Conference button or call 941.441.1101.


Pre-Cana Preparation Program

We encourage all couples contemplating the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church to attend the Pre-Cana Preparation Program held Saturday, September 17, at St. Catherine Parish, Sebring from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration is \$75 per couple which includes a continental breakfast, lunch and materials. This fee is non-refundable.

For reservations please call Betty Karsokas at 941.484.9543.

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On the heels of Pope John Paul II's beatification, Bishop Frank J. Dewane will share personal stories about his encounters with the late pontiff as well as a description of the canonization process (how the Church makes saints). A call to holiness within the Diocese of Venice will be included as well as an open Q & A.

THEOLOGY ON TAP
THEOLOGY ON TAP is a monthly gathering for Catholic young adults (20's and 30's). We meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith, make friends and build community. We invite you to join us for a pint and a prayer. For Questions and RSVP contact: **George L. Smith • (941) 484-9543 ext. 3036 • gsmith@dioceseofvenice.org**



Youth Ministry

Brendan Budlong, Director of Youth Ministry

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Mission Possible

The word missionary often evokes the image of priests and vowed religious going to faraway places to preach the Gospel. Being a missionary seems like a job for someone different from us. However, the Church has a universal mission, which is to proclaim a faith in Jesus Christ and the good news of salvation (Redemptoris Missio #4). Thus, we teach that every disciple of Christ has an obligation to spread the faith to the best of their abilities.

From July 31 to August 13, several youth and adults from throughout the Diocese of Venice are traveling as missionaries to St. Lucia. The Diocese of Venice Mission Office, directed by Fr. John Ludden, developed this international mission opportunity for high school teens to help them understand, first hand, what it means to be a missionary. In the history of doing missionary work there is an idea that it is all coming from one direction. One group has all the answers and goes to another place to give the other group the right answers. People who do missionary work now see it as two-directional. Catholic missionaries have the Good News of Jesus Christ, the sacraments, and an understanding of the moral life to which we are called. However, God is found everywhere, so missionaries come to learn about new cultures, and through mutual dialogue stories are shared.

Our teen missionaries from St. John the Evangelist, **Kaelyn Martin, Myin Martin, and Brian Ullrich**, recently participated in a day-long Mission Retreat, directed by the Diocese of Venice Mission Office. This retreat armed these young people with the practical knowledge necessary to be effective missionaries. It also gave them the spiritual tools as well. Fr. John Ludden commissioned these three teenagers, and the other missionaries, as missionaries of the Catholic Church during a Mass at the end of the retreat.

During their time in St. Lucia the young missionaries will visit with orphans and provide them with a Vacation

Bible School experience and a soccer camp; they will visit with the elderly helping out where they are needed; they will visit and assist the mentally and physically impaired; and they will work alongside the Missionary Sisters of Charity.

While our youth are in St. Lucia, we invite you to pray for Kaelyn, Myin, Brian, our entire missionary team, and missionaries throughout the world. Pray in thanksgiving that people came before all of us and spread the gospel so that we would hear it. Ask God to put a fire in our hearts so that we too may spread faith for the generation of believers that will come after us. If these three young people can do it in another country, you can do it right here in Naples starting today!

Volunteers Needed

Please contact Brendan Budlong, Director of Youth Ministry, at 239.566.8740 ext. 177, or email brendan@saintjohntheevangelist.com. We need people who are interested in helping with Advocacy, Catechesis, Community Life, Evangelization, Hospitality, Justice and Service, Leadership Development, Pastoral Care, and Prayer and Worship. If you are not sure how to help, but would really like to get involved with our Youth Ministry, please call and talk to Brendan. We can find the area that your gifts and talents can be put to good use.

Youth Ministry Registration

The 2011-2012 Youth Ministry Registration Packets are available in the Parish Office, in the Office of Youth Ministry, on the youth ministry page of our parish website, and can be emailed to you by request. For parents and youth entering Grades 6-12 interested in learning more about the actual programs and events that are happening this coming year in our parish, we are having a **Parent/Youth Orientation on Sunday, August 14 from 6:30pm – 8:30 p.m. in the Claussen Center Seminar Room**. Please plan to attend this meeting if joining our youth group here at St. John the Evangelist.



Transatlantic-Mediterranean / Greek Island Cruise...April 2012



Join your fellow St. John's parishioners on a memorable transatlantic cruise to Rome, followed by a spectacular cruise of the Greek Islands. This once-in-a-lifetime cruise vacation will have it all. Cruise the Atlantic, cruise the islands, or cruise them both! Relax amid the sun and scenery of the Mediterranean and Aegean sea, and explore the sun-drenched beaches and historical significance of this ancient region

Both Cruises will be aboard the five-star Celebrity Equinox, with the first cruise being a 14-night transatlantic crossing from Ft. Lauderdale on April 16, 2012 (Itinerary is listed below).

The second cruise is a continuation aboard the Equinox and will depart Civitevecchia (Rome) on April 30th for a memorable 11 night cruise of the Greek Islands, Athens & Istanbul. Father John will be joining this 2nd cruise and will be offering private group masses as well as a unique religious perspective on this special region.

Parishioners have the option of taking one or both cruises. Those opting for both cruises will receive a special discount for the "continuation" package.

Special air is being arranged for all three travel itineraries. For those doing strictly the transatlantic crossing, one-way air returning from Rome to Ft. Myers on Air Berlin will be provided. For those doing both cruises, the same one-way air from Rome will be provided at the conclusion of the 2nd cruise. For those wishing to do the Greek Isles cruise *only*, Round trip air from Ft. Myers to Rome will be arranged on Air Berlin or similar.

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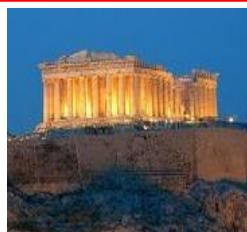
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