

December 4, 2011  
Second Sunday of Advent

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

## Knights Honor Fr. Len and Seminarians at Vocations Dinner

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council #11281, Fr. John, a fourth Degree Knight, presented a monetary gift to Fr. Len, who was the honoree at the Knights' annual gala event, Thursday, November 10.

Fr. Len expressed his appreciation to the Knights for the gift.

"It was a nice evening for people to gather and celebrate our vocations," he said.

In his speech, Fr. Len explained his entry into seminary life.

"In the 1960s, I entered the seminary because I wanted to be a priest."

However, he did not finish his seminary studies at that time. He went on to a career in teaching. Afterwards, he returned to the seminary to complete the program and became a priest in his fifties.

"When I retired from teaching, I returned to the seminary because GOD wanted me to be a priest," Fr. Len said.

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

**December 3, 2011**

**Saturday**

8:00 AM + Louise Galantino John & Bev

**Vigil Services**

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

**December 4, 2011**

**Sunday**

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

**December 5, 2011**

**Monday**

8:00 AM + Jean DeCesare Kay & Joe Reid  
 9:00 AM Leonard Lepore, Jr. Anne O'Leary

**December 6, 2011**

**Tuesday**

8:00 AM Agnes D'Andrea Sandy & Carl Tosi  
 9:00 AM + James Murphy Ann MewShaw & Matthew Wedlock

**December 7, 2011**

**Wednesday**

8:00 AM + Linnae Eddy Parents Dick & Helen Fedeli  
 9:00 AM Special Intention Chrys Fisher

**December 8, 2011**

**Thursday, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
 Holy Day of Obligation**

8:00 AM + Thomas S. Riley Esther Riley  
 10:00 AM + Maurice Glennan Veronica & Tam  
 Noon + Lambert & Louise Abell Kathy Sims  
 5:00 PM + Bob Judy Harrison Family  
 7:00 PM + Eva Musio Mr. & Mrs. Frank Guido

**December 9, 2011**

**Friday**

8:00 AM + Angelo Moro John & Janet Moro  
 9:00 AM + Mary Ellen Chambers Kathy Cuddy

**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 Parishioners  
 1:15 PM + Jim Belzer Pat & Seb  
 5:00 PM + Mary & Jack Baretta Fran Caruso

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

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, December 3, 2011**

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

**Vigil Services**

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

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**

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

**Monday, December 5, 2011**

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

St. Nicholas  
 Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday, December 7, 2011**

St. Ambrose  
 Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 8, 2011**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
 Lk 1:26-38

**Friday, December 9, 2011**

St. Juan Diego  
 Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

**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

**THIS WEEK'S MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE...**

# Knights' Gala Event Includes Entertainment and Auctions

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*The Knights gave Paul Todd a check for his son Tony who is currently in a seminary in Rome. Paul read a letter from his son expressing his gratitude for the monetary gifts he has received from the Knights.*



*The "Sea Turtles" and Tony Avalon provided the entertainment for the evening.*



*On behalf of The Council, Jerry Detloff presented Fr. Tom Zalewski from St. Agnes with a copy of the letter that will be mailed along with nine checks to seminarians in the Diocese of Venice. Fr. Tom gave a speech on vocations.*

*Approximately 220 were in attendance to honor the seminarians who are committed to serve as priests in the Diocese of Venice and to say thank you to the priests already serving in the diocese.*



*Scott Schlossberg, General Manager, was the auctioneer for the evening. Bill Warvel was high bidder on the Dinner with Fr. John, while Joanne and Mark Stahlman were high bidders on the Disney package, including hotel and gift card. Silent Auction items included a 25 bottle of wine basket, a similar restaurant gift card basket, two handmade end tables and more.*



*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

**Secretary 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

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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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# 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**

## 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

**Ssgt. Patrick H. Hammer**

U.S. Marine Corp \* LAV Recon

**Spec. Adam C. Janes**

U.S. Army, Ft. Bragg, NC

**Lt. John Meyers**

U.S. Army

**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:*

Richard "Dick" Adams, Lillian Carty, Victoria Mongeon and Margaret (Peggy) Shea

*May they rest in eternal peace.*

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

Tom Abele	Thomas Hartsell	Susan Peterson
Marilyn Adams	Judy Herzog	Carol Petrone
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Allard	Scott Hoban	Joe Pohrer
Jacob Andrew	Karen Hohne	Angela Preuss
Jennifer Basile	Mary Charlotte Hollohan	Betty & Howard Preuss
Makayla Basile	Val Hunt	Peggy Prosch
Linda Berry	Mario Incatasciato	Alicia Rodriquez
Matt Brown	Richard Zonas	Bonnie Rowe
Joyce Cardoza	Cade Joslin	Joseph Ryan
Christine Cassara	Dawn June	Daniel Schoenbauer
James Castaldi	Ruth Lisser	Christopher Serna
Jordan Cole	Anita & Laura Lombardi	Patricia Shannahan
Eunice Chowdry	Ray M.	Leonard Sbrocco
Owen Destino	Mary Jo Magner	Mary Siesky
Donna DiMaggio	Peggy and Gennaro Marino	Jean Smith
Dee Donnelly	Jeanne Majeske	Jeffrey Smith
Ed Duff	Brad Martin	Derek Stender
Rita and Carl Edward	Kerri Mavrides	Andrew and Christian Suarez
Elsa Everstijn	Judy Mazza	Betty Sundstrom
William Farhet	Eileen Merszerowski	Emilia Talamo
Jim Fargo	Alex Moody	Theresa
William Fine	Rev. Richard Mueller	Marie Trucco
Jim Fitzgerald	Rich Murray	Conchita Turros
Donna Flynn	Marjorie Nelson	Tony Vastola
Carol Fox	Peter Nicolleta	Pat & Eloisa Velasquez
Christina Gable	John Nicolais	Carmella Weeks
Bobbie & Joe Gasparri	Dennis Noone	Herm Weinberger
Arleen Glavonovich	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
Catherine Haffey	Rita Perrata	

**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 for December 8, Christmas and New Year

### Thursday, December 8, 2011

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

*Holy Day of Obligation*

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m., 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. 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.

## 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 our parishioners who are currently homebound, in nursing homes located within the parish, or under care in North Collier Hospital. For more information call Dennis Powers at 591.0593.

## JOP Needs Volunteers for Sorting and Packing Items for Jamaica Saturday, December 10



JOP will be sorting and packing items for St. Pius X in Kingston, Jamaica on Saturday, December 10. They will start at 8:30 a.m. at North Naples Storage on Old 41. All are welcome to participate and bring a friend. For questions, call Bill at 594.9439.

## Let Us Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Who are these people? I don't know why I should pray for them unless I know them. What are their problems? How do I pray for someone I don't know?

Those were my thoughts many months ago. I would glance at the prayer list only to see if I recognized a name, and then I would pray for that person.

Now, I have had the privilege and blessings of speaking to many of my brothers and sisters in Christ, and they have shared their illnesses with me. From my heart to yours, they are your brothers and sisters too. They are real human beings. Some are children with blood diseases, incurable illnesses, and some are paralyzed. Others have cancer, broken bones, loss of a loved one, and some are in nursing homes.

While serving dinner for our Youth Group one Sunday evening, my husband, Jim, and I were asked to share the purpose of our ministry, The Circle of Comfort, with the youth. After our sharing I asked if there were any questions. One young man

asked if there was anything they could do to help us. I thanked him, and said, "When you finish reading *The Evangelist* bulletin, tear out the prayer list and pray as a family before your family meal for all people on the prayer list. If you will do this every week, this will be a great help to many people.

I would ask you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, when reading the prayer list, that you would touch each name and pray for that brother or sister, as if it truly were your own family. Thank you for the prayer warriors who have their family and friends on the prayer list. They count on us. Forgive me for not praying sooner.

Matthew 25:40: *The king will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

*submitted by Darlene Follese*

*Prayer List Coordinator*



<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>	
Deacon Al Groh	566.8740 ext. 125
<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 Yopez	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	566.8740
<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)

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

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

**Cursillistas.** Third Tuesday monthly at 7:30 PM: The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas are welcome including visitors. Loretta Judy: 596.2291

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

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

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

**Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.** Last Monday of every month: St. John K of C Officers. First Monday of every month. Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited to join our Council meeting. 495.9741

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

**Knitting & Crocheting.** Tuesdays from 10:00-Noon: Want to learn? We are a service group that knits & crochets to benefit those in need: blankets for soldiers, hats for cancer patients, baby hats & booties, & prayer shawls. Anne Orem: 566.9636

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

Duncan: 596.8079

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

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

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

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

**Philothea.** Women ages 20-45 meet to support & encourage one another through the joys & struggles of life, work and motherhood in a Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Ruth Wardein: 398.4428, [redheded28@yahoo.com](mailto:redheded28@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...



## Hymns for the Second Sunday of Advent, December 3 & 4, 2011

Entrance Hymn:	<b>200</b>	On Jordan's Bank
Preparation Hymn:	<b>524</b>	The Summons
Communion Hymn:	<b>505</b>	Behold the Lamb
	<b>469</b>	Come to the Water
Closing Hymn:	<b>196</b>	Ready the Way

## Hymns for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, 2011

Entrance Hymn:	<b>377</b>	Sing a New Song
Preparation Hymn:	<b>310</b>	Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
Communion Hymn:	<b>518</b>	Seed, Scattered and Sown
	<b>322</b>	On This Day, O Beautiful Mother
Closing Hymn:	<b>312</b>	Immaculate Mary

## *Perfect Timing for St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive*

The SVDP conference here at St. John held its annual food drive on the weekend of November 18 and 19. The weekend before 1000 Publix and Sweetbay grocery bags were handed out with a list of suggested food items.

At 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, November 18 the empty SVDP truck parked in front of the church. As if on cue, parishioners came from all directions carrying bags filled with food and non perishable necessities. On Sunday afternoon the truck was filled to capacity.

At the Thanksgiving Day Mass, parishioners were still bringing food and generously contributed \$11,303 in the collection, all of which went to the St. John SVDP conference.

Members of St. Vincent de Paul have always been humbled by the generosity and compassion of our fellow parishioners. In reality we are all members of SVDP because without your support we could not do the work that the Lord wants all of us to do.

Thank you.

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*submitted by  
Bill Smart  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Coordinator*



*Volunteers refill the pantry shelves*



*Pantry on November 20*



*The St. Vincent de Paul truck arrives after the Thanksgiving Food Drive*



Did you know that we purchased a convent for St. Margaret Parish in Clewiston five years ago? The convent is a single family home located near the parish which houses Sr. Maria Zoila Acereto, M.H.M.L. and Sr. Thelma Nicholson, M.H.M.L. Sister Maria is the Director of Religious Education and Sister Thelma is the Director of Hispanic Ministry. They also serve other interior migrant parishes in the immediate area. The Diocese of Venice approached us in 2006 to ask that we assist St. Margaret by purchasing the convent. Due to the fact that St. Margaret is a mainly migrant parish, they were unable to purchase the convent. Our regular offertory during the winter months averages around \$44,000.00 weekly. This amount is what St. Margaret recognizes annually in offertory contributions. The purchase price of the convent was \$250,000.00 and many of our parishioners made generous contributions to help defer the cost. The shortfall (approximately \$125,000) was held as an interest free loan with the Diocese of Venice since that time. All payments toward the convent were applied as a credit towards our Catholic Faith Appeal assessment at a rate of 30%. I am proud to announce that as of November 30, we have successfully met our obligation and retired the debt for the convent. Thank you to all of our parishioners who gave so generously to provide adequate housing for these two very deserving sisters.

Please join us this Sunday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass for the dedication of the Paniccia Prayer Garden. Immediately following Mass, Fr. John will lead a procession from the church to the Prayer Garden to celebrate this momentous occasion. Refreshments will be served in the courtyard outside of the main entrance to the garden. We have poured a tremendous amount of hard work into the Prayer Garden and the end result is truly magnificent. We should all be very proud of this new addition to our

campus. Thank you once again to Frank and Sandi Paniccia for their vision and to all of our parishioners who made the Prayer Garden a reality.

Did you notice the Royal Palm trees at the entrance to our campus have been beautifully wrapped in lights for the holidays? After several feeble in-house attempts over the past few years, we decided to enlist the help of professionals this time around. We hope you enjoy this illuminated addition to the campus.

Molter Landscaping has been hard at work beautifying our campus for the winter season. Splashes of color are evident throughout the grounds with the addition of flowering annuals. You will see impatiens, New Guinea impatiens, pentas, vincas and many more. The Buildings and Grounds Committee has been working diligently with our landscaper to ensure that the campus will be full of color all winter long. Historically, the color palate on campus only consisted of green and brown. This year, we will have a rainbow of colors enhancing the grounds.

Our parishioners are making a real difference in the lives of the less fortunate at our sister-parish, St. Pius X in Kingston, Jamaica. The second collection held on November 12 and 13 totaled \$19,295.00. This was an increase of 22.6% over the same period (\$15,738.00) last year. Housing donations since November 1 have totaled \$19,100.00. This includes the pocket change collection which totaled \$5,900.00, just short of building two additional homes. It is amazing what a little pocket change can do when combined with the change of hundreds of others. On behalf of those in Jamaica, thank you to our amazing parishioners for your extreme generosity.

In addition to making a difference in the lives of those in Jamaica, you are also making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate locally. The collection for St. Vincent De Paul on Thanksgiving Day totaled \$11,303.00. This was an increase of 28.56% over



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# SCOTT'S CORNER

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the same period (\$8,792.00) last year. As there are no administrative costs associated with St. Vincent De Paul, every penny of your contributions will be used to assist families in our local area who are struggling to get by.

After raving about your extreme generosity, I must now break the unpleasant news. With only one month remaining, we are still \$88,000.00 shy of our goal for the 2011 Catholic Faith Appeal. I know that it is much more glamorous to give to the Jamaica Outreach Program or St. Vincent De Paul as you can see first hand the tangible results of your gifts. With that said, without the support of the parish, neither of these programs would exist. It is imperative that we support the CFA so that we can remain solvent and not have to dip into operating income to make up the shortfall. If you are able, please consider making a gift to the CFA by the end of December so that we can extend our streak of success to four years running.

In His work together,  
 Scott Schlossberg, MBA  
 General Manager



## CALENDAR

### Prayer Garden Grand Opening

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

### JOP Christmas Tea

Wednesday, December 7

### Faith & Wine

Tuesday, December 13

### 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

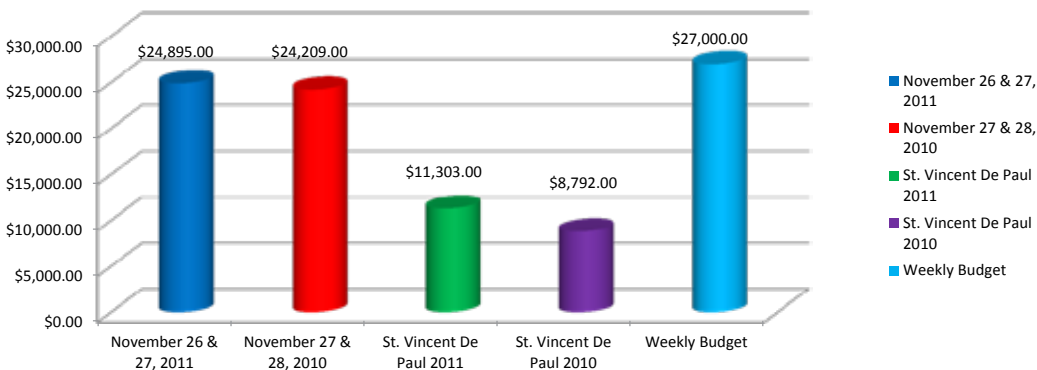
### Parish Winter Cruise

January 21 - 28, 2012

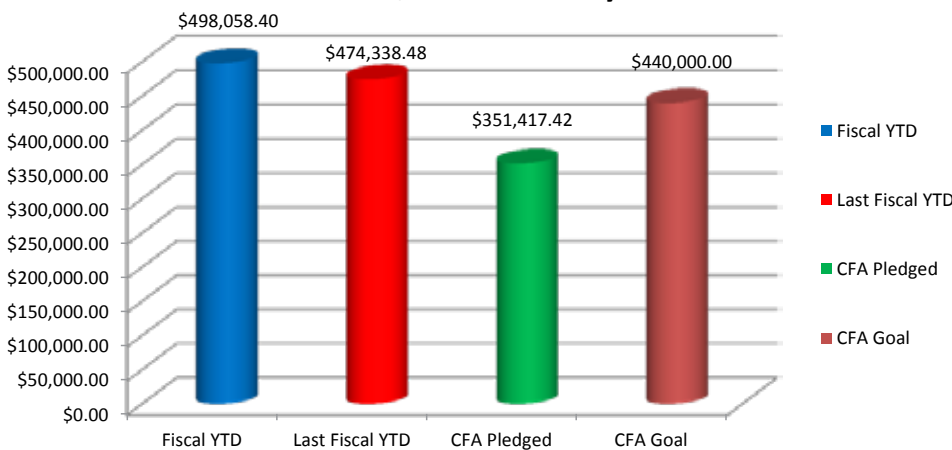
### JOP Pirates of the Cribbean Festival

February 3, 2012

Collection Summary



YTD/CFA Summary



# 5 PM Contemporary Mass Music Worship Aid

## Sunday, December 4, 2011: the Second Sunday of Advent

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Strength will rise as we wait up - on the Lord, we will wait  
 up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord. Our God,  
 You reign for - ev - er. Our Hope,  
 our strong De - liv - 'rer  
 You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev -  
 er - last - ing God You do not faint, You  
 won't grow wea - ry You're the de - fend - er of the weak,  
 You com - fort those in need. You lift  
 us up on wings like ea - gles. ea - gles.

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

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 85) Music by Tom Oram, © 2011 A Chasing After Wind Music (BMI) .All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Response (cf. Ps 85:8)

Lord, let us see your kind-ness, and grant us your sal-va - tion.

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

Verse 1

Your grace is power  
 Your will, forever  
 Your love is a river  
 Overflow in me! (to Chorus)

Verse 2

Your Word, true presence  
 Your Body, our recompense  
 Your Blood, salvation  
 Overflow in me! (to Chorus)

Verse 3

Our worship of you,  
 It's your gift to us from you.  
 No one could give this gift but you  
 Overflow in me! (to Chorus)



Bridge) We lift up our hearts; we lift up our souls; we lift up our minds  
 And ev'ry good thing is yours, yeah, ev'ry good thing is yours, so overflow

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- 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*

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Communion Song **505 Behold the Lamb** Martin Willett

Meditation

**We Fall Down** Chris Tomlin

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

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Closing Song **196 Ready the Way** Bob Hurd

*prepare ye  
 the way of the  
 Lord*



# The Word & Life

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**  
**Psalm 85:9-10,11-12, 13-14**  
**2 Peter 3:8-14**  
**Mark 1:1-8**

## *A Time of Promise*

If you were to ask how best to prepare for Christmas during the season of Advent, you would find the answer deep in the heart of today's readings. If we are to encounter the comfort and the tender compassion of our God, we must listen to the voice of those who lead us and show the way. In today's first reading, Isaiah prophesies the coming of the shepherd who will gently carry his lambs in his bosom. The words of Isaiah bring comfort and assurance to the people of Israel who were living in captivity of Babylon. Such an image of a caring shepherd who securely holds on to his lambs whilst taking them home must have spoken loudly to those who were yearning for the time they would be taken home in order to worship their God in Jerusalem. God, through the prophecy of Isaiah, wants his people to prepare themselves for this time of promise.

In the gospel reading, we are reminded that John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus and the promise that he will bring. John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John sees the need for the world to be purified in order to receive perfection itself – Jesus

Christ. The Baptist is seen to be preparing a way for the one who is mightier than he; the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit. As we continue to journey through the new liturgical year, through the proclamation of Mark's gospel, it becomes apparent that Jesus is that promise! Through the wisdom of the adult Christ, we are shown ways forward that will free us and lead us into the presence of God. When we are baptized, we enter into a profound relationship with God, and, regardless of where we are located in the world, we become kingdom people. Our lives lived in the freedom of God's Word, allows God's dwelling place to be rooted in our hearts the expression of our lives.

The reign of God that Jesus announced was the appointed time of promise. As we approach Christmas time, we are asked to remember the promise that continued after the manger in Bethlehem. From the moment of the annunciation, to the



Incarnation, to the public life of Jesus, the promise of God unfolds. In this holy Season of Advent, we are invited to prayerfully contemplate what the coming of Jesus means to us. Jesus clearly showed us how to make straight the path of our lives so that we could journey toward the kingdom. Our baptism is a baptism with the Holy Spirit, which continually inspires us to live Jesus' way of life. The voice crying out in the wilderness remains a constant reminder to the world to prepare for the coming of Christ. The Church through its teachings is forever the prophetic voice in a world of sin.

The "Incarnation" means, "The Word was made flesh." We must constantly be aware of the impact that the Incarnation has on our lives. Two thousand years after the Incarnation we are challenged to have the Word of God come alive in us. During Advent we are asked to consider how important Jesus is to us. We are shown that the Word is still alive and active through the gift of the Church. It is through our compassion and concern that others encounter the Christ of Bethlehem today.

## Reflection Questions

1. Name the times that you have felt God's compassion in your life.
2. How have you participated in God's compassion and mercy this past week?
3. What does it mean to "Prepare a way for the Lord, make straight his paths"?
4. What are the things in your life that distract you from God?
5. How is the Season of Advent challenging you to make a change in your personal life?
6. Who has had an influence in bringing you closer to God?
7. What does the sacrament of baptism mean to you?
8. How has Jesus baptized you with the Holy Spirit?
9. How do you make the Word of God incarnate in your life?

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



## Prayer

*We Pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Help us to make straight the path of our lives. Encourage us to bring the promise of your kingdom alive through our words and actions. May we be reflections of your divine love and inspire us with the gift of the Holy Spirit so that we can become closer to You. Amen.*

## Wisdom of the Fathers

"Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for the benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share his power, if, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us, and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ. The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace. In her concern for our salvation, our loving mother the Church uses this holy season to teach us through hymns, canticles and other forms of expression, of voice or ritual, used by the Holy Spirit. She shows us how grateful we should be for so great a blessing and how to gain its benefit. Our hearts should be as much prepared for the coming of Christ as if he were still to come into this world. The same lesson is given us for our imitation by the words and example of the holy men of the Old Testament."

— *St. Charles Borromeo 16th Century*

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

The J.O.Y. Club Christmas party will be held Thursday, December 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the PLC. Please call the office to register your name.

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.

Anyone who wants pictures from the September or October event may call Mary Lou at 597.4446

*The November event celebrated everyone's birthday with cake and ice cream. Participants played musical gifts and crafted a turkey in anticipation of Thanksgiving.*

*Photos by Sam Kojiro*



## Faith & Ale

A Gathering of Catholic Men



### 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](http://www.FaithandAle.com)**

MISSION STATEMENT

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



# Sacred Music In Sacred Spaces

Introducing a new concert series to St. John the Evangelist and to Naples:  
Monthly concerts, offered free of charge, with the intent to praise God!

Next **FREE** Concert, especially for FAMILIES:

**7 PM Friday, December 16, 2011**

In conjunction with *One Starry Night In Bethlehem*, our first annual concert presenting

## The Christmas Story



### One Starry Night In Bethlehem

-an experience of the Holy Land in ancient times coming to our own PLC ballroom-is fun for the whole family! The evening starts at 5:30 PM with a potluck dinner-turkey provided for all!

Then at 7 PM, over to the church as  
the Concert begins...

*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 and song by our combined choirs, talented soloists, & many of our amazing young people in the first annual production of our new Christmas tradition!!!

**7 PM in the Church • Admission free • No ticket required**

# Faith Formation



“Families in Christ” on November 13, 2011

## Upcoming Events

**December 4**

RCIA Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming

**December 12**

First Reconciliation Rehearsal

**December 15**

First Reconciliation Ceremony

**December 18**

Catechist Appreciation Brunch

## Faith Formation News

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

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

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



Father studying with his daughter.



Mother studying with her children.



"Families in Christ" is well attended.



Matt Loboda discussing the Gospel.



Father and son studying together.

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*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!*

## **Christmas Tea**

To benefit **Jamaica Outreach Program**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Keep Christ in Christmas

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

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

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

*Buy early to get the  
best selection.*



*Please support this endeavor.*

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus



Contact:

Frank Rosenthal 269-1066

or

Tim Pellegrino 348-0598

**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  
625 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue North

### Cost

\$10/person pre-paid (\$15 at door)  
(includes wine tasting & appetizers)

**Pre-Payment Strongly Encouraged!**

[www.faithandwine.com](http://www.faithandwine.com)



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](mailto: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



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)**