

the **EVANGELIST**
 SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 27, 2011
First Sunday of Advent

Family Ministry Hosts Thanksgiving Brunch November 6



Family Ministry hosted a Thanksgiving Brunch November 6 for parishioners and families. In addition to a turkey feast, children enjoyed craft activities. The children made cards to thank the military men and women in the parish for their service. Attendees donated non-perishable items for the local food bank. Additionally, proceeds from the freewill collection benefitted the St. Matthew's House.

photos by Charlene Youngs, Director of Family Ministry

Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by

November 26, 2011 Saturday

8:00 AM + Antionette & Felice Martell Dolores Kelnochan

Vigil Services

3:00 PM + Helen Johnson Marvin & Nancy Wheeler
5:00 PM + Vince Schmitz Paula & Tim Walsh

November 27, 2011 Sunday

7:00 AM + Patricia Welp Bob Welp (Husband)
9:00 AM + Joan P. Moser Family
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM + Michael Aveni Nancy & Arthur Goldstein
5:00 PM + James M. Breen Melvin & Bonnie Tessmer

Wine and Host In Memory of John Poirier ~ Requested by Family

November 28, 2011 Monday

8:00 AM + Patricia Sullivan Richard Sullivan
9:00 AM + Mary Liz Otti Delores Kernochan

November 29, 2011 Tuesday

8:00 AM + Tom Conway Family
9:00 AM + Carole Dunn Sister Donna & Ron

November 30, 2011 Wednesday

8:00 AM + Paul Grip Sandy & Carl Tosi
9:00 AM Michael Pokorny Mom

December 1, 2011 Thursday

9:00 AM + Edward M. Butler Lucy Kelly
9:00 AM + Bob Graffy Edwin Langhenry

December 2, 2011 Friday

8:00 AM + Agnes Cannon Wallace Joe Cannon
9:00 AM + Michael Vendola Carole Calandrucci

December 3, 2011 Saturday

8:00 AM + Louise Galantino John & Bev

Vigil Services

3:00 PM + Cecilia & William Schultz Joanie Schultz
5:00 PM + Clara Gazzaroli Joseph & Frank Gazzaroli

December 4, 2011 Sunday

7:00 AM + Martha DeFrancesca Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM + Steven DiNardo Mom & Dad
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM + Barbara Byrnez Dr. Roberta Horton
5:00 PM + Bill Seymour Judy Seymour

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

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 26, 2011

Blessed Virgin Mary
Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

Vigil Services

Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7; Ps 80;
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Sunday, November 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent
Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7; Ps 80;
1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday, November 28, 2011

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

St. Andrew
Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday, December 1, 2011

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 2, 2011

First Friday
Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 3, 2011

St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5-8

Vigil Services

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8

Sunday, December 4, 2011

Second Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8

THIS WEEK'S MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE...

Veterans Remembrance Mass

Over 450 of the faithful attended the Veterans Remembrance Mass on Thursday, November 10. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Fr. John celebrated the 9:00 a.m. Mass, which included dozens of veterans and their loved ones.

Prelude music by Tom Oram, Peter Heaney, Phyllis Gyskiewicz, Melissa McCormick, Ellie VanderMeuse and the St. John Choir, included theme songs from the series Pacific, Band of Brothers, Ashokan Farewell (Civil War), Eternal Father Strong to Save, and God Bless the USA.

The Harp and Thistle Pipe Band led the procession into church, with members of the Knights of Columbus Color Corps, the Marine Corps Color Guard and our beloved veterans following to the tune of the Minstrel Boy.

In his homily, Fr. John asked all veterans to stand and be recognized, then requested only the WW II veterans remain standing. The congregation gave the men who saved the world a well-deserved round of applause. He called these brave men, some only teenagers, who went off to save our nation real heroes.

Fr. John showed a miniature statue of the a member of the Armed Forces in battle fatigues being hugged by Christ, and he made a promise that a life size replica would be on the St. John grounds in the near future.

The Marine Corps Rifle team rendered a three volley salute to the fallen, and taps were played by Sgt. Robert McDonald, US Army Air Force (Retired).

At the end of Mass, Fr. John and Grand Knight Jim Follse, St. John Council 11281 Knights of Columbus, presented a posthumus Fourth Degree Assembly award to Arthur J. Corr for services to his family, his friends and his country. Accepting the award was Artie's widow, Pat Corr, and son, Ken. The Arthur J. Corr Fourth Degree Assembly 3308 was founded following Artie's passing as a tribute to a man who was a True Knight.

Refreshments, compliments of the Knights of Columbus and Anthony J. Curatolo, of Ciccarella Advisory Services, followed in the Parish Life Center

article submitted by Tom Middlemiss, Knights of Columbus



photos by Sam Kojiro, Gerald Mierzwa and Tom Middlemiss (EventPixer.com)

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Thomas Kelly	Associate
Fr. George Hazler	Retired
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Rob Chalhoub	
Deacon Frank Paniccia	
Deacon Al Groh	Senior Status

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

All Administrative Staff 239.566.8740

General Manager

Scott Schlossberg: 566.1678

Fax: 239.325.2100

Administrative Assistant & Records

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Secretary to the Pastor

Natalie Campbell: Ext. 134

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Tom Oram: Ext. 179

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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 and 9:00 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.,

11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

Contemporary Sunday Mass:

5:00 p.m.

FOR OUR RECORDS

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

Thank you!

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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

Mass Cards

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

We are currently accepting intentions for 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.

MISSION STATEMENT




































The spirit-filled community of St. John the Evangelist is committed to following the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church through stewardship and serving its parishioners, the community and those most in need.

PARISH INFORMATION...

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Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 27  Make and bless an Advent wreath. Light the first purple candle each night this week.	28  Read together about Elizabeth and Zechariah's special blessing in <i>Luke 1:5-25</i> .	29  Set up your Nativity scene, but leave out the Holy Family.	30  Make cookies to bring to a nearby nursing home or homeless shelter.	1  December Cut and paste pictures from Christmas cards you receive into ornaments for your tree.	2  Attend Confession as a family and go out to dinner afterward to celebrate forgiveness!	3  Ask a family member you have hurt in the past year for forgiveness. Offer it to one who has hurt you.
4  Light two purple candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."	5  Read about the angel's remarkable visit to Mary in <i>Luke 1:26-38</i> . Talk about ways we can also say, "yes," to God.	6  Send Christmas cards to your pastor, priests, and religious or ordained ministers who are important to your family.	7  Gather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling.	8  In honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception, attend Mass and pray a family Rosary tonight.	9  Together, write your Christmas cards. Let older kids address the envelopes; and younger ones seal them.	10  Clean out your closets of unwanted clothes or toys in good condition. Donate them to a shelter or other charity.
11  Light two purple candles and the pink one for joy. See which of you can sing loudest at Mass today.	12  Pick a Christmas card you've received this week and pray for the person who sent it.	13  Set the Mary and Joseph figures of your Nativity set across the room from the rest of the scene.	14  Write letters to Baby Jesus telling him that you look forward to his coming.	15  Put a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.	16  Family Movie Night: Make some popcorn and watch a Christmas movie together.	17  Put up and decorate your family Christmas tree.
18  Light all four candles in the wreath tonight. Read today's Gospel reading, <i>Luke 1:39-45</i> .	19  Move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity scene. Try to imagine what it was like to travel to Bethlehem by donkey.	20  Decorate a "Jesus Candle" with symbols of Jesus. Save it to light during Christmas dinner.	21  Place Mary and Joseph in the Nativity scene. Add grass or straw to the manger to get it ready.	22  Take a drive or walk around your home to look at the Christmas decorations or displays.	23  Send a thank-you note to the priests or other parish ministers who enriched your seasonal celebration.	24  Give each family member a chance to say "thank you" for a blessing God has given this year.
25  Put the Baby in the manger and read the story of Jesus' birth in <i>Luke 2:1-20</i> .	26  ...And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth in Judaea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city	27  of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." "When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. (<i>Luke 2:4-19</i>)	28  of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." 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PRAYER GROUPS

Centering Prayer / Lectio Divina

The Centering Prayer group meets weekly on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in room 15 of the Claussen Center. On Tuesday mornings, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass (9:45 a.m.) Centering Prayer will be held in the Parish Library. Following Centering Prayer, both groups pray Lectio Divina. Everyone is welcome. (Brochures are available in the foyer.)

Divine Will Prayer Group

The Divine Will Prayer Group studies the writings of Servant of God Louisa Piccarreta. The group meets on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. in the Claussen Center, room 15. 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.

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

We pray every morning in the Church except Sunday. We begin 45 minutes before Mass. Please join us. (We have printed guides with the prayers available.)

St. John Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

St. John prayer group meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

THROUGH THE DARKNESS

BRING US TO THE LIGHT

Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military:

Bradley N. Chartier

U.S. Army

Sgt. Chris Counts

U.S. Marine Corp

James Cunningham

BU3 Charlie Davidson

U.S. Navy

Specialist 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

Sgt. 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

LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)

PFC. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)

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. Tydingco (USN)

Deployed on U.S.S. Boxer

PRAYER LIST

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

Tom Abele	Scott Hoban	Carol Petrone
Marilyn Adams	Karen Hohne	Joe Pohrer
Richard Adams	Mary Charlotte Hollohan	Angela Preuss
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Allard	Val Hunt	Betty & Howard Preuss
Jacob Andrew	Mario Incatasciato	Bennett Robinson
Makayla Basile	Cade Joslin	Marilyn Robinson
Geraldine Bennet	Dawn June	Mima Robinson
Linda Berry	Tony & Mary Lou Lamantia	Marie and Dick Rodrick
Matt Brown	& Family	Alicia Rodriguez
Tom Bruney	William Line	Bonnie Rowe
Joyce Cardoza	Ruth Lisser	Joseph Ryan
Christine Cassara	Penny Lomas	Daniel Schoenbauer
James Castaldi	Anita & Laura Lombardi	Christopher Serna
Jordan Cole	Ray M.	Patricia Shannahan
Owen Destino	Mary Jo Magner	Leonard Sbrocco
Donna DiMaggio	Peggy and Gennaro Marino	Mary Siesky
Dee Donnelly	Jeanne Majeske	Jean Smith
Ed Duff	Brad Martin	Jeffrey Smith
Rita and Carl Edward	Kerri Mavrides	Derek Stender
Elsa Everstijn	Judy Mazza	Andrew and Christian Suarez
William Farhet	Sean McNamara	Betty Sundstrom
Jim Fargo	Eileen Merszerowski	Emilia Talamo
William Fine	Alex Moody	Theresa
Jim Fitzgerald	Rev. Richard Mueller	Larry Tracy
Donna Flynn	Rich Murray	Marie Trucco
Carol Fox	Marjorie Nelson	Conchita Turros
Christina Gable	Betty Nichols	Tony Vastola
Bobbie & Joe Gasparri	Mark Nichols	Pat & Eloisa Velasquez
Arleen Glavanovich	Honey O'Connell	Carmella Weeks
Rosemary Gold	Douglas O'Connor and Family	Herm Weinberger
Matt, Laura, Leo & Lola	Tyler Ostos	Francis Whitlock
Grabinski	Maryla Panagos	Thomas Wood
Catherine Haffey	Tracy Paponetti	Patricia Woodrich
Thomas Hartsell	Dolly Parker	Amy Young
Judy Herzog	Nicholas Pearo	

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740,

email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com,

or complete the form below and return it to the parish office.

Please add to the PRAYER LIST

Name _____

Please print first and last name

Requested by _____

Your Phone Number _____ Date _____

LET US PRAY...



END OF YEAR **GIVING**

As you consider your Christmas and end of year giving, remember your extended Catholic family!

Your gift can be designated to our parish, Catholic School, the Catholic Faith Appeal, the Catholic Community Foundation or an individual ministry. These gifts provide support for Christ's ministry and may assist you with some tax benefits. We are most grateful for your generosity to the Church!

Cash Gifts

A cash contribution can lower your tax payment to the Federal Government.

Gifts of Life Insurance

Life Insurance can be used to create a major gift at relatively low cost to the donor. If the Diocese or Catholic Community Foundation is named owner or beneficiary of a new or existing policy, the donor receives a tax deduction. Additional premiums paid through the Foundation are tax deductible, and proceeds pass to your designated parish, school or Catholic program, free of estate tax upon your passing.

A Gift of Stock – Provides Tax Advantages

A gift of appreciated stocks can provide you with the best tax advantages. You will get a charitable deduction for the fair market value of the stock, just as you would if your gift was made with cash, and you do not incur capital gains tax on the appreciation. If you cannot use all of the income tax charitable deduction resulting from the gift, you can carry it forward for as many as five years! You can also sell stocks that have lost value, contribute the proceeds of the sale and receive a capital loss tax break.

How to Transfer a Gift of Stock

Call the Development Department to facilitate a transfer of stock. Be sure to let us know if your gift is being restricted for a certain use such as a building fund, scholarships, CFA or unrestricted for the greatest need.

Gift of Real Estate

Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of a home or land.

You can stay in your home for the rest of your life, receive tax deductions and avoid capital gains tax on the sale of a home or land.

Charitable Gift Annuities

Charitable Gift Annuities provide for your own and your family's financial future with a dependable, secure, and unchanging life income. You write a check or give securities to the Catholic Community Foundation for the benefit of your parish, Catholic school or the diocese, and we agree to pay you a fixed payment for as long as you live at a rate above those paid by banks! In addition, you receive an initial tax deduction for the gift and a substantial amount of your payment comes to you tax-free.

The chart below indicates the approximate annuity payment based on a single life...

AGE	RATE
85	8.4%
80	7.5%
75	6.5%
70	5.8%
65	5.3%



Example: For a person of 75 years of age, a \$20,000 cash gift, will produce an annual fixed payment of \$1,300 for the rest of her/his life, \$993 of which is tax-free, and a tax deduction of \$7,678 which can be used for up to five years.

The minimum amount required to establish a CGA is \$5,000.

**For information on any gift option please contact:
Jim Rice, Director of Development and Giving
941-445-1286**

Please remember us in your gift and estate planning!

PLEASE CONSULT YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISER BEFORE MAKING ANY CHARITABLE GIFTS.

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John Smith	598.2306
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Jamaica Mission:	
Al & Ann Kerns	514.1553
Knights of Columbus:	
St. John Council 11281	
Jim Follse	495.9741
Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308	
Rudy Kamennick	248-1853
Ladies of Charity:	
Valerie Matulis	390.3545
Lectors:	
Victor Yopez	290.9090
Daily Mass Lectors:	
Rosemary Slevin	596.7057
Men's Club:	
Andy Sanfelippo	949.7122
Prayer Group:	
Linda Reilly	566.8740
Respect Life:	
Rosemary Erickson	597.3941
St. Vincent de Paul:	
Bill Smart	566.8740

Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry. Develops programs for adults to grow as Catholics through activities such as retreats, small groups meetings, lectures, seminars, social action and workshops. Stephanie Wardein: 289.5541; Perpetualimagesofnaples@gmail.com

AGA (Alienated Grandparents Anonymous). Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to

their grandchildren. First Thursdays 1:00 p.m. in the Library; 3rd Thursdays 7:00 p.m. in the PLC, rooms 1 and 2. www.aga-fl.org

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

Al-Anon. Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. PLC.

Ala-Teen. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. PLC.

Arimatheans. A group of caring parishioners who support parishioners by attending funerals as representation of our faith community. Virginia: 597.7687

Bible Story Time. Bible stories, crafts, prayer and fun Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., in PLC pre-school classroom. Parents and children ages 0-5 years old welcome. Jennifer Grenardo: grenardo@comcast.net

Bible Teaching. Lectors and friends convene Saturdays, 10 a.m., Claussen Center to practice reading the Scriptures with deeper understanding. Everyone is welcome. Victor 290.9090

Circle of Comfort. Are you or a loved one affected by cancer? We are a support team who help, encourage, pray, listen, laugh and do whatever it takes to help each other. We don't meet on a regular basis, so please call Jim or Darlene: 495.9741

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. Loretta Judy: 596.2291

Evangelization. Designed to help people leaving the church. Deacon Al 566.8740, ext. 125.9090

Families Helping Families. Mondays at 6 p.m. For families with a member who has a problem with alcohol &/or drugs. This is a small caring group to talk & answer questions. Bill: 498.7523

Grief Support. Sessions on the second and fourth Wednesdays monthly at 10:00 a.m. in room 13 of the Claussen Center. Deacon Al: 566.8740, ext. 125

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281. 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

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meetings are the day after the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Visiting Sir Knights are invited. Rudy Kamenick, FN, 248.1853

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. Meets the 2nd Friday of every month, volunteers in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank and visits local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. Also friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound. Marian

Duncan: 596.8079

Mah Jong. Wednesday, 12-3 p.m. Beginners welcome. Joan Scariotti: 594.0994

Men's Club. Group of dedicated men (with the superb assistance from their ladies) who assist the Pastor and the parish. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month, 2-3:00. New members welcome. Andy Sanfelippo: 949.7122

Gospel Forum. Group of men who join together to discuss the following Sunday's gospel and its application to everyday life. Prayer and casual discussion of various spiritual writings follows. Pizza and soft drinks offered. Meets Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in PLC. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

Narcotics Anonymous. Wednesday, Thursday, Sturday, 8:00 p.m. PLC.

Philothea. Women ages 20-45 meet to support & encourage one another through the joys & struggles of life, work and motherhood in a Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Ruth Wardein: 398.4428, redhedded28@yahoo.com

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

Religious Gift Shop. NEW HOLIDAY ITEMS!! Open Saturday and Sunday. We will also be open after daily Mass starting November 7. The gift shop is in need of volunteers. 591.4668

Sewing Group. Meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in room 1 of the PLC. New members welcome. Nancy Cote 514.0410

Sing-A-Long at Nursing Facilities. Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Juniper Village at Naples; Tuesday, Dec. 20 at Kiva of Canterbury (107th Street), both at 2:00 p.m. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

St. John Choir. Rehearsals: Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites. Phyllis Gryskiewicz, 566-7307

Women's Bible Study. Thursday, 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m., Library. Linda Reilly, 821.8982

PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

Hymns for the First Sunday of Advent, November 26 & 27, 2011

Entrance Hymn:	186	O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Preparation Hymn:	454	Eye Has Not Seen
Communion Hymn:	495	Bread of Life (<i>Advent verses</i>)
	198	Jesus, Come To Us
Closing Hymn:	188	The Advent of Our King

Ladies of St. John's Luncheon Christmas Luncheon

The Ladies of St. John's Christmas luncheon will be held Friday, December 9 at the Club at the Strand at 11:45 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m.

The cost of the luncheon is \$26.00, all-inclusive. For questions, please contact: Barbara Fenn at 261.1894. Mail your check to: Mary Haynes, 5907 Three Iron Drive, Apt. 2303, Naples, FL 34110. Your check is your reservation. Payment must be received no later than Monday, December 5.

Please remember to bring a small inexpensive gift for Santa's sack.

CALENDAR

Prayer Garden Grand Opening

*Sunday, December 4
after 9:00 a.m. Mass*

JOP Christmas Tea

Wednesday, December 7

Faith & Wine

Tuesday, December 13

One Starry Night & St. John the Evangelist

Christmas Concert
Friday, December 16

Second Annual Parish Beautification Day

Saturday, January 7, 2012

Parish Winter Cruise

January 21 - 28, 2012

JOP Pirates of the Cribbean Festival

February 3, 2012



Book of Remembrance

You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in our Book of Remembrance on display near the ambo/pulpit. Those whose names are entered in our book will be remembered in prayer at each Mass celebrated during the month of November.

Thank You

The Saint William Rosary Makers would like to thank all our supporters at St. John the Evangelist parish who gave to our October 2011 Appeal. With your generous donations, we will be able to make and distribute rosaries into 2012 in honor of Our Blessed Mother - Queen of the Holy Rosary. You and your intentions are remembered daily in our prayers. Thank you!

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



I have had to submit three weeks worth of Scott's Corner in a very consolidated period of time. So much so that I am not sure of which week I am writing. But here goes...

I hope that everyone enjoyed a HAPPY THANKSGIVING this past Thursday. If you were traveling over the holiday to be with family and loved ones, we wish you a safe return.

We have yet to experience any unseasonably cold weather to speak of here in "paradise" this fall with the exception of a very short lived cool snap several weeks ago. Many up north have also not experienced any miserable winter conditions as of yet. These miserable conditions are usually "just what the doctor ordered" to chase the remaining seasonal residents out of their residences up north and bring them down to Southwest Florida. There used to be a very clear pattern with the seasonal travel habits of our winter residents. Many that have dual residences would come down in late October/early November and open up their winter homes. They would then stay with us until the week before Thanksgiving and head back up north to spend the holidays, returning in the middle of January. Over the past couple of years, this pattern has changed. Many of our winter residents are foregoing their fall visit and instead arriving after the first of the year. Easter also plays a major role in the length of time our seasonal residents remain in Southwest Florida, especially for those who rent versus own. I am overly optimistic that the current poor state of our economy will not prevent those who rent from making their annual trek to Southwest Florida for the winter months. Many that rent do so on a month-to-month basis and will generally stay in Naples until Easter. Easter in 2012 will fall on April 4.

This means that many of our winter residents will stay through the month of April in 2012. Why am I discussing the seasonal travel patterns of our winter residents? Because these travel patterns have a substantial effect on our local economy. As we are all aware, the Naples economy is heavily based on tourism. Many of our work force are employed in the service industry and count on our seasonal residents to survive. If our seasonal residents arrive one month later or depart even one month early, this will have a dramatic effect on the ability for many that rely on their economic influx to survive. This is certainly the case



here at St. John the Evangelist. As I have stated before, we generally operate "in the red" 7 out of 12 months. Our seasonal parishioners are crucial in allowing us to build a surplus in the winter so that we may sustain during the very lean summer months. Let us pray that the local and nationwide economy improves in short order and that we have long and prosperous winter season.

Did you notice the beautiful addition to the narthex of the church? Last year at the International Catholic Stewardship Conference I was given the idea by a parish in California to design and build a "Ministry Wagon" so that our numerous ministries could display their literature. It just so happens that we have an incredibly talented carpenter in our parish. I presented the idea to Marty Gauthier and he graciously agreed to build the wagon. Marty constructed this beautiful piece by hand from scratch with no template. He is an amazing steward of his time and talent and we are blessed to have him at St. John the Evangelist. The next step is to populate the open sleeves on the wagon. If you would like your ministry included in the wagon, please see me for specifications on the size of your flyer.

Did you know that the mosaic to be located in the north end of the Paniccia Prayer Garden is being designed and built by one of our parishioners? Julie Kwiatkowski has been working for several months to fabricate this massive 5' x 9' mosaic featuring

a scene from the city of Assisi in Italy. For those familiar with mosaics, this is a very painstaking process involving the manipulation of thousands of pieces of small tiles. Julie sent me a picture from her studio of the work in progress, which I have included in my column. She is performing all of this work as a gift of time and talent and we are very grateful. Thanks, Julie, for all your hard work and we look

forward to seeing the finished product for the dedication of the Prayer Garden.

The miniatures sculptures of the Blessed Mother, St. John the Evangelist and the crucifix are slated to arrive from December 9 - December 12. This is a far cry from the original arrival date of mid September. When they arrive, our team of volunteers will contact those of you that purchased the statues to arrange for pick up. Although there has been a lengthy delay, we are confident that the finished product will be well worth the wait.

— see *Scott's Corner*, page 11

November 2011

Diocesan Parishes will hold the Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious December 10 and 11

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2010, while visiting a senior-care facility, our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI noted, "Indeed, the provision of care for the elderly should be considered not so much an act of generosity as the repayment of a debt of gratitude." The weekend of December 10 and 11, 2011, our Diocesan Parishes will hold the Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This is an opportunity to honor and thank thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests for their faithful service.

So many of us are beneficiaries of the tremendous contributions these women and men have made to the Church. Through hard work, prayer and sacrifice they have built Catholic schools and hospitals, initiated programs to promote social justice, and ministered to the neediest among us. As I reflect on the dedication of elder religious, I remain grateful for the tremendous service they have offered our Diocese. Perhaps, you may recall a sister or brother who made a positive difference in your life.

Today, many religious communities struggle to care for their elderly members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for prescription medications, nursing care and basic services.

Please offer what you can and join me in supporting this Annual Collection, and in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elder sisters, brothers and religious order priests.

Thank you for your generosity.

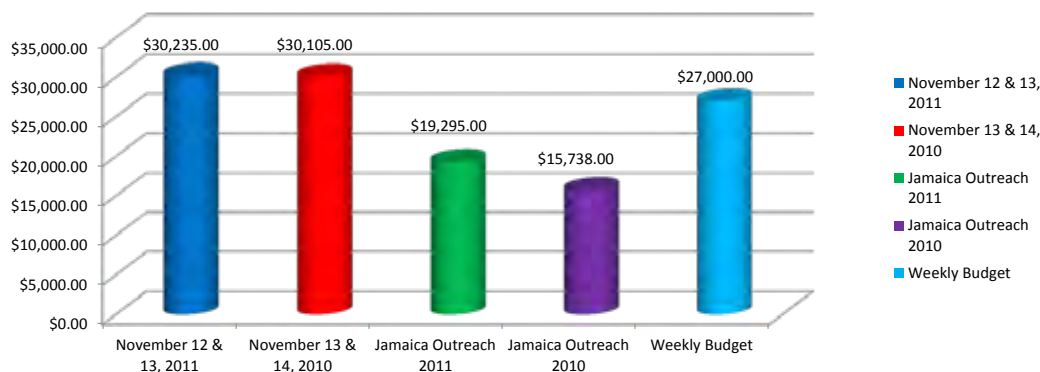
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida



Collection Summary



YTD/CFA Summary



SCOTT'S CORNER

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We will display samples of the statues in the religious boutique for purchase by those who did not order in advance.

The dedication of the Paniccia Prayer Garden is officially scheduled for December 4 following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate this momentous occasion. We have poured a tremendous amount of time and effort into the Prayer Garden and we are optimistic that you will appreciate the finished product.

In His work together,
Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager

5 PM Contemporary Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, November 27, 2011: the First Sunday of Advent

Opening Song **186 O Come, O Come Emmanuel** Traditional

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

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 80) Music by Tom Oram & James Winter, © 2005, 2011 A Chasing After Wind Music (BMI) / Jesus Fish Fanatic Music (BMI). All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Response (cf. v.4)



Lord, make us turn to you;— let us see your face and
we shall be saved, we shall be saved.

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

Preparation Song **454 Eye Has Not Seen** Marty Haugen

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

Memorial Acclamation (B) • *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist*

Great Amen • *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist*

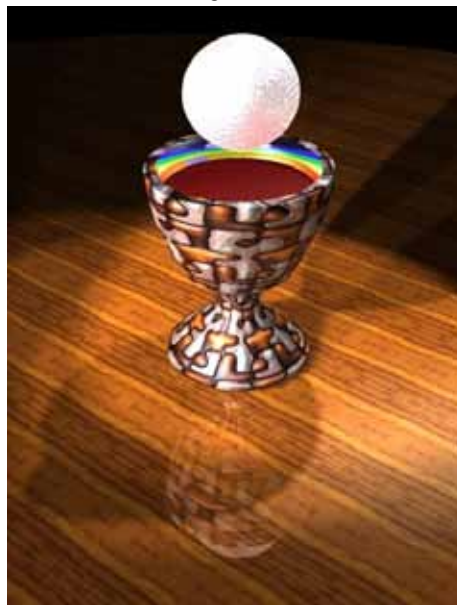
Agnus Dei • *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist*

Communion Song **Communion** Mac Powell / 3rd Day CCLI Song No. 4586072 © 2005 Consuming Fire Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) Brad Avery/David Carr/Mac Powell/Mark Lee/Tai Anderson. All rights Reserved. CCLI Lic. #2008891.

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.**

Verse) I will remember ev'rything, Lord,
That you've done for me
I won't take for granted the Sacrifice
That set me free
I hunger and thirst for your love
Come fill me today

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



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v1) The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice

He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice

**chorus) How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God**

v2) Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end

The Godhead, Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb; the Lion and the Lamb!

Bridge) Name above all names,
worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing, 'How great is our God!'

Closing Song

Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?

Martin Smith / Delirious?

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Verse 1) Did you feel the mountains tremble?
Did you hear the oceans roar
when the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ, the risen One?

Verse 2) Did you feel the people tremble?
Did you hear the singers roar
when the lost began to sing of
Jesus Christ, the saving One?

Pre-chorus) And we can see that,
God, you're moving,
a mighty river through the nations;
and young and old will turn to Jesus.
Fling wide, you heavenly gates:
prepare the way of the risen Lord! (Chorus)

Verse 3) Do you feel the darkness tremble
when all the saints join in one song,
and all the streams flow as one river
to wash away our brokenness?

Pre-chorus 2) And here we see that,
God, you're moving;
a time of jubilee is coming,
when young and old return to Jesus.
Fling wide, you heavenly gates:
prepare the way of the risen Lord! (Chorus)

O - pen up the doors and let the music play! Let the streets
re - sound with sing - ing! Songs that bring your hope,
songs that bring your joy, dan - cers who dance up-on in - jus - tice!

*prepare ye
the way of the Lord*



First Sunday of Advent: Year B

Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B, 64:2-7

Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

The Word & Life

A Season of Holy Longing – Be Watchful!

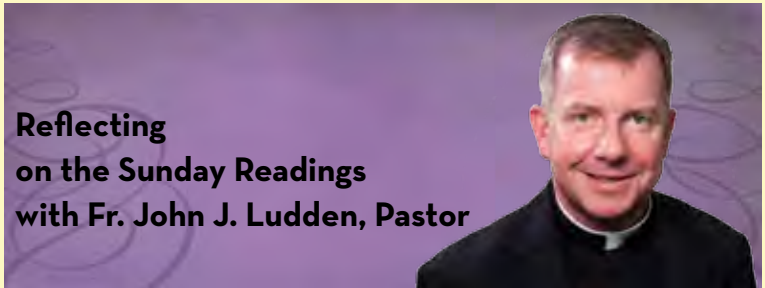
*A*s we begin a new Liturgical Year, we take step back to examine the divine drama of when heaven's treasure is deposited upon the earth. The First Sunday of Advent invites us into a period of holy longing; a time of prayerful reflection upon the mystery of the Incarnation. Sometimes it is hard to grasp this reality when the world is already celebrating Christmas. Our neighborhoods, stores, places of recreation and clubs have already got all the decorations up and Christmas music is heard everywhere. The Church gifts us with the season of advent every year so that we can really discern and examine what the coming of Christ means to us. Today's gospel reminds us that we have been endowed with responsibilities until the Lord returns. We are to be watchful for the day when the Lord will come to us, ensuring that we have been faithful stewards on this earthly pilgrimage.



There is a tendency among people to almost look at the celebration through the eyes of a child and relive the chronological events surrounding the Incarnation. We most certainly must approach our preparation for the Christmas event with the mind of an adult but also the heart of a child. Our adult minds make us aware of why the event of the Incarnation took place. The world had separated itself from God and was awaiting its redeemer and savior. In the midst of this longing, Jesus became flesh and lived among us. The divine drama that

unfolded around his birth will forever warm the hearts of children for years to come and rekindle the light of the child that still lives in each one of us. The coming of Jesus

Christ in Bethlehem with stories of angels, shepherds, and kings is almost told as if were a fairy tale, but the reality of Jesus' life mission challenges the adult life to its core. Advent celebrates the 'coming' of the Lord. As a people of God and members of His Church we are entrusted with his mission to proclaim the good news of the kingdom. While memories of childhood crèches warm the heart, the conviction of Jesus' compassion sets our hearts on fire. The gospel challenges us to be alert at all times and watch for the time of the Lord's arrival. Since Christ has already been made Incarnate, we are invited to be alert to the subtleties of His presence around us. Advent constantly reminds us that Jesus is Emmanuel – that is, God-with-us. We pray this advent that we will allow God to be with us in all that we do and say.



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

Reflection Questions

1. **How did the first coming of Jesus change the history of salvation?**
2. **How has the Incarnation of Jesus made an impact on the world?**
3. **How do you prepare to meet Christ in your day to day activities?**
4. **What is going to be different in your observance of advent this year?**
5. **How will your faith grow during this season of holy longing?**
6. **What challenges do you experience in your own life in regard to being ready to meet God?**
7. **What impact does the coming of Christ have in your own life?**

Prayer

We pray: Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus. Come into a world which yearns to know your love. May your Church encounter you today, as did those people from ancient times. Come enter into the lives of those who are broken and in need of your love. Be in the joys of those who have much to celebrate. Enliven our hearts with a holy longing. Keep us watchful in prayer until you come in glory! Amen.

Wisdom of the Fathers

"Today, with the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. This season invites us to reflect on the dimension of time, which always exerts great fascination over us. However, after the example of what Jesus loved to do, I wish to start with a very concrete observation: we all say that we do not have enough time, because the pace of daily life has become frenetic for everyone. In this regard too, the Church has "good news" to bring: God gives us his time. We always have little time; especially for the Lord, we do not know how or, sometimes, we do not want to find it. Well, God has time for us! This is the first thing that the beginning of a liturgical year makes us rediscover with ever new amazement. Yes, God gives us his time, because he entered history with his Word and his works of salvation to open it to eternity, to make it become a covenantal history. In this prospective, already in itself time is a fundamental sign of God's love: a gift that man, as with everything else, is able to make the most of or, on the contrary, to waste; to take in its significance or to neglect with obtuse superficiality.

.....The liturgical season of Advent celebrates the coming of God in its two moments: it first invites us to reawaken our expectation of Christ's glorious return, then, as Christmas approaches, it calls us to welcome the Word made man for our salvation. Yet the Lord comes into our lives continually. How timely then, is Jesus' call, which on this First Sunday is powerfully proposed to us: "Watch!" (Mk 13: 33, 35, 37). It is addressed to the disciples but also to everyone, because each one, at a time known to God alone, will be called to account for his life. This involves a proper detachment from earthly goods, sincere repentance for one's errors, active charity to one's neighbor and above all a humble and confident entrustment to the hands of God, our tender and merciful Father."

Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Address in St. Peter's Square on the First Sunday of Advent, 2008



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Beautiful Granite Benches Adorn Prayer and Memorial Gardens and Main Church Entrance

This is the final installment in a series of eight describing the improvements made to our campus during the past year. We discussed the church renovation, liturgical enhancements, adoration chapel, statues of the Blessed Mother and St. John the Evangelist, the crucifix, memorial garden, prayer garden, and we will now commence with the granite memorial benches. Our intent was to bring to light the amazing transformation of our campus through the generosity of you, our donors.

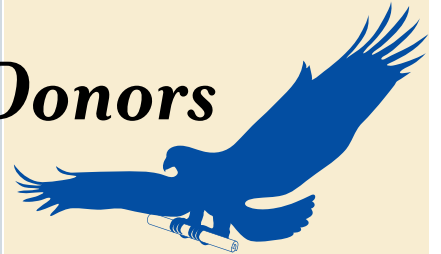
Due to the persistence of Peter (Pete) Nicoletta, we now have 22 beautiful granite benches on our campus. Pete approached Fr. John last year to inquire about the purchase of a granite bench for the Knights of Columbus in the Memorial Garden. After researching numerous vendors, Pete found Star Granite out of Elberton, Georgia as a possible supplier. Their pricing was very competitive and the finished product was beyond comparison.

After presenting his findings to Fr. John, the decision was made to offer the benches to our parishioners so that they could memorialize or honor their loved ones. As a result, we now have 22 custom made butterfly blue granite benches with silver lithograph engraving. The benches are located in the Memorial Garden (10), Prayer Garden (8) and in front of the main church entrance (4). The sale of the benches was an instrumental component in allowing us to finish the Prayer Garden and further enhance the Memorial Garden. We began offering the benches for sale in February of this year and by the end of May they were all spoken for. Thank you once again to all of our parishioners that took advantage of this opportunity.



THANK YOU, DONORS...

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Corrections/Additions:

With the plethora of items discussed over the past eight weeks, there was bound to be an error or omission. We happened to have both. The Men's Club generously donated the beautiful fountain located in the gazebo at the entrance to the Prayer Garden. They also donated a beautiful candle stand which adorns the altar. When describing the liturgical enhancements, the Men's Club was inadvertently omitted as a donor for the candle stand. Before writing the donor page for liturgical enhancements, I walked up to the church, stood in front of the altar and took note of all the items to be included in my comments. Unfortunately, one item was omitted due to the fact that it was hidden from view. Peter and Allison Heaney graciously donated a new set of Altar bells to be used during the Consecration. The ringing of the Altar bells has added a very nice touch to the sacredness of the Mass. Please accept my apologies for the error and omission and thank you one last time to all those who contributed to the campus improvements.

The campus is looking better than ever.

Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager



THANK YOU, DONORS...
NOVEMBER 27, 2011 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Faith Formation



Upcoming Events

December 4

RCIA Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming

December 12

First Reconciliation Rehearsal

December 15

First Reconciliation Ceremony

December 18

Catechist Appreciation Brunch

Faith Formation News

RCIA Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming... will be celebrated on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The unbaptized adults who profess their faith in Jesus Christ and sincerely desire to enter the church are accepted as "catechumens" during this Mass. The baptized adults preparing for reception into full communion and uncatechized Catholics preparing to complete their initiation are welcomed as "candidates" at this Mass.

First Reconciliation Rehearsal... will take place on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the church. Since First Reconciliation is a ceremony that involves parents as well as the child, both parents need to be present. Children and parents will sit in a reserved section according to their child's assigned faith formation class.

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First Reconciliation Ceremony... will take place on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the church. Through the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation children learn to know Jesus as their Friend, to love Him above all things, to love others, and to have contrition for their sins when they fail to love.

NEW YEAR

The Church begins a new liturgical year on the Sunday closest to the feast of the apostle Andrew (November 30). This year the first Sunday of Advent is November 27th. We begin Year B in the liturgical cycle, and we also start using the 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal.

Mark 13:33-37

Need for Watchfulness

We are preparing to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, his first coming.

Yet, Advent is a time that we prepare for the Second Coming. We don't know when this will happen. Jesus' message is to be watchful and alert for his coming. To be watchful and alert means getting ready and prepared. This involves getting our lives in order. Christ gave us the sacraments so we can do this, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If we are in a state of grace, we're ready to meet Jesus.

Our preparation involves each of us gathering the harvest. It means for us to fulfill our baptism promises. Each of us is asked to be a missionary in our lives so everyone may come to know and love the Lord when they come face to face with God.

What can a parent do?

This Gospel gives parents a chance to explain to our children what the Second Coming means: that Jesus will come to earth again. This should not be something to fear. Rather, it will be as wonderful as Christmas itself since it means we'll be with God forever.

Partners in Faith. November 2011. Success Publishing

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

GRADE 1

Life Question: What do you wait and look forward to?

Gospel Question: How are you getting ready for Christmas at home?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: What do you wait for?

Gospel Question: How does Advent help us wait for Christmas?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: What are three things your family does to make Advent special?

Gospel Question: How can we be ready for Jesus to come?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: What is a danger that threatened your life?

Gospel Question: How do you stay alert to Jesus' coming in your life?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: What experiences in family, in nature, in friendships have awakened you to what is important in life?

Gospel Question: How do you stay awake to all Jesus asks of us?

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Festival
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February
3, 2012*

Jamaica Outreach Program Year-end gifting opportunities

Build a House for a Needy family

When we visit the recipients of these homes, their eyes say so much that words are not necessary.

They often tell us they pray for those who have changed their lives so dramatically.

Donors receive a photo and name of the family they rescued from a shack or the street.

\$3,200 will pay for a housing unit with sanitation facilities.

Heal the Sick

Countless children need asthma medication. Babies are saved from abortion because their mothers can receive pre-natal care. Without our free medicine, rampant diabetes and high blood pressure goes untreated. Infection is a real threat without antibiotics.

\$1,600 will keep the medical dispensary stocked with medicine for 1 month.

Unrestricted Gifts

in any \$ amount will be applied to the many needs of the poor in Jamaica.

Please consider a gift that will make a difference! *Christmas gift cards available on request.*

Checks payable to Jamaica Outreach Program can be mailed to P.O. Box 110581, Naples, FL 34108-1929.

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Merry Christmas and God bless you all!

Christmas Tea

To benefit **Jamaica Outreach Program**

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 1:00-4:00 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist Ballroom, 625 111th Ave N

\$35 per person — Reserved Seating — Tickets available:

St. John's office during business hrs. Also, after Masses Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 3-4

Or, mail checks payable to Jamaica Outreach, P.O. Box 110581, Naples, FL 34108-1929

Or, call Jeanne Stamant 514-0290 for credit card and telephone orders.

Telephone and mail ordered tickets will be mailed to you. Please let us know who you want to be seated with.

Champagne Reception — Gifts/Jewelry/Purse Vendors — Tea, sandwiches, scones, sweets

Entertainment — Raffle — Door prizes — Wear your Christmas colors!

Jamaica Outreach Program, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) public charity. A portion of your ticket may be tax deductible.

Keep Christ in Christmas

Help "Keep Christ in Christmas"
by sending religious Christmas cards.

Profits benefit the Jamaica Outreach Program
and the youth of the parish.

A large assortment of cards will be available after each Mass
in front of the church.

Buy early to get the
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Contact:
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To the Xavier University & Edgecliff Family,

The beautiful season of Advent will be with us shortly.
And each year during Advent season, we come together to
celebrate the feast day of our patron - St. Francis Xavier.
Please join us for Mass on Sunday, December 4th, 2011, at
11:15 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church for our annual
Communion Mass. Whether you are a "seasoned" or young
alum, the parents of a Xavier student or graduate, a current
or future Musketeer, or a friend of Xavier or Edgecliff, we
hope each of you will be with us to help celebrate with
Xavier's Southwest Florida Family.

Immediately following the liturgy, Xavier's Southwest
Florida Family is encouraged to join us for fellowship and
refreshments – as well as an update about the many changes
at Xavier – in the Seminar Room in the Claussen Center.

For more information please contact Michael Rawers at
239-207-9880 or mrawers@hotmail.com

Faith and Wine

Wine Tasting

Faith and Wine cordially invites the women of the
community to

**"God's Gift to Women:
WINE and Faith"**

A Wine Tasting with a Catholic Twist

(non-wine drinkers are welcome; non-alcoholic
alternatives to wine will be available)

Tuesday, December 13, 2011
from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom
625 111th Avenue North

Cost

\$10/person pre-paid (\$15 at door)
(includes wine tasting & appetizers)
Pre-Payment Strongly Encouraged!

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women, all at different places along
their faith journey, who seek fellowship
with each other and a greater under-
standing of their Catholic faith in order
to enrich their lives and help them cope
with the ever-changing challenges pre-
sented by today's society. Sponsorship
opportunities are available– please e-
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Save the Date



Friday,
December 16th
at 5:30 p.m.

"One Starry Night
in Bethlehem"

In conjunction

with a

Christmas Concert



Ring in the Holiday's and join us for St. John Neumann Catholic High School's 11th Annual Auction and Celtic Snowball on **Saturday, December 3, 2011, 6:30 p.m. Beachfront in Port Royal.**

You are cordially invited to join our Honored Guest , Bishop Frank J. Dewane and us for this festive evening, with proceeds benefitting the educational and scholarship programs at St. John Neumann Catholic High School. Exciting auction items include villa vacations, Judge Judy tickets, iPad, Xbox, Home Theater with surround sound and more!

Enjoy Cocktails, Gourmet Dinner, Dancing and a fabulous Live and Silent Auction. A very **limited number of tickets** at \$175.00 per person are available online at <http://sjnceltics.org/celtic-snowball.html>, or by contacting St. John Neumann's Development Office at **(239) 455-3044 ext. 213.**

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