


December 25, 2011  
*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*



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

## One Starry Night in Bethlehem



*The Cast and Directors of One Starry Night in Bethlehem*

Families got a taste of life in the Holy Land right here at St. John the Evangelist Friday, December 16. At the Marketplace they baked some bread, made a crown in Herod's Palace, or created other fun crafts. Because the hungry travelers came from afar, they shared a covered dish, while the Marketplace provided turkey and drinks for all. After eating and walking through town, they travelled to the church to witness the Journey to the Manger firsthand in a Christmas Concert told in story and song by the combined St. John the Evangelist choirs (Adult, Children and Contemporary) and several talented soloists. After the concert, the travelers gathered for a birthday celebration for Jesus with cake and goodie bags, and, of course, a visit from Santa.

— see page 3 for more photos from the event



*Monica Costabile singing  
"Breath of Heaven"*

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

**December 24, 2011 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Ruth McAdam Judy Polamo

**Vigil Services**

3:00 PM + Ozzie D'Addario Janet  
5:00 PM + Rev. Al McPartland Ned & MaryLou Leibig  
10:00 PM + Elaine Margeson Carol Calandrucci

**December 25, 2011 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Deceased Members of De & Val Families Peter DeFrancesca  
9:00 AM + Jean & Anthony DeCesare Kay & Joe Reid  
11:15 AM For Our Parishoners  
1:15 PM + John Henry & Anne Kelsch Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Monachino  
Philip & Bernadette Monachino

*Wine & Host in honor of Tony & Suzanne Moschella ~ requested by Mary Asta*  
*Altar Flowers in Memory of Philip & Bernadette Monachino ~ requested by Kathleen Monachino*

**December 26, 2011 Monday**

8:00 AM + Michael Boruch Joan & Jerry Dee  
9:00 AM Cal, Kuryea & Martin Family (Living & Deceased)

**December 27, 2011 Tuesday**

8:00 AM + Hugh Hannigan His Family  
9:00 AM + Ann Mulvey The Family

**December 28, 2011 Wednesday**

8:00 AM + Dick Lind Judy Polano  
9:00 AM Victims Of Abuse Voice of the Faithful

**December 29, 2011 Thursday**

8:00 AM + Betty Carrier Lou Carrier  
9:00 AM James O'Leary Family

**December 30, 2011 Friday**

8:00 AM Grace Pellegrino The Pellegrino Family  
9:00 AM Val & Jim Cerciello Buddy, Mary & Family

**December 31, 2011 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Mildred Tracy Mary Crane

**Vigil Services**

3:00 PM Emily Forczek Marty & Loretta Sullivan  
5:00 PM Intentions of The Jack Rafter Family Eld H Family

**January 1, 2012 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Rev. Al McPartland Peggy Buckley  
9:00 AM Tom & Darlene Gauthier Renee Dontonio  
11:15 AM For Our Parishoners  
1:15 PM + Lambert & Louise Abell Kathy Sims  
5:00 PM + Robert Dukant Barbara Matthews

*Wine & Host in memory of Gene Grogan ~ requested by Terry & Sal Ceparano*

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, December 24, 2011**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

**Vigil Services**

**The Vigil of Christmas**

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29,  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Matthew 1:1-25  
*Night:* Isaiah 9:1-6, Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12,  
13, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

**Sunday, December 25, 2011**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

*Dawn:* Isaiah 62:11-12, Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12,  
Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:15-20  
*Day:* Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6,  
Hebrews 1:1-6, John 1:1-18

**Monday, December 26, 2011**

**St. Stephen**

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

**Tuesday, December 27, 2011**

**St. John**

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Wednesday, December 28, 2011**

**The Holy Innocents**

1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

**Thursday, December 29, 2011**

**St. Thomas Becket**

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**Friday, December 30, 2011**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;  
Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12,  
17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

**Saturday, December 31, 2011**

**St. Sylvester I**

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

**Vigil Services**

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Sunday, January 1, 2012**

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**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...**

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# One Starry Night in Bethlehem

Friday, December 16



Darrius Harrison, Sebastian Youngs,  
Angelo Grajo



Emily Schwartz and Monica Costabile



Mason Campbell



Monica Costabile singing  
"Breath of Heaven"



Zac MacDougall and Monica Costabile



Zac MacDougall singing  
"Joseph's Song"



"Away in a Manger"

The evening featured *The Christmas Story*  
as told by **the Very Rev. John J. Ludden**;  
Scripture from the *New American Bible*;  
Directed by **Tom Oram**  
with **Charlene Youngs, Bill Janes**  
and **Ellie VanderMeuse**

Photos by Charlene Young  
Director, Famil Ministry



## 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. 113

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

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

**Choir Director**  
Ellie VanderMeuse: 682.5609

**Sacristan**  
Lorna Woonsam: Ext. 133

**Communications**  
Kathy Sims: Ext. 128

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

**Religious Boutique**  
Marianne Brooks: 591.4668

### **Education Staff**

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

**Administrative Assistant to the Director of Faith Formation**  
Tiffany Moody: 514.2927

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

**Director of RCIA**  
Margie Lynch: 514.2927

**Family Ministry**  
Charlene Youngs: 566.8740 Ext: 123

**email staff members at:**  
[info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com](mailto:info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com)

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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](mailto:info@saintjohntheevangelist.com)

Thank you!

## BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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

### **Mass Cards**

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

### **Mass Intentions**

We are currently accepting intentions for 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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*Spotlight on Stewardship:*  
**Jamaica Outreach Program**

**Leonard Phillip Taylor**

*The Gift of Sight — Priceless*

*What better time than  
Christmastime to share a letter  
of appreciation from someone  
who has benefitted from the JOP  
ministry in Jamaica. — JOP*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Imagine being in a class sitting at the very front and still unable to see the blackboard clearly. To view the board you would have to close one eye like a Cyclops and continuously tilt and turn your head to see what was written there right in front of you. Now imagine doing this routine continuously from Grade 1 to Grade 12 while all the time your vision is getting worse every year in spite of a change of glasses regularly. This was me, Leonard Phillip Taylor, all the way through my elementary and high school years. Eventually I was diagnosed with an astigmatism and keratoconus. My cornea was cone shaped and it was becoming difficult for light to pass through it. I was going blind in my left eye.

Even though I was visually impaired, I still made the matriculation to attend college at the University of the West Indies at the Mona, Kingston Campus. However, due to my visual impairment, I could only take two courses instead of the five courses required for a full time student. I felt incomplete and a bit discouraged. It seemed as if I was now walking the plank to nowhere.

But all was not lost. God wanted to turn my life around. I got to meet Sally VanBuskirk at St. Joseph's Hospital in Jamaica. She was referred to me by Dr. M. MacIntosh who was a liaison between the Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP) in Naples, Florida, and St. Pius X Parish in Jamaica. My doctor told me "God has worked it out so I must not worry about my problems."



I was delighted at the thought that I might be able to see better. The necessary arrangements were made for me to go to Naples where I met Dr. Zimm who operated on me free of charge. Finding a cornea transplant was handled by the Bonita Springs Lions Club. My accommodations for my new home away from home were made possible by Dr. Al Kerns and his wife Ann. They took me in, fed me and cared for me. They have now become my new relatives. I am so thankful to them, the VanBuskirks, the Bonita Springs Lions Club, and the JOP.

After my surgery and recovery, I returned to the University doing five courses per semester. I got a part time job at PKF Charter Accounts and my GPA rocketed to 3.67, up from 2.54 before my surgery! I now have a strong zeal for school and will complete my studies in May of 2012.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all who were involved in making my surgery a success. Please continue to support the JOP and St. John the Evangelist parish in its work in Jamaica.

I send best wishes for a blessed Christmas season and a very Happy New Year. God bless all of you.

Yours truly,  
Leonard Phillip Taylor, Kingston, Jamaica

*For questions or more information about the Jamaica  
Outreach Program, call Ann Kerns, 514.1553*

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*article submitted by Ann Kerns  
Jamaica Outreach Program*

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

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

### 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.

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### 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)

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### Saturday, December 31, 2011

*Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

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

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### 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.

### Ushers Need Your Help

The ushers kindly ask that at the end of Mass parishioners return the missals and worship aids to the placeholders on the back of the pews.

This helps keep everything nice and tidy for the next service.

Thank you for your assistance.

*Ushers*

## 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.

## Volunteers Needed for Elementary Schools of Immokalee

The elementary schools of Immokalee need assistance from volunteers for their pupils. The pupils are migrant children in classes from Pre -K through the sixth grade. Join other members of the parish in assisting the teachers in the classroom in all subjects, but particularly in math and reading.

Volunteers travel by bus every Tuesday and Thursday, leaving Sam's Club Plaza on Immokalee at 8:00 a.m. or the McDonald's at Immokalee and Rte 951 at 8:15 a.m. and then returning to Naples by 1:30 p.m. To volunteer or for more information, call George at 325.8420.

## 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.

## Hymns for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 24 & 25, 2011

Entrance Hymn:	<b>206</b>	O Come, All Ye Faithful
Preparation Hymn:	<b>212</b>	O Little Town of Bethlehem
	<b>210</b>	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Communion Hymn:	<b>205</b>	Silent Night
	<b>211</b>	Away In a Manger
Closing Hymn:	<b>207</b>	Joy to the World



<b>Altar Servers:</b>	
Neal Borter	804.357.5712
<b>Arimatheans:</b>	
Virginia D'Agostino	597.7687
<b>Arts &amp; Liturgical Environment:</b>	
Kay Sanfelippo	949.7122
<b>Calling &amp; Caring:</b>	
Deacon Al Groh	566.8740 ext. 125
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	
Dennis Powers	591.0593
<b>Homebound</b>	
Maureen Wurtz	593-0475
<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers:</b>	
John Smith	598.2306
<b>Grief Support:</b>	
Dee Donnelly	594.7193
<b>Jamaica Mission:</b>	
Al & Ann Kerns	514.1553
<b>Knights of Columbus:</b>	
<b>St. John Council 11281</b>	
Jim Follese	495.9741
<b>Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308</b>	
Rudy Kamennick	248-1853
<b>Ladies of Charity:</b>	
Valerie Matulis	390.3545
<b>Lectors:</b>	
Victor Yepez	290.9090
<b>Daily Mass Lectors:</b>	
Rosemary Slevin	596.7057
<b>Men's Club:</b>	
Andy Sanfelippo	949.7122
<b>Prayer Group:</b>	
Linda Reilly	821.8982
<b>Respect Life:</b>	
Rosemary Erickson	597.3941
<b>St. Vincent de Paul:</b>	
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](http://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](mailto:grenardo@comcast.net)

**Choirs:**

**Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Residents and seasonals welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

**Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:25 p.m. Grades 1-5. Tom Oram: 566.8740

**Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

**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](mailto: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. Open Saturday and Sunday and after daily Mass. The shop will be closed December 24 and 25 and December 31 and January 1. Volunteers needed 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, Jan. 3 at Bentley Village in Naples; Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Harbor Memory Care in Naples, 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. The new bible study resumes January 12. Linda Reilly, 821.8982





*Children with Grand Knight Jim Follese*



*Grand Knight Jim Follese, Santa and Jerry Sanford, who distributed the gifts donated by the guests*

## ***Knights of Columbus Council Christmas Party***

Kids squealed and grown ups had a ton of fun when Santa (Bill Janes) arrived and sat in his chair to find out what everyone wanted for Christmas. Before Santa arrived, the 60 guests were treated to a meal served by Knight Dennis Zuck. In addition, North Naples Fire Department Public Information Officer Jerry Sanford was on hand to pick up the toys donated by the guests. Sanford and his fellow Firefighters distributed the toys to the needy for Christmas.



*Master Chef Dennis Zuck with dessert*



*Grand Knight Jim Follese and wife Darlene*



*Peter Nicoletta with Santa*



*Santa has his lap full with Fr. Kelly & Fr Len*



*Santa sitting on Fr Len's lap*



*Darrian and Darrius Harrison with Santa*



## ***Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly Fourth Degree Christmas Party***

*Photos by Tom Middlemiss, [www.EventPixer.com](http://www.EventPixer.com)*







On behalf of the clergy and staff of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and for those who are traveling over the holidays, a happy new year. Did you know that this Saturday will mark the 19th anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in our church? On December 24, 1992, the first Mass was celebrated in the (newly constructed) St. John the

Evangelist church. For those who remember, that first Mass nearly never happened due to problems with Collier County in obtaining our certificate of occupancy. Thanks to the diligence of a few well connected parishioners, everything came together on the 11th hour – literally. We are thrilled to have you here with us this Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Did you know that the day of the week that Christmas falls has a somewhat substantial financial impact on the church? This is true, so much so that we have to take this into account when creating the annual operating budget. When Christmas day falls on a Saturday as it did in 2010 or a Sunday as it does in 2011, the majority of our parishioners will only attend Mass on Christmas day. Actually, this year there really isn't an option. In 2012, Christmas day falls on a Tuesday. Most of our parishioners will attend the Saturday vigil on December 22 or Sunday Mass on December 23 and then also attend Mass on Christmas day. This last happened in 2004 and 2005. When budgeting for the 2011-2012 annual budget, we accounted for \$30,000.00 less in annual offertory collections due to this occurrence. For those who would like to help us offset this loss, there is an envelope in your packet for December 25 as well as an envelope for Christmas day. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

After the first of the year we are going to initiate another campaign to obtain your email addresses. We currently have over 1,000 of your addresses, however, there are several thousand more that we have not obtained. We are launching a new module internally which will allow us to email pertinent information to our parishioners. The system currently in place is not at all user-friendly and has been problematic at best. Please consider giving us your email address to be used to keep you abreast of what is going on in the parish. Other than announcements before Mass and the parish bulletin, we have very few other options to communicate with our parishioners. Your email address will not be shared and everyone will be BCC'd (blind carbon copied) when sending out bulk emails.

Did you notice that the roofs of all three buildings on campus are squeaky clean? In addition, all of the brick paver walkways have been pressure washed. It has been three years since we last pressure cleaned the roofs and they were looking very dingy. We waited until the rainy season and oppressive heat and humidity had passed before beginning this project.

We received several substantial Catholic Faith Appeal contributions this past week. We are making a strong push late in the game but need your help in order to continue our streak. We have only 10 days remaining in the annual appeal. Remember

that stock donations may be made to the Diocese of Venice for the CFA by calling the development office at 941.484.9543. Many of you choose to make your annual gift at year's end, whether it is in the form of stock or simply by check. As I have reiterated on numerous occasions, the CFA is the single most important component of our annual budget and by exceeding our goal, we relieve a lot of pressure with regards to operating "in the black" for the fiscal year. Thank you for your consideration in helping us exceed our goal.

The IRS requires you to use the Applicable Federal Rate in calculating the gift tax consequences on certain estate planning techniques. The AFR was 2.67 percent in November; this extremely low rate combined with marginal stock performance and dismal real estate values results in an enormous opportunity to freeze your estate at its current low value. In essence, it might be time to consider transferring all of the future appreciation to your children/grandchildren and yes, your favorite charities, if you so choose. This environment is ideal for the creation of Charitable Lead Trusts. A CLT allows you to gift assets into a trust at today's low value. The initial or "lead" interest is paid out annually to a charity of your choice or St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church for either a predetermined number of years or for your lifetime. Ultimately, the assets of the CLT are passed on to your children, grandchildren or other loved ones while paying a fraction of the gift tax on the transferred dollars. All of the appreciation on the assets in the CLT transfers free of gift and estate tax. This will provide you with an effective income tax deduction on the amount passing to the charity. This is a win/win/lose transaction. The amount you currently give to charity can be funded via the CLT; the assets, along with the appreciation on the assets, will pass to your children and/or grandchildren; and the IRS will get a very short haircut on the transaction. This technique can pass millions of dollars tax-free to your favorite charities and your family. Time is of the essence, so please talk to your tax advisors before the rates escalate and the market rebounds.

Now that all of my financial comments are complete, I would like to say THANK YOU to everyone that gave so generously this Christmas season. Whether it was a gift to the CFA, a donation to Jamaica or a contribution to the regular offertory, you defined the essence of Christmas. I am continually amazed every year at this time by the outpouring of generosity shown by our parishioners. It is truly remarkable what you do for others while ensuring that St. John is provided for. I am not a "cradle catholic" like many of you, however, I have visited my share of catholic churches, especially during the design stages of St. Agnes. As I have said many times before, there are countless parishes out there that could learn a thing or two by visiting St. John the Evangelist and simply observing. There just seems to be a spirit that exists here at St. John that does not exist at any other parish I have visited. Obviously the Holy Spirit is present at Mass; however, there is something more that exists within the friendly confines of St. John.

In His work together,  
Scott Schlossberg, MBA, General Manager

## SCOTT'S CORNER...



# Wine Tasting with a Catholic Twist

Over 120 women gathered in fellowship for Faith and Wine Tuesday, December 13. “God’s Gift to Women: WINE and Faith, a Wine Tasting with a Catholic Twist” offered both wine and non-alcoholic beverage options paired with hors d’oeuvres and a thoughtful perspective on what it means to be a daughter of God in a four-part presentation.

Patrick O’Sullivan, Executive Vice President for Heidelberg Distributing Company, was responsible for the “wine” portion of the evening. He selected and explained the unique virtues of a delightful ensemble of wines, including a Prosecco, Chardonnay, Petite Sirah blend, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Matt Loboda, who provided the “faith” part of the evening, shared stories of his time as a brother with the Franciscan Friars and the heart-warming account of a little girl who changed his life and his calling. Each wine and hors d’oeuvre pairing was accompanied by Matt’s thought-provoking message, derived from Pope John Paul II’s missive on the Dignity and Vocation of Women. The missive explored how the gospels revealed that Jesus highly respected and honored women. Matt also proffered some concrete spiritual advice on how to more deeply appreciate and accept the gift of who we are in Christ.

Faith and Wine President, Mary Beth Clary, commented: “We have been experimenting with different formats for our events and this evening’s format was unique and yet

totally consistent with our mission. We received very positive feedback from the ladies in the audience, largely because Matt and Pat worked so well together by playing off of each other’s comments. It was interesting, informative, and fun!”

Faith and Wine’s next gathering will be Thursday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. H. James Towey, President of Ave Maria University, will present “A Walk with Mother Teresa.” In February, Faith and Wine will partner with Faith and Ale – Naples, Faith and Ale – Ft. Myers and San Marco Council of Catholic Women to host Matthew Kelly at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. Pre-payment via the Faith and Wine website, [www.faithandwine.com](http://www.faithandwine.com), is strongly encouraged for both events.



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS @ ST. JOHN

We’ve had a busy 2011, and we’re excited about 2012! Here’s what’s been going on:

- We created the new **Contemporary Choir** for the 5 PM Mass on Sundays. Nearly twenty middle-school and high-school youth, as well as some adults, play and sing every weekend (although not this particular one)!
- We re-established the **Children’s Choir** (grades 1-5) with over twenty children involved currently!
- We introduced **Sacred Music In Sacred Spaces**, our new free concert series, to the parish! Three successful events have been held thus far, including October’s **Sing a New Psalm** concert, November’s **An Evening of Cello** with **Eduard Gulabyan** in recital, and last weekend’s **The Christmas Story**, featuring nearly a hundred performers in total!

Well, that’s great, you might say, but what else have you got in store? Well, we’re glad you asked! On tap for 2012 and beyond is:

- The introduction of the **St. John the Evangelist Music Academy**, providing lessons and instruction to both young & old, in a variety of areas!
- The concerts, though free, have raised **over \$2,000** toward the purchase of a **real piano** for our sanctuary (instead of the series of “appliances” we have almost become accustomed to). In 2012 we will launch a fund drive to raise the money needed to procure a **piano worthy of our amazing parish**. We will need to raise over 10 times what we have already! Want to help? Please call Tom at 566-8740, ext. 179.
- And the **biggest** thing is **so big** we can’t possibly fit it here. **Look out below!** ↓

## *J.O.Y. Club Christmas Event December 15*

*The J.O.Y. Club Christmas party Thursday, December 15 featured a performance by the children from Royal Palm Academy, Christmas carols, Santa Claus and a "White Elephant" gift exchange. Christmas punch and Christmas cookies were also served.*

*Photos by  
Sam Kojiro*



## **Choir Touring Rome & Italy** **— & you can come, too!!!**



The Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist is embarking on a tour of Italy, including **Venice, Padua, Florence, and Assisi—culminating in the Holy City!** Scheduled for **early February 2013**, the travel will be part concert tour, part pilgrimage, and part just-plain-tourism. What could make it even better? Well, we are inviting **the whole parish** to come along for the fun, for starters!

We are working with Peter's Way Tours, the unquestioned leader in the field. Your trip will be musically, spiritually, and personally rewarding whether you sing a note or not!

We're especially excited about the spiritual aspect of the tour: we will have **the opportunity to sing for Benedict XVI** at his General Audience. Additionally, getting to tour the Vatican Museums as well as seeing so

many lovely churches, is a great boost to your faith. All the major basilicas will be visited, as well as tours of the Catacombs and many other sites.

How do you get to Rome? The easiest way to reserve your seat would be to **join our choir**. But even if you couldn't carry a tune—not even in your carry-on—there will still be a **number of seats available to our parishioners** who wish to join our choir on this rarest of opportunities to see not just the many beautiful cities of Northern Italy but also a behind-the-scenes tour of the Holy City. For more info, contact our Pastoral Musician, Tom Oram, at [tom@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:tom@saintjohntheevangelist.com)!



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# Faith and Wine

## H. James Towey to Take the Ladies of Faith and Wine on a Walk with Mother Teresa

Please join us on January 12, 2012, as Faith and Wine welcomes Ave Maria President H. James Towey.

Mr. Towey came to Ave Maria after serving as president of Saint Vincent College from 2006-2010. Under his leadership, records were set in rankings, enrollment and fundraising. He also launched successful service learning and study abroad programs. A first-ever visit to the campus by a sitting President of the United States and an international conference on Mother Teresa's life burnished the College's reputation and helped explain the consecutive waiting lists in admissions.

Prior to leading Saint Vincent, Mr. Towey served as an Assistant to the President of the United States. He was a member of President George W. Bush's senior staff and attended meetings of his Cabinet. As director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives from 2002 to 2006, Mr. Towey oversaw billions of dollars in federal grants that were awarded annually to faith-based charities serving the poor. His bipartisan collaborations led more than 30 governors to open offices to assist religious charities in their states, and he staffed presidential initiatives to assist drug addicts, prisoners re-entering society, and at-risk youth received hundreds of millions of dollars from Congress.

Under Mother Teresa's urging, Towey established Aging with Dignity, a non-profit organization that helps families plan for and discuss end-of-life care. Aging with Dignity has become the nation's leading advocate for the rights of those facing serious illness.

Note that we are gathering on **Thursday** in January. We look forward to seeing you on January 12<sup>th</sup> and encourage you to register early for this and our February 9<sup>th</sup> event!



## Faith and Wine - 2011-2012 Save the Dates!

**Thursday, January 12, 2012**

*Speaker: H. James Towey*

**"A Walk with Mother Teresa"**

**Thursday, February 9, 2012**

*Speaker: Matthew Kelly*

**"Is Catholicism Still Relevant"**

*At St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
(Register @ [www.fatihandwine.com](http://www.fatihandwine.com))*

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Thursday, April 12, 2012

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

*Time*

6:30pm-8:30pm

*Location for January 12*

St John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom  
625 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Naples

*Cost*

\$10/person for early bird pre-paid  
(early bird cut off is Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>)

After January 10: \$15

(includes a glass of wine & appetizers)

*Pre-Payment Strongly Encouraged!*

*(Actually, we are begging you to prepay - pretty PLEASE with sugar on top)*

Visit our website or contact Martha Oram  
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[www.fatihandwine.com](http://www.fatihandwine.com)

## The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): Year B

### *Vigil Mass*

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 89:4-5,  
16-17, 27, 29, Acts 13:16-17,  
22-25, Matthew 1:1-25

### *Mass at Night*

Isaiah 9:1-6, Psalm 96:1-2,  
2-3, 11-12, 13, Titus 2:11-14,  
Luke 2:1-14

### *Mass at Dawn*

Isaiah 62:11-12, Psalm 97:1,  
6, 11-12, Titus 3:4-7, Luke  
2:15-20

### *Mass During the Day*

Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98:1,  
2-3, 3-4, 5-6, Hebrews 1:1-6,  
John 1:1-18

# The Word & Life

## *The Cradle of Hope & The Dawn of Salvation*



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isions of angels, heavenly choirs, humble shepherds, the birth of God's Son in a stable, a bright and shining star — all these elements of the Christmas story point to the divine drama that unfolded in Bethlehem. People all over the world celebrate the coming of Christ because it has changed human history forever. The day that Jesus was brought into this world was also the dawning of salvation. Jesus is the primordial sacrament from which all mercy flows. Jesus' birth makes God's wisdom tangible and transforms the state of humanity. When Jesus was placed into the cradle prepared by a mother's love, God's initiative to enter into deeper relationship with us was firmly established and placed before us. This infant king possessed the key to all wisdom which would open for us the way to the Father.

If we look deeper into the story of Christ's birth, we realize that ordinary people were involved in this heavenly drama. The shepherds were about their work when the angel appeared to them. Mary and Joseph were simple town folk who were no strangers to the hard work of carpentry. Why would God send his messengers to such people?

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as portrayed in Night in Bethlehem*



Should God not have chosen people in prominent positions to reveal his glory? God chooses the meek and the humble to tell the world that his plan is for all people of every time and place. The birth of Jesus in a stable is a statement to us that God is present in the midst of poverty. For those who are blessed by riches such conditions would seem too terrible and degrading. However, the birth of God's only begotten Son in a stable and a working class environment is something to be hopeful about for those who have little. God touches the poor by simply being born poor.

Every Christian has something to be hopeful for. Christ's birth was the beginning of humanity's journey toward heaven. The events of Jesus' life, death and resurrection are the paving stones in the path of eternity. Whether we are rich or poor, God loves us equally and without conditions. Christmas reminds us that God is always with us. Jesus journeys with the Church as it moves forward through time. He is the foundation that makes us stand firm. If Jesus' message motivates us to love and to forgive, then we have encountered the very tangible wisdom of God that was encountered in the sacred events of Christmas. Jesus' message of peace continues to challenge the world today.

## Reflection Questions

1. **What does Christmas mean to me?**
2. **How does the coming of Christ gift my life?**
3. **How does the world change with the coming of Christ?**
4. **How can I become a gift to God?**
5. **What can I do to offer such homage to this infant king?**
6. **Do I allow God's Word to become heaven's treasure in my life?**
7. **How do I permit Christ to enter into my heart?**

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



## Prayer

*We Pray: Glory to God in the highest! Peace to His people on earth! Heavenly Father, bless us this Christmas. Make your wisdom tangible through the work of our hands and the words we speak. We give you thanks for the blessing of Your only begotten Son. May we always hold Jesus as the center of our lives. As Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes, enfold us in your loving mercy. Amen.*

## Wisdom of the Fathers

“Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: *Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to men of good will* as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and *when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ*, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways, and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature...”

—A Sermon by Saint Leo the Great, Pope of the 5th Century



# Faith Formation



## Upcoming Events

**January 8**

Families in Christ

**January 18**

First Communion Parent Meeting

**February 5**

Families in Christ

**February 15**

First Communion Parent Meeting

## Faith Formation News

**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 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.

**First Communion Parent Meeting...**will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom. All parents who have children making their First Eucharist in May 2012 need to attend this meeting.

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**Luke 2:1-14**

**The Birth of Jesus**

Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Word of God, the Second Person of the Trinity. By coming to Earth, living among us and teaching us, he taught us about God and his nature. We are able to share in God's divine life through Jesus' life, death and Resurrection.

Jesus took on our humanity because he loves us and wanted to share our experience. He chose to live as we live. He experienced what we experience. Remembering that, we can also know with confidence that Jesus understands us.

***What can a parent do?***

Sooner or later, we each have to make a choice. Many who saw Jesus rejected him, not recognizing him as the Messiah. Help children to make a deliberate choice to recognize Jesus as their own personal Savior. Teach them to ask, "Do I live my life as if I'm a child of God?" Tell them what it means to live as a child of God and to follow Jesus. Jesus is our friend and brother.

Partners in Faith, November 2011, Success Publishing



**Wishing you a Blessed  
Christmas and Happy New  
Year!**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS  
THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL**

**GRADE 1**

**Life Question:** What is my favorite Christmas activity?

**Gospel Question:** How do you celebrate Jesus' birthday?

**GRADES 2-3**

**Life Question:** What am I thankful for this Christmas?

**Gospel Question:** What is the good news you want to spread about Jesus?

**GRADES 4-5**

**Life Question:** What is a gift you are giving to others to celebrate Jesus' birthday?

**Gospel Question:** How is Jesus a gift to humankind?

**GRADES 6-8**

**Life Question:** To whom is Jesus' birth important when it happens?

**Gospel Question:** To whom will Jesus be important when he grows up?

**GRADES 9-12**

**Life Question:** Who are the lowly that most concern you this Christmas?

**Gospel Question:** How is Jesus a gift to humankind?

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***SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH***

# **FAMILIES IN CHRIST**

Join us for whole-community catechesis. Pray and study the Gospel with your family members, neighbors, and priests. All ages are welcome. 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. Childcare is available for preschool and kindergarten.

For more information please, contact Margie Lynch at 239-514-2927 or email us at [familiesinchrist@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:familiesinchrist@saintjohntheevangelist.com)

**January 8, 2012**

**9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Ballroom**



# 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**

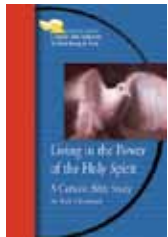
**Class 12 - 3/27/12**    **Bible Usage and Understanding**  
**Prophets of the South**

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

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

## Women's Bible Study

Adult Faith Enrichment will present a nine-week Bible study for women only beginning Thursday, January 12 to learn more about the Holy Spirit. You can choose to meet either for a morning gathering from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. or in the evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Facilitated by Linda Reilly and Maggie Miller, this study is a wonderful way to bond with other women and learn more about our faith.



The Bible study, *Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit*, is written by Rich

Cleveland and published through The Word Among Us and Emmaus Publishing. You can order your own copy through the internet to bring to the first class. If you are unable to order it, please call the St. John Evangelist office and tell them to sign you up and order a book for you. You must order by January 6. The cost including shipping is \$10.00.

The study will focus on: "Who is the Holy Spirit? What is his role in our salvation? How do we cooperate with him to experience the fullness of his presence? How do we receive his fruits and exercise his gifts?"

These are a few of the questions explored in this nine-week Bible study, which is designed to help Catholics grow in their appreciation of the Holy Spirit and his power to transform their lives in Christ. The many relevant Scripture passages, combined with wisdom from the saints, the Catechism and church tradition, make this a truly inspired Bible study.



The staff at St. John  
the Evangelist wishes all of our  
parishioners and their families  
and friends a joyous Christmas  
and a happy and healthy 2012.

Merry Christmas.



**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. JOP is a 501-c-3 non-profit, eligible for employer matching gifts. Federal ID 20-8041251.FL registration CH35318. A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800-435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.

**Merry Christmas and God bless you all!**



**TUESDAY**  
**JANUARY 10 2012**



**DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF THE BIG  
BAND ERA, FEATURING THE  
LIVE S.W. FLA 16 PC BAND**



**SOUNDS OF: TOMMY DORSEY, GLENN MILLER &  
STAN KENTON**



**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

**ADMISSION**

**7:00PM - 10:00PM**

**AT THE DOOR**

**\$10.00 CASH only**

**DRESS: COUNTRY CLUB CASUAL**

**239-394-0470**

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY: ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CLUB**

### *Christmas Spiritual Bouquet*



For the Intentions of

**Living** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deceased** \_\_\_\_\_

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** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COMING SOON

# Sock Hop Friday, January 27, 2012

6:30 -10:00 p.m. with music by the famous entertainer Joe Turner starting at 7:00 p.m.

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 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



SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 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,

please call Tom or Loretta Starrett

TOUCAN TRAVEL

318 Tamiami Trail, Suite 211

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

941-347-7119 • toll free 877-761-8248

Parish Contact:

David Quist: 239-594-2071



### 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)**