

December 11, 2011

Third Sunday of Advent

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Paniccia Prayer Garden Now Open



In a special event honoring all the donors for the past few years, the Paniccia Prayer Garden was formally dedicated Friday evening, December 2. The official grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony was held after the 9:00 a.m. Mass December 4. The Paniccia Prayer Garden is now open to parishioners and visitors for prayer and meditation.

— see page 3 for more coverage of the event



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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by

December 10, 2011 Saturday

8:00 AM Dorothy Legenski Anne Orem

Vigil Services

3:00 PM + Marion & Eugene Borelli Fran Caruso
5:00 PM + Thomas & Ellen Linnane Family - Dick & Helen Fedeli

December 11, 2011 Sunday

7:00 AM + Santina & Joseph Vagnone Fisher Family
9:00 AM + Joan P. Moser Family
11:15 AM For Our Parishoners
1:15 PM + Jim Belzer Pat & Seb
5:00 PM + Mary & Jack Baretta Fran Caruso

December 12, 2011 Monday

8:00 AM + Kathleen Dillon Janet D'Addario
9:00 AM + Rhoda Conroy Anne O'Leary

December 13, 2011 Tuesday

8:00 AM + Edward Knorr Marty & Loretta Sullivan
9:00 AM Jim Belzer Gordon & Alvera Clark

December 14, 2011 Wednesday

8:00 AM + Dominick Oliveri Carol Sapiro
9:00 AM + Charles Newbrand Barbara Newbrand

December 15, 2011 Thursday

8:00 AM + Gloria Ann Tenerow Mike Skinners
9:00 AM + Adele Contino Bridget Rogan

December 16, 2011 Friday

8:00 AM + Robert Sullivan Marty & Loretta Sullivan
9:00 AM + John Herighty Mike & Joan Currid

December 17, 2011 Saturday

8:00 AM + Kathleen Dillon Barbara Cascio

Vigil Services

3:00 PM + Frank D'Agostino Virginia D'Agostino
5:00 PM + Lance Lindquist Tim & Mary Pettay

December 18, 2011 Sunday

7:00 AM + Fay Moots Mark Moots & Family
9:00 AM Marge Smith Debbie Scott
11:15 AM For Our Parishoners
1:15 PM + Kenneth Hutten Theresa Fitzgerald
5:00 PM + Frieda Gauthier Renée Dantonio

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 10, 2011

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Vigil Services

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday, December 11, 2011

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, December 12, 2011

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings
from the Common of The Blessed Virgin
Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

St. Lucy

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

St. John of the Cross

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 15, 2011

Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 16, 2011

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday, December 17, 2011

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-7

Vigil Services

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, December 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Homebound: Eucharistic Ministers are available at any time to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Contact Maureen Wurtz 593.0475

THIS WEEK'S MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE...

Paniccia Prayer Garden Provides Sacred Space for Prayer

The vision that Deacon Frank and Sandi Paniccia had of a prayer garden located on the campus of St. John the Evangelist came to fruition with the dedication of the Paniccia Prayer Garden Friday evening, December 2.

The dedication took place just at dusk showcasing the prayer garden in all its lighted splendor. Spiritual readings by both Fr. John and Deacon Frank, along with music were highlights of the dedication. Some of the songs were: The Taize "Stay With Me", Sebastian Temple's "Prayer of St. Francis", and Ps 84, "How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place"(setting by Tom Oram, pastoral musician).

From the benches to the Stations of the Cross to a mosaic depicting a scene from the city of Assisi in Italy, the prayer garden became a reality through the generosity of many donors, in addition to Deacon Frank and Sandi.

Fr. John blessed each feature in the Paniccia Prayer Garden, including all the benches, the stations of the cross, the mosaic, the fountain and the St. Francis of Assisi statue, the focal point of the garden. Afterwards, all the attendees accompanied Fr. John to the Memorial Garden and then into church where he blessed all the new features of both of these areas:

fountains, benches, the new Stations of the Cross inside the church, as well as the statues of St. John the Evangelist, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the tabernacle and candlesticks.

Following the dedication, all the donors and their guests enjoyed a reception back at the PLC.

"I would like to recognize the vision of Sandi and Frank Paniccia for bringing our Prayer Garden to life. I would also like to recognize each and every parishioner who made a financial sacrifice to purchase a bench or Station of the Cross. Due to your outpouring

of support we now have a very beautiful sacred space in which to spend time in prayer, said Scott Schlossberg, General Manager.

Photos by Sam Kojiro



PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Thomas Kelly	Associate
Fr. George Hazler	Weekend Associate
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
Melanie Harrison: *Ext. 127*

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Tom Oram: *Ext. 179*

Choir Director
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Sacristan
Lorna Woonsam: *Ext. 133*

Communications
Kathy Sims: *Ext. 128*

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Scott Schlossberg: *Ext. 114*

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Marianne Brooks: 591.4668

Education Staff

Director of Faith Formation
Margie Lynch: 514.2927

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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 2013.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2012 & 2013 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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Christmas Spectacular This Friday, Dec. 16

One Starry Night In Bethlehem!



5:30 PM in the PLC Ballroom

- Bring your whole family to an experience of the Holy Land, right here at St. John the Evangelist!
- The **Marketplace** will be open from 5:30 to 7 PM. There you will be able to bake some bread, or make a crown in Herod's Palace, or make other fun crafts!
- Since hungry travelers will be coming from far away, please bring a **covered dish to share**, and the Marketplace will provide **delicious turkey and drinks for all!**
- After having eaten and walked through town, we'll go over to the church to witness the Journey to the Manger firsthand! (Details on **Christmas Concert** below.)
- After the concert, join us for a **birthday celebration for Jesus**, with cake and goodie bags right outside the church for all to enjoy! Santa will also be visiting us!!!
- Admission to One Starry Night is **free** ~ suggested donation is \$5.00 per adult.
- For more **information** – or to **help** with this event! – please contact **Charlene Youngs** at 566-8740 or email Charlene@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com.

Then at 7 PM in the Church:

The Christmas Story!

The St. John the Evangelist Music Department has an early Christmas gift for the parish: **an original presentation of the Nativity of our Lord**, told in story & song by our combined choirs (Adult, Children, & Contemporary), several talented soloists, and many of our *amazing young people* in the first annual production of our **new Christmas tradition!** Come witness the concert, **sing along** with your favorite hymns, and join us for a **reception** afterwards!



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

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Marion Duncan

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

Tom Abele	Catherine Haffey	Susan Peterson
Marilyn Adams	Thomas Hartsell	Carol Petrone
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Allard	Judy Herzog	Joe Pohrer
Jacob Andrew	Gerald Heyen	Angela Preuss
Jennifer Basile	Scott Hoban	Betty & Howard Preuss
Makayla Basile	Karen Hohne	Peggy Prosch
Linda Berry	Mary Charlotte Hollohan	Lonnie Raycow
Matt Brown	Val Hunt	Dale Reynolds
Mary Buros and infants	Mario Incatasciato	Alicia Rodriguez
Joyce Cardoza	Cade Joslin	Bonnie Rowe
Christine Cassara	Dawn June	Joseph Ryan
James Castaldi	Peggy Keener	Daniel Schoenbauer
Jordan Cole	Ruth Lisser	Christopher Serna
Eunice Chowdry	Anita & Laura Lombardi	Patricia Shannahan
Owen Destino	Ray M.	Leonard Sbrocco
Maurice DeVito	Mary Jo Magner	Mary Siesky
Donna DiIorio	Peggy and Gennaro Marino	Jean Smith
Donna DiMaggio	Jeanne Majeske	Jeffrey Smith
Ed Duff	Brad Martin	Derek Stender
Amy Durante	Kerri Mavrides	Andrew and Christian Suarez
Rita and Carl Edward	Judy Mazza	Betty Sundstrom
Elsa Everstijn	Eileen Merszerowski	Emilia Talamo
William Farhet	Alex Moody	Theresa
Jim Fargo	Joe Moran	Marie Trucco
William Fine	Rev. Richard Mueller	Conchita Turros
Jim Fitzgerald	Rich Murray	Tony Vastola
Donna Flynn	Marjorie Nelson	Pat & Eloisa Velasquez
Carol Fox	Peter Nicolleta	Carmella Weeks
Christina Gable	John Nicolais	Herm Weinberger
Bobbie & Joe Gasparri	Dennis Noone	Allison White and infants
Arleen Glavonavich	Honey O'Connell	Francis Whitlock
Rachel Glayan	Tyler Ostos	Thomas Wood
Rosemary Gold	Tracy Paponetti	Patricia Woodrich
Matt, Laura, Leo & Lola	Dolly Parker	Amy Young
Grabinski	Nicholas Pearo	Richard Zonas
Deacon Al Groh		

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...

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Mass Times for Advent Penance Service, Christmas and New Year

Monday, December 19, 2011

Advent Penance Service

7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 24, 2011

Christmas Eve Mass

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. is Children's Mass, 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25, 2011

Christmas Day Mass

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m.

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Saturday, December 31, 2011

Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2012

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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

Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal

The annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal runs from December 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012. This vital appeal helps support Catholic Charities programs which provide the needy with food, financial assistance for their mortgage/rent, utilities, prescription needs and so much more.

More Eucharistic Ministers Needed to Distribute Holy Communion

The parish is currently in need of lay Eucharistic Ministers for all weekend masses. This invitation offers you the opportunity to actively participate in the distribution of Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners. In addition to assisting the parish in a needed activity, this ministry will have the result of your experiencing more fully the gift of the Blessed Sacrament. Help yourself spiritually and come join us.

Ministers are also needed to serve the homebound, nursing homes located within the parish, and patients under care in North Collier Hospital. For more information call Dennis Powers 591.0593.

Newly Baptized



*Charlotte Jane
Bringardner
baptized
Sunday,
December 4.*

Hymns for the Third Sunday of Advent, December 10 & 11, 2011

Entrance Hymn:	193	O Come, Divine Messiah
Preparation Hymn:	194	People, Look East
Communion Hymn:	511	Eat This Bread
	461	Prayer of St. Francis
Closing Hymn:	199	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Altar Servers:	
Neal Borter	804.357.5712
Arimatheans:	
Virginia D'Agostino	597.7687
Arts & Liturgical Environment:	
Kay Sanfelippo	949.7122
Calling & Caring:	
Deacon Al Groh	566.8740 ext. 125
Eucharistic Ministers:	
Dennis Powers	591.0593
Homebound	
Maureen Wurtz	593-0475
Greeters & Ushers:	
John Smith	598.2306
Grief Support:	
Dee Donnelly	594.7193
Jamaica Mission:	
Al & Ann Kerns	514.1553
Knights of Columbus:	
St. John Council 11281	
Jim Follese	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. Dee Donnelly: 594.7193

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. No need to shop 'til you drop. Browse the gift shop and find all those special gifts you have been looking for. We have something for the very young as well as for the elderly. *Women of the Passion*, written by Joan Lynch, is available in the gift shop. She will be at Faith & Wine on December 13. Get in the loop and read ahead of time. Open Saturday and Sunday. We are also open after daily Mass. The shop will be closed December 24 and 25 and December 31 and January 1. The gift shop is in need of volunteers after Masses on Wednesday. 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...

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Understanding the Old Testament

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church will be conducting a course on *Understanding the Old Testament* beginning on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, and continuing for fourteen consecutive Tuesdays. Classes will be held from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the library in the Parish Life Center. Instructor Deacon Hal Brenner will lead an examination of the major books of the Old Testament and present methods to read, understand and interpret the Bible. An historical overview, along with an analysis of how the Old Testament was written, will be presented.

Course Objective

The objectives of the course are to develop a richer understanding of God's message to us and to grow in our faith. To register please call Deacon Hal at St. John at 566.8740 ext. 174 and leave a message. There is no charge for the class. All are welcome.

Course Description

In addition to examining the major books of the Old Testament, this course will present methods on how to read, interpret and understand the Bible. It will also provide an historical overview along with an analysis of how the Old Testament was written. This will be done through a combination of lectures, videos and group discussions.

Class 1 - 1/10/12 **Introductions, Format and Course Description**
Old Testament Introduction

Class 2 - 1/17/12 **Genesis and Covenant**
Some Important Terms
Genesis Chapters 1-11

Class 3 - 1/24/12 **The Bible — Why Was It Written?**
Abraham

Class 4 - 1/31/12 **The Bible — Inspiration and Revelation**
The Patriarchs

Class 5 - 2/7/12 **How Do You Know? And Today's Message**
Exodus and the Covenant

Class 6 - 2/14/12 **The Old Testament Timeline**
Exodus and the Covenant

Class 7 - 2/21/12 **The Old Testament Books**
Israel — God's Chosen People

Class 8 - 2/28/12 **The Pentateuch**
Israel — God's Chosen People

Class 9 - 3/6/12 **The Prophetic Literature**
Prophets of the North

Class 10 - 3/13/12 **The Wisdom Literature**
What is Prophecy?

Class 11 - 3/20/12 **Bible Process and Interpretation**
Judah's Last Chance

Class 12 - 3/27/12 **Bible Usage and Understanding**
Prophets of the South

Class 13 - 4/3/12 **Images of God**
Judaism

Class 14 - 4/10/12 **THE Relationship**
Judaism



The recent weather pattern feels more like early October rather than early December. I am aware that the majority of our seasonal residents and visitors are ecstatic with the warmer than usual weather, however, I would like some cooler weather indicative of late fall.

The winter solstice is less than two weeks away (December 22) marking the first day of winter. As the song says, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," however, it is not at all beginning to feel a lot like Christmas with high temperatures in the 80s. If the forecast holds, it will have cooled a few degrees by this weekend but far short of where we should be for this time of year. As a year round resident, I feel that my dues are paid sweating it out during the summer months. The ultimate reward is cool weather during the late fall and winter. My apologies if I offended anyone with my wishes for cooler or seasonable weather for the holidays.

The ribbon cutting of the Paniccia Prayer Garden took place this past Sunday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Several hundred parishioners processed to the Prayer Garden to take part in the ribbon cutting. After saying a few words and sprinkling Holy Water on the garden, Fr. John gave the scissors to Sandi Paniccia who welcomed everyone into the Prayer Garden for the first time. Everyone raved about the transformation of a virtually "dead" space in our courtyard to a truly spiritual space which will be enjoyed by all who choose to visit.

Have you walked through the Memorial Garden recently? We have "beefed up" the landscaping yet again and added more flowering bushes and plants with a new darker colored mulch creating a beautiful contrast. Although biased, I must say that the memorial garden looks better than ever. Would you like to join hundreds of your fellow parishioners and make our memorial garden your final resting place? The all inclusive price to do so is only \$1,200.00 and includes the opening, closing, urn, headstone and plaque. This price is literally a fraction of what you would pay at any other cemetery, and at St. John the Evangelist your remains will be buried in consecrated grounds. In order to purchase space in our garden, you must be a registered parishioner of St. John the Evangelist or a family member of a parishioner. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact me at 566.1678 to schedule an appointment.

We now have less than one month remaining in our 2011 Catholic Faith Appeal and we are still approximately \$80,000 shy of our goal. It is going to take a miracle for us to meet

with success by the end of the year, however, stranger things have happened. If you are able to make a late year gift to the CFA, we would certainly appreciate the contribution. As you are aware, if we fail to meet our goal, the shortfall will have to be recognized out of operating income. We have come a long way in the past three years and have been operating "in the black" for the past two years. Missing our goal will be very detrimental for our current 2011-2012 fiscal year. You may contribute to the CFA with gifts of stock, via credit card through the Diocese of Venice website or simply by dropping a check in the offertory. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Please mark your calendars for the Second Annual Ministry Fair to be held January 28 and 29 of this coming year. This will be an ideal opportunity for those of you wishing to become involved in a parish ministry to do so. All of our ministries will be represented in the fair which will be held in the ballroom of the Parish Life Center. There will be giveaways at the fair as well as snacks and beverages tailored to the time of day you choose to attend. Please see upcoming bulletins for further details on the Ministry Fair.

Beginning this weekend you will see special envelopes with a red poinsettia in the narthex. These envelopes are to be used for our annual Christmas Spiritual Bouquet. Your donation will furnish the Sanctuary with flowers during the Christmas season and your loved ones will be remembered in the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet during the Christmas Masses. Your intentions will also be published in the parish bulletin. A duplicate of the envelope will be published in the bulletin for those who are unable to locate an envelope.

After the first of the year, we are going to begin an additional bench campaign for those who were unable to take advantage of the initial campaign earlier this year. After seeing the finished product, many parishioners have approached me regarding the purchase of additional granite benches. Once the locations are finalized, we will publish a map in the bulletin indicating the placement of the additional benches. The price for a bench will remain at \$3,000.00 which includes the engraving. Some of the benches will be located around the perimeter of the church and others will be located in the courtyard. Please see upcoming bulletins for further details.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager

The Proverbial Christ

On the Feast of Christ the King this year, I shared a poem that I had written a few years ago as part of my homily. It specifically related to the Last Judgment in Matthew's gospel. Many of you have asked for a copy of that poem which I graciously offer you today.

God Bless, Fr. John.

The Proverbial Christ

I saw Christ today,
In the clothes of a beggar he stood
With outstretched hands he called
to me
A heart waiting to be understood.

I saw Christ today
A child in watchful wonder,
Forgiving and ever giving
Without a care in the world,
very much unconcerned.

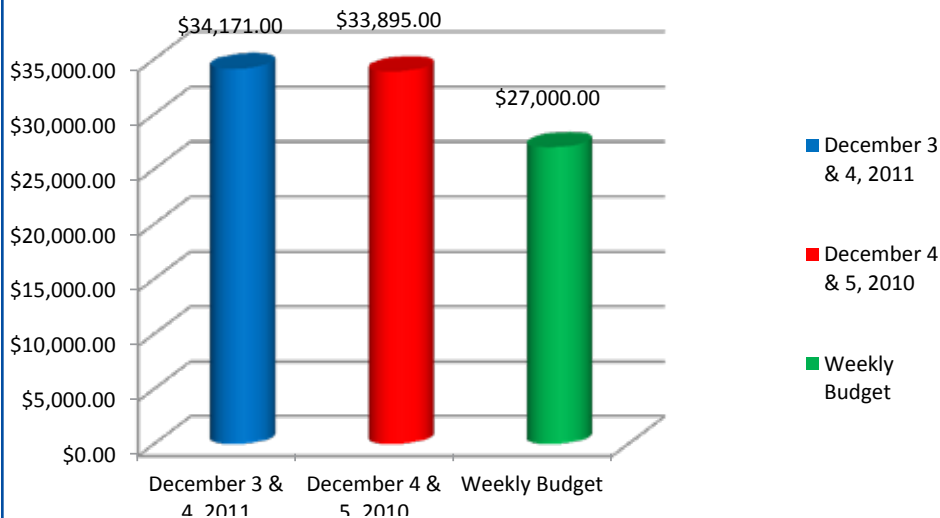
I saw Christ today,
In people gathered in prayer,
With priest's outstretched hands,
Gifts of bread and wine, blessed and
broken, given sublime.

I saw Christ today,
A clown with beaded hair
A laughing stock to the world
But a smile with the wisdom of
Christ unfurled.

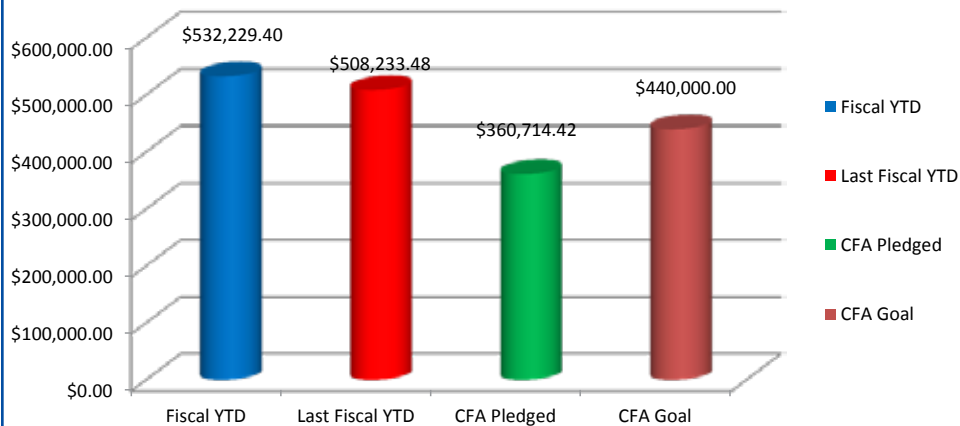
I saw Christ today,
In a wrinkled face so gray,
Unassuming, yet confused
In a world so far away.

Yes, I saw Christ today,
In every single way
In every breathing moment
Gifts and treasures freely given,
without delay.

Collection Summary



YTD/CFA Summary



CALENDAR

Faith & Wine

Tuesday, December 13

Faith & Ale

Wednesday, December 14

J.O.Y. Club

Thursday, December 15

One Starry Night & St. John the Evangelist

Christmas Concert

Friday, December 16

Men's Club Sock Hop

Saturday, January 27, 2012

Parish Winter Cruise

January 21 - 28, 2012

5 PM Contemporary Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, December 11, 2011: the Third Sunday of Advent

Opening Song **194 People, Look East** Traditional French Carol

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

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Response (Is 61:10b)



My soul re - joi - ces, re - joi - ces in my God.

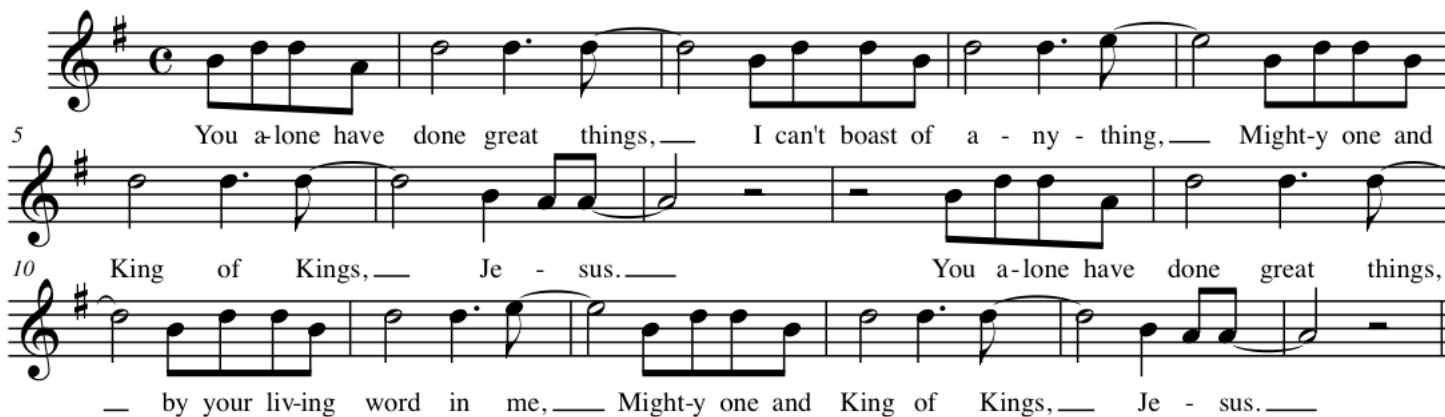
Gospel Acclamation • *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist* (please see worship aid in pew)

Preparation Song **Great Things** Matt Maher © 2007 Spiritandsong.com; Reprinted under License #2008891.

Verse

My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord, rejoicing in my Savior.
Your mercy belongs to those who fear your Son; his blessing you have given them forever.
And holy is his Name. Holy is his Name:

Chorus



5 You a-lone have done great things, — I can't boast of a - ny - thing, — Might-y one and
10 King of Kings, — Je - sus. — You a-lone have done great things,
— by your liv-ing word in me, — Might-y one and King of Kings, — Je - sus. —

Bridge: And it's your name we're shouting out, shouting out loud (repeat 3 more times, then to Chorus)

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*



Verse 1) Oh, how could it be
That my God would welcome me into this mystery?
Say, 'take this bread, take this wine':
Now the simple, made Divine—for any to receive.
By your mercy we come to your Table,
By your grace you are making us faithful.

Chorus) Lord, we remember you,
And remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship you,
Our worship leads to Communion.
We respond to your invitation,
We remember you.

Verse 2) See his Body, his Blood
Know that he has overcome ev'ry trial we will face.
And none too lost to be saved,
None too broken or ashamed,
All are welcome in this place.
By your mercy we come to your table
By your grace you are making us faithful

Bridge) Dying you destroyed our death, Rising you restored our life, Lord Jesus come in glory *(repeat)*

Meditation

461 Prayer of St. Francis

Sebastian Temple

Closing Song

Let the River Flow

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Verse

Let the poor man say, "I am rich in him."
Let the lost man say, "I am found in him."
Oh, let the river flow!
Let the blind man say, "I can see again."
Let the dead man say, "I am born again."
Oh, let the river flow! Oh, let the river flow—

Chorus

Let the river flow, let the river flow
Holy Spirit, come, move in power
Let the river flow (let the river flow)
Let the river flow (let the river flow)
Let the river flow (let the river flow)
Let the river flow!



*prepare ye
the way of the Lord*

The Word & Life

Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11

Responsorial: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Christ of Promise

It would seem that today's gospel is a repeat of last Sunday's gospel. We hear John's gospel echo the message of Mark's gospel last week. Once again we focus on the character of John the Baptist. The fourth gospel account emphasizes the role of the Baptist. He is not Elijah or one of the prophets from of old, neither is he the Christ. John describes himself as the fulfillment of the Prophet of Isaiah — he is the voice crying out to the world of his time to make straight the way of the Lord. He was no stranger to the dark realities of people's lives. Indeed, he called them to conversion and repentance. John the Baptist's mission is to prepare the world for the coming of Christ and to testify to the light.

Reflection Questions

1. What does it mean to testify to the light?
2. What are the areas of darkness in your life/relationships that need to be illuminated by Christ's presence?
3. How is Jesus the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, i.e. sent to bring glad tidings to the poor, healing to the broken hearted, liberty to captives?
4. In what ways will you bring glad tidings to the poor?
5. Is there anyone in your life that you know is broken-hearted?
6. If so, how will you help in the healing process?
7. What holds you or others you know captive?
8. How will you use the grace of Christ to transform that situation(s)?

Little did John know how powerful the coming of Christ would be. In today's reading from Isaiah, we hear of the anointed one who was sent to bring glad tidings to the poor, healing to the broken, liberty to the captives, release to prisoners and to announce the year of the Lord. This anointing blessed the world when Jesus began his public ministry and all these things came to pass. The coming of Jesus as the Christ (Anointed One) brings with it the healing and comfort of heaven. Jesus' presence brought transformation for those who encountered him during his ministry on earth. The life and ministry of Jesus Christ enabled the world to be touched directly by the hand of God. Jesus situated himself in the midst of the poor, the vulnerable, the sinner, the outcast, the broken, the unwanted and the unwelcomed. In all of these experiences, he was ultimately teaching us how to love and live our lives. Jesus is indeed the Anointed One who empowers us to be anointed and continue his saving work by virtue of our baptism. We are all anointed in baptism to be priest, prophet and heirs to the kingdom of heaven. In concrete that means as the priesthood of all believers, that we become people of charity who are able to sacrifice ourselves for the sake of the kingdom.

In our works of charity we become signs of hope for those who are poor. In the prophetic nature of our baptism, we are constantly challenged to discern God's will in regard to the problems that exist in our society and our world. We are called to speak out with the courage of a prophet if we know that something is wrong and goes against what God intended when he created the world. We have to live everyday knowing that our journey's end will bring us to a kingdom where right relationship is restored and we are reconciled with God.

As we enter the third week of our advent season, we rejoice in the Lord's initiative to save us. Preparing for Christmas does not only bring beautiful memories of childhoods gone by; it reminds us of why Christ came in the first place. The advent season calls to mind our salvation in Christ. It reminds us of the promise given in our baptism. It recalls all the hopes and expectations of those who waited in faith for the coming of the Messiah. As Christians, we know that Jesus has already come to the world and departed it to be seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. However, we await the second coming of Christ with hope and faith-filled expectation. The dream of the Christian is to look upon the face of Jesus one day and gaze into his heart. In the meantime, we experience his presence veiled in the Eucharist and are called to recognize him in the needs around us. During this time of preparation, we are asked to reach out to those who will have nothing this Christmas or know one to care for them. This is our calling and challenge as we wait for Christ to come to each one of us.



Prayer

We Pray: Heavenly Father, help us to prepare ourselves for the second coming of your Son. Thank you for the generosity that you have shown us by sending your Son into the world to save us from sin. Let us remember with great joy the event of the Incarnation and the revelation of your Word made flesh. May we be challenged by the word and example Jesus shared through the proclamation of the good news. Find us ready to experience the fullness of your presence this Christmas. Amen.

Wisdom of the Fathers

“In Advent, the liturgy often repeats and assures us, as though seeking to defeat our mistrust, that God “is coming”: He comes to be with us, in each one of our situations; he comes to live among us, to live with and in us; he comes to fill the distances that divide and separate us; he comes to reconcile us with himself and with one another. He comes in the history of humanity to knock on the door of every man and woman of good will to offer individuals, families and peoples the gift of fraternity, concord and peace.

Therefore, Advent is par excellence the time of hope, in which believers in Christ are invited to remain in vigilant and active expectation, nourished by prayer and by a concrete commitment of love. May Christ's approaching nativity fill the hearts of all Christians with joy, serenity and peace!”

Pope Benedict XVI, Advent 2011

J.O.Y. Club Christmas Event Will Be Thursday, December 15

It will be a Merry Christmas for all seniors who attend the J.O.Y. Club Christmas party Thursday, December 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the PLC.

Entertainment will feature a performance by the children from Royal Palm Academy, Christmas carols and Santa Claus.

Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped "White Elephant" to exchange, along with a non perishable item for the food pantry. Bring a sack lunch, if you wish. Christmas punch and Christmas cookies will be served.

Please call the office at 566.8740 to register your name. Anyone who wants pictures from the September



or October event may call Mary Lou at 597.4446

At the November event Santa asked the attendees to make out a Christmas wish list. He promised to make a return visit in December.

Photo by Sam Kojiro

For Happily Married Couples

It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. This Christmas, give your whole family the gift of your deep love by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children deserve your love for one another. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is February 10-12, 2012 in Fort Myers.

For more info email swflwwme@yahoo.com; or call 239.495.1803 or visit wwme.org

— Paul and Linda Mostek

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH

The search is on for the Longest Married Couple in the U.S. and each of the 50 states. If you know a couple with a long marriage, please nominate them for this honor. This annual search is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. More information (how to nominate) can be found at wwme.org.



Jason Free

Parenting on Purpose: 7 Ways to Raise Terrific Christian Kids

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

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

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SUGGESTED DONATION - \$15

Faith & Ale is a once-a-month gathering of men from across the diocese. We gather for food, drink and camaraderie, followed by an inspirational speaker and ample time for Q&A.

All men are invited - the saints, the sinners and everyone in between. If you are interested in the implications of Faith and morality on our daily lives, families and society, please join us!

For more information visit www.FaithandAle.com

MISSION STATEMENT

Faith & Ale strives to encourage, exhort, and equip men to be spiritual leaders in their homes, workplaces, and parishes.

The Advent Wreath — Full of Symbolic Meaning

How many times have we looked at an Advent wreath? How many times have we understood what it represents? Perhaps we intuitively know that evergreens are a symbol of eternal life, and that light is a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World, but what else? There are many layers of meaning beneath this simple but lovely image of the season — perhaps the iconic symbol of the season of Advent.

That the four candles are the four weeks of Advent seems clear, but what is with the rose candle (popularly called the “pink” one)? This is for the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete (“rejoice!”) Sunday. Why do we rejoice? Because Advent is half over! (Interestingly, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare

(“rejoice!”) Sunday is colored rose for the same reason. However, since there is no “Lent Wreath” the similarity is often overlooked.)

One modern adaptation we employ here at St. John is the addition of the white candle in the center — a candle for Christmas!

Particular to St. John is the addition of the altar runners — for each week of Advent, members of the Arts & Liturgical Environment Committee add a strip of cloth, similar to the candles of the wreath.

*article submitted by Tom Oram
Pastoral Musician and Liturgist*



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Grandparents are Special!

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School celebrated its annual Grandparents Day on November 22. This day is designed to honor grandparents and celebrate the special and unique relationship they have with their grandchildren.

Grandparents were invited to participate in this memorable day which included accompanying their grandchildren to Mass, followed by a specially prepared brunch in the school cafeteria, and then tours of the campus and visits to the classrooms to view their students' work.

We were happy to welcome the important people in our students' lives and are thankful they are part of the St. Elizabeth Seton School family!



For more information, or a tour of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School, contact Gina Groch, Assistant Principal at 239-455-2262 or email ggrochses@gmail.com.

2012 Mah Jongg Cards

Orders for 2012 MAH JONGG CARDS (standard \$7.00/ large \$8.00) will be taken through January 20, 2012. A donation of \$1.25 (per card ordered) will be forwarded to St. John's Habitat for Humanity by the Mah Jongg League.

Place your name, address and telephone number, plus the number of cards you want to order, on a slip of paper. Enclose the paper with a CHECK (payable to Joan Scariati) or CASH in the total amount of order PLUS 44 cents (stamp or cash) per card in an envelope addressed to MAH JONGG. Drop off your order at the receptionist desk in the Parish Life Center.

Your order will be shipped directly to your home address by April 1, 2012.

Faith Formation



Upcoming Events

December 12

First Reconciliation Rehearsal

December 15

First Reconciliation Ceremony

December 18

Catechist Appreciation Brunch

January 8

Families in Christ

Faith Formation News

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.

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.

Families in Christ... Our third Families in Christ session will be on Sunday, January 8, 2012 in the ballroom from 9:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendars! Join us for

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whole-community catechesis. Come and enjoy reflections, skits, table study, games, prizes, and refreshments. Live the Gospel and be a witness to your faith. Meet other members of our faith community and have fun. Attendance at Families in Christ is a requirement for all Faith Formation students. Childcare is available for preschool and kindergarten.

John 1:6-8, 19-28

John the Baptist's Testimony to Himself

Who are we? John the Baptist was asked this same question. Sometimes our identity is tied to another person. We are Bill's wife, Ann's husband, Andy's mom, or Mary's daughter. Like John the Baptist, we sometimes define ourselves by who we are not. However, we are the same thing as John and that is a herald—the person who brings the Good News about Jesus Christ into the lives of others. We need to bring the Good News into our families through our faithful participation in worship, prayer and actions.

What can a parent do?

A Lived Faith

An important step in raising children in the Catholic faith is enrolling them in Catholic school or sending them to parish religious education. But this is only the beginning. The most important thing is showing our children how to live their faith each and every day. This kind of education can only come from a Catholic parent.

Why did the Magi give gifts to Jesus?

The Magi knew that they were greeting a new king and brought gifts that were proper for a king at the time. Over time, the Church has interpreted the gifts in terms of Jesus' life. The gold recognized Jesus' royalty. The expensive Frankincense was a symbol of his priesthood, and Myrrh was a sign that Jesus would suffer and die for us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

GRADE 1

Life Question: What gifts can I make for those in my family?

Gospel Question: How am I ready for Christmas?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: How is our parish getting ready for Christmas during Advent?

Gospel Question: How does John the Baptist help us get ready for Jesus' coming at Christmas?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: What is the best present you've received? Why?

Gospel Question: What shows God is with us?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: How have you used social media to spread a positive message?

Gospel Question: How do you think society would view John the Baptist if he was delivering his message today?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: Who in your school or parish challenges you to be yourself and make a better world?

Gospel Question: What do you say for yourself as a Christian — who are you? To what do you witness.

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Christmas Spiritual Bouquet



For the Intentions of

Living _____

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Your donation will furnish the Sanctuary with flowers during the Christmas season and your loved ones will be remembered in the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet during the Christmas Masses. **DROP THE FORM AND DONATION IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS.**

For your convenience, envelopes are also available in the Narthex.

Donor Name _____ \$ _____

Jamaica Outreach Program Needs Auction and Treasure Chest Items for Pirates of the Caribbean Festival Scheduled for 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.

Gifts of securities or credit card donations: call Jeanne at 239-514-0290.

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Merry Christmas and God bless you all!



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Q. What has two legs, two arms and a passion for helping people?

A. *St. John's Men's Club members*

If you have the above qualifications, then you're just who were looking for.

"Season" is here and the Men's Club is all geared up to servicing the many events here at the church. The only problem is **WE NEED NEW MEMBERS.**

The Men's Club organizes, orders, cooks and serves food and beverages and provides staff and support for a multitude of parish functions. In addition to the sponsorship of five Big Band Dances between January and March, we have added a Sock Hop Party on January 27th.

These functions are our prime source of income, all of which is donated back to the church, including the beautiful water fountain in the Panaccia Prayer Garden.

Please consider joining us and enjoy the pleasure of giving something back.

We really do need your help. Call Andy Sanfelippo at 949.7122 or send him an email at aksanfelippo@comcast.net.

Big Band Dance



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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Faith and Wine is a group of diverse women, all at different places along their faith journey, who seek fellowship with each other and a greater understanding of their Catholic faith in order to enrich their lives and help them cope with the ever-changing challenges presented by today's society. Sponsorship opportunities are available—please e-mail Mary Beth Clary at mbclary@porterwright.com for more information.

COMING SOON

Sock Hop Friday, January 27, 2012

6:30 -10 pm with music by the famous entertainer Joe Turner starting at 7 pm

playing all the oldie favorites from the 50s, 60s and 70s



~ Dance the night away • hula hoop contest
best dressed sock hop contest • and more ~



Tickets available December 5 in the parish office
\$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple

Price includes free beer, wine, soda, water, pizza, salad, cookies, munchies and of course, popcorn



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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.

Itinerary, Features, and Pricing Transatlantic Cruise

- Celebrity Equinox 4/16/12
- 14 days from Ft. Lauderdale including Ponta Delgado (Azores Islands), Cartagena Spain, Barcelona Spain, Toulon France, Florence Italy, Civitevecchia (Rome) Italy
- All Meals aboard Ship
- Entertainment aboard ship
- Private Cocktail Party
- Transfer to Ft. Lauderdale

PRICING

1. Ocean View from \$1405.00pp
2. Balcony from \$1495.00pp

Interior & Suites also available

AIR

One Way Return Air from Rome via Dusseldorf (w/overnight)
\$700.00pp (approx)

Terminal transfers from Naples to Ft. Lauderdale for the Transatlantic Cruise are included.

For additional information, or to reserve space,

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Itinerary, Features, & Pricing Greek Isles Cruise

- Celebrity Equinox 04/30/12
- 11 days from Civitevecchia including Santorini, Athens Istanbul, Ephesus, Mykonos & Naples
- All Meals aboard ship
- Entertainment aboard ship
- Private cocktail party
- Mass with Father John
- Exclusive gifts on board

PRICING

1. Oceanview from 1970.00pp
2. Balcony from \$2090.00pp

Interior & Suites also available
AIR

One way return Air from Rome Via Dusseldorf (w/overnight)

\$700.00pp (approx)

R/T Rome from Ft. Myers

\$1250.00pp (approx)