

Music Department Celebrates 2011 Accomplishments, Looks Forward to 2012 and Beyond

The year 2011 was very eventful for the St. John the Evangelist Music Department — a year in which the parish saw three new ensembles established. Our Children’s Choir with over 20 children from grades 1 through 5. The Contemporary Choir, which sings at Sunday’s 5:00 p.m. Mass, has afforded our middle- and high school students a group in which to develop their talents, mentored by several older, more accomplished musicians. Finally, the Schola Cantorum, an elite singing group composed of the cantors of the parish, tackles especially challenging repertoire and made its debut at our Christmas concert.

Speaking of concerts, these were a particular success in 2011. In the spring, Italian baritone Dino Valle joined Ellie VanderMeuse and me to present a program of sacred song and aria. A month later, the Adult Choir joined the Contemporary Ensemble and several talented soloists to present a Lenten concert.

The success of these events was such that we introduced a monthly concert series, free of charge to the parish and community, of music that too often goes ignored or unheard in our noisy culture: sacred music. Entitled Sacred Music In Sacred Spaces, the series began in October with “Sing a New Psalm!”, a concert featuring six soloists with our choir and Contemporary Ensemble, and continued in November with “An Evening of Cello!” with renowned cellist Dr. Eduard Gulabyan, whom I accompanied. Most recently, over 100 people came together to present

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*Children’s
 Choir*



*Contemporary
 Ensemble*

Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by

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 Renée Dantonio
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
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

January 2, 2012 Monday

8:00 AM + Lawrence J. Keaney David and Sally Russell
9:00 AM + Richard Zebrowski Patty Ann and Larry Luscy

January 3, 2012 Tuesday

8:00 AM + Alice Elaine Carmichael Sharon & Niel Porcaro
9:00 AM + Vern Foecking Mary J. Magner

January 4, 2012 Wednesday

8:00 AM + Mary Commons Grealish Suzanne Rhea
9:00 AM + Jean Abbate Geraldine & John Fox

January 5, 2012 Thursday

8:00 AM + Ann Mulvey Family
9:00 AM + Joyce Miglior John and Jeanne Faup

January 6, 2012 Friday

8:00 AM + Anne Peace William Peace
9:00 AM + Pat Lozinski Karole Davis & Family

January 7, 2012 Saturday

8:00 AM Lloyd Duncan Lenora and George Ferdinand

Vigil Services

3:00 PM + Margaret Harkulich Mr. & Mrs. John Skubick
5:00 PM + Captain Stephen J. Belli (U.S. Army) Parents

January 8, 2012 Sunday

7:00 AM Patrick Dolan Phil and Mary Cronan
9:00 AM + Vincenza Masotti Mary and Jimmy Ventura
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM Vincenza Masotti Mr. & Mrs. Vincenzo Perrotta
5:00 PM + Christina Klein The Biada Family

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 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

The Octave of Christmas; New Year's Day; Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Monday, January 2, 2012

Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

The Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday, January 5, 2012

St. John Neumann
1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

Friday, January 6, 2012

St. André Bessette; First Friday
1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday, January 7, 2012

St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday; Julian Calendar Christmas
1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11

Vigil Services

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Sunday, January 8, 2012

The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mass Schedule for New Year

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.

Magnificat Breakfast Saturday, January 28

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women. The breakfast will be held Saturday, January 28, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at our new location, the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. Our speaker, Jane Hanzel, grew up in a very strict German Lutheran family during the Great Depression. Later in life she became Catholic. Through many changes in her life, one thing remained constant – The Lord’s loving presence was always available and unchanging. Come and hear her story of how the Lord desires to become real in all of us, if we only seek Him (Matthew 7:7-11).

Advanced registration required by mail. Seating is limited; no walk-ins. Please send a \$20 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Joanne Tarantino, 16550 Heron Coach Way #206, Fort Myers, FL 33908, 481.6967, or Rose Ann Manzoni, 3660 Stone Way, Estero, FL 33928, 498.5494. Requests must be postmarked by January 21.

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

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.

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

Hymns for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, December 31, 2011 & January 1, 2012

Entrance Hymn:	318	Sing of Mary
Preparation Hymn:	218	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
	215	The Snow Lay On the Ground
Communion Hymn:	487	Table of Plenty
	230	What Child Is This
Closing Hymn:	323	Hail, Holy Queen

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

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Margie Lynch: 514.2927

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Tiffany Moody: 514.2927

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Brendan Budlong: 566.8740 Ext. 177

Director of RCIA
Margie Lynch: 514.2927

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Charlene Youngs: 566.8740 Ext: 123

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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

Thank you!

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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

Mass Cards

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

We are currently accepting intentions for 2013.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2012 & 2013 availability. Call or visit the office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH INFORMATION...

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Eucharistic Ministers Needed to Distribute Holy Communion for Weekend Masses, Homebound, Sick

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.

Collection for Vocations and Seminarian Education Weekend of January 7 and 8



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the years the Diocese of Venice has been blessed with vocations. We currently have 17 seminarians who have answered God's call, and two additional men have recently been ordained as Transitional Deacons.

However, our Church is still in need of bright, vibrant, young people to answer God's call to service in our growing Diocese. Your support of the Annual Collection for Seminarian Education and Vocations is vital as it allows us to educate our seminarians, increase vocation outreach and thereby ensure priests for the future of the Diocese of Venice.

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, made an appeal in his message for the 48th World Day of Prayer for Vocations on May 15, 2011. He wrote, "Particularly in these times, when the voice of the Lord seems to be drowned out by "other voices" and his invitation to follow him by the gift of one's own life may seem too difficult, every Christian community, every member of the church, needs consciously to feel responsibility for promoting vocations."

This week we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. Please pray for our seminarians and for an increase in all vocations in the Church. I would be happy to know of and speak with anyone who has expressed an interest in learning more about the priesthood or religious life.

The Annual Collection, on behalf of vocations and seminarian education, will be taken up in all parishes of the Diocese the weekend of January 7 and 8, 2012. This is a unique opportunity to invest in the future of our Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

Order 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.

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

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

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

**To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740,
email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com,
or complete the form below and return it to the parish office.**

Please add to the PRAYER LIST

Name _____

Please print first and last name

Requested by _____

Your Phone Number _____

Date _____

LET US PRAY...

10th Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal

The Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal runs through January 31. The appeal provides help and creates hope for individuals and families seeking assistance. This year's goal is to raise \$450,000. A gift will provide funding for the many Catholic Charities programs and services available throughout Southwest Florida and enable Catholic Charities to help those in need all year long. Please consider a gift to the Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal by sending a donation to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., 5824 Bee Ridge Road, PMB #409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065. For more information call 941.488.5581.

Mass for Milestone Anniversaries

Bishop Frank Dewane will celebrate two Masses for married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 50+ years). The Masses will be celebrated on Saturday, February 11, at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice at 11:00 a.m. and on Saturday, March 3 at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Naples at 11:00 a.m. Contact Melenie Harrison at 566.8740, ext. 113 during regular business hours for more information or to register for the Mass.



**Ave Maria University President H. James Towey presents
"A Walk with Mother Teresa"**

Thursday, January 12, 2012 ~ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom

Mr. Towey came to Ave Maria after serving as president of Saint Vincent College from 2006-2010. Under his leadership, records were set for national rankings, enrollment and fundraising. He also launched successful service learning and study abroad programs. 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.

At the urging of Mother Teresa, Mr. Towey founded Aging with Dignity, a non-profit organization that helps families plan for and discuss end-of-life care. Inspired by his experiences caring for the dying in one of Mother Teresa's home for people with AIDS, he created the widely-popular advance directive Five Wishes, which has sold over 14 million copies. Aging with Dignity has become the nation's leading advocate for the rights of those facing serious illness.

We encourage you to pre-pay for this event by going to www.faithandwine.com and click on "Registration for Events". Or you can simply sign up and drop off your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." at the St. John office. The cost is \$10 if you prepay before the early bird deadline of January 10, 2012 and \$15 after that date.

Faith and Wine is a group of diverse women, all at different places along their faith journey, who seek fellowship with each other and a greater understanding of their Catholic faith in order to enrich their lives and help them cope with the ever-changing challenges presented by today's society. Sponsorship opportunities are available – please e-mail Mary Beth Clary at mbclary@porterwright.com for more information. Join us and find out why more than 200 women have been attending Faith and Wine events!

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

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

AGA (Alienated Grandparents Anonymous). Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. First Thursdays 1:00

p.m. in the Library; third Thursdays 7:00 p.m. in the ballroom. www.aga-fl.org

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

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

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

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

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

Bible Teaching. Lectors and friends convene Saturdays, 10 a.m., Claussen Center for relevant Bible teaching and retelling of the Scriptures. Join us in acquiring greater understanding of the weekly readings and growing in faith with us. Victor: 290.9090

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. Valerie Matulis. 390.3545

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

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

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

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

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

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

Religious Gift Shop. Open Saturday and Sunday and after daily Mass. The shop will be closed December 31 and January 1. The gift shop is in need of volunteers after Mass on Wednesdays. 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

PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

Adult Faith Enrichment Presents...
...An Evening with Peter Kreeft, Ph.D.

Virtue, Death & Taxes

The Need for a Virtuous Society



Guest speaker, Peter Kreeft, Ph.D. will provide a lively lecture on the need for a virtuous society in light of the current political atmosphere and the declining economy.

Join us for a more intimate evening with Peter Kreeft, Ph.D. at the private Peña residence.

Monday, January 9th at 6:30pm

Seating is very limited.

Reserve your seat today by calling 239.289.5541

\$50.00 per couple; \$35.00 single.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres & crudités will be served.

Adult Faith Enrichment Presents...

...Peter Kreeft

SPIRITUAL WARFARE & THE MEANING OF SUFFERING with Peter Kreeft, Ph.D.

Join us for a lively and thought provoking talk on angels, demons and God's answer to suffering given by guest speaker, Peter Kreeft, Ph.D., professor of philosophy at Boston College and at King's College (Empire State Building), in New York City.

"The answer (to suffering) must be someone, not just something. For the problem (suffering) is about someone (God



—why does he... why doesn't he...?) rather than just something. To question God's goodness is not just an intellectual experiment. It is rebellion or tears. It is a little child with tears in its eyes looking up at Daddy and weeping.

"Why?" This is not

merely the philosophers' "why?" Not only does it add the emotion of tears but also it is asked in the context of relationship. It is a question put to the Father, not a question asked in a vacuum."

Tues., Jan. 10th 11am-1pm
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RSVP to secure your seat!
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Learn more about Dr. Kreeft by visiting his website:

WWW.PETERKREEFT.COM

Dr. Kreeft is a regular contributor to several Christian publications, is in wide demand as a speaker at conferences, and is the author of over 67 books including:
Handbook of Christian Apologetics
Christianity for Modern Pagans
Fundamentals of the Faith



Spotlight on Stewardship: Did you know?

The **Religious Gift Shop Volunteers** are a very faithful group. Nine of the thirteen workers have been volunteering since the shop opened almost six years ago.

Did you know that if you have a special request the Religious Gift Shop will try to accommodate you? You may volunteer if you want to have fun while helping the church.

Marianne Brooks, Gift Shop

All the Ministries of St. John The Evangelist will parade at the beginning of each Mass on Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29. Following Mass these Ministries will be participating in a Ministry Fair in the PLC.

The Fair will be like an EXPO to acquaint you with what each Ministry does for you and all the other parishioners of the parish. If you are interested in using your God-given time and talent for others, this is a good place to start and learn, and, hopefully, you will join one of these Ministries.

Bob Claussen, President, Stewardship Council



November Ministry Parade



On behalf of the clergy and staff of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. 2011 was a year of many changes and many great accomplishments! 2012 looks to be even better. Are you glad the holidays are over? Although the Christmas Season recognizes a very important occurrence in the birth of Jesus Christ, it is difficult to maintain any type of normalcy during this

time with all of the extracurricular activities taking place. For those who have been traveling (and possibly stranded) over this hectic period and for those who may be arriving in Naples for the first time this season, welcome back. We look forward to an incredibly fun and spiritual filled 2012 at St. John the Evangelist.

What do you think of the appearance of the church for the Christmas season? Once again the Arts and Liturgical Environment team outdid themselves in creating a magnificent atmosphere to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Have you taken a trip to the "Horse Races" at Gulfstream Park with our parish? Bob Valentine (parishioner and horse racing aficionado) has been coordinating these outings for the past three years. This is a great way to spend the day away from home and an even better chance to win a buck or two hundred. This is also a great opportunity to meet and socialize with your fellow parishioners. The first trip of the season will take place on January 26. The bus leaves the Parish Life Center promptly at 10:30 a.m., and Bob asks that you be onsite by 10:00 a.m. After you enjoy juice and snacks on the trip over, you will be treated to a full buffet in the clubhouse, a complimentary program and a \$2 betting voucher. The last race is approximately 5:00 p.m., which should put you back at St. John at approximately 7:30 p.m. Kathy Valentine will serve cocktails on the return trip while Bob assists in tending bar. The cost for this magnificent day out at the races is only \$78 per person. The maximum number of seats available on the bus is 50. Please see the advertisement in next week's bulletin for further details. Please contact Melanie by January 13 if you would like to attend.

In the next few weeks you will notice that the grass areas immediately outside the east entrance near the organ will be turning a very dark shade of brown. Our landscaper is going to kill the grass currently in place and replace with new St. Augustine Floratam sod. Due to our proximity to the baseball field next door, the grass has become infested with "common Bermuda." The seeds from the Bermuda grass on the baseball field have blown over and taken over our St. Augustine grass. There are also several other nuisance grasses

that have taken a stronghold. The current appearance of the grass is not at all aesthetically pleasing. After replacing the sod, we will maintain a tight regimen with regards to quarterly treatments to ensure that a similar problem does not arise in the future.

On Sunday, February 5, we will host our 14th Annual Super Bowl Party in the ballroom of the Parish Life Center. This party has received much acclaim over its 13 year run and this year will be no different. Tickets will be available in the parish office on Tuesday, January 3 for \$25 each. We will sell a maximum of 300 tickets, and due to the increasing popularity of this annual event, I strongly suggest buying yours early. This year we will be using our new audio visual system for the game. Rather than having one large screen to watch the game, we will have four large screens providing for an amazing viewing experience. We hope to see you there. Please see the flyer in this bulletin for further details.

This is my last opportunity to stress the importance of the Catholic Faith Appeal before we are out of time for 2011. As of December 21 we were still about \$55,000.00 shy of reaching our goal. Please remember that if we have your contribution by January 2, it can still be included in the 2011 appeal. With that said, unless something miraculous takes place, we will not reach our goal. But it is not for a lack of effort. In the midst of a very tumultuous economic environment, we made a great run at meeting our lofty goal. So although our streak may end at three years, there is always next year to begin a new streak. As a continual reminder, if you are a seasonal resident or visitor, please make your check payable to the Catholic Faith Appeal with St. John the Evangelist in the memo line. Thank you once again for your continued support of the Catholic Faith Appeal.

Due to numerous requests, I have included a recent picture of the triplets waiting for their dinner. They are now seven months old and thriving. They are eating apple sauce, pears and bananas in



addition to their bottles. Nate is beginning to crawl, and I am sure the others will follow suit after watching the efforts of their big brother. Thanks for your continued kind words and prayers for the health and prosperity of our little ones.

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

SCOTT'S CORNER...

Music Department Looks Forward to 2012 and Beyond

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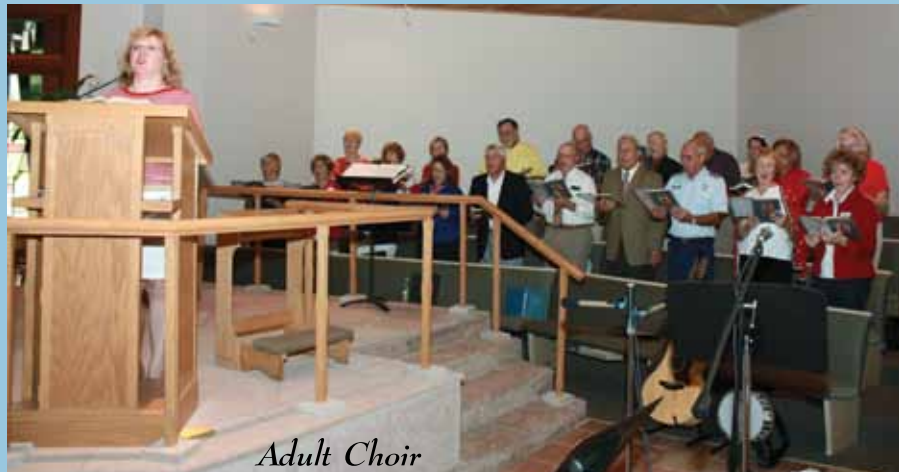
our first annual Christmas concert, a retelling of “The Christmas Story”, which featured actors, soloists and choirs in a beautiful evening for the parish.

The next few months will see the series continue. On January 29, Dino Valle makes his return to us, with all-new music with which to move our hearts and souls. Then in February, we will again have a Lenten sacred concert, in which we’ll prove that Lent doesn’t mean dreary music! Next, in March, I’m supremely happy to announce the return of Virginia Oram, mezzo soprano, who will appear in recital, and who also happens to be my mother. Many in the parish might recall her recital here two years ago, in which she featured music of women composers. Finally, in April, the wonderful Gabriela Frei will return to St. John — this time headlining her own concert, accompanied by the Contemporary Ensemble.

Though the concerts have all been free, there has occasionally been a free-will offering towards having a real piano in our church.

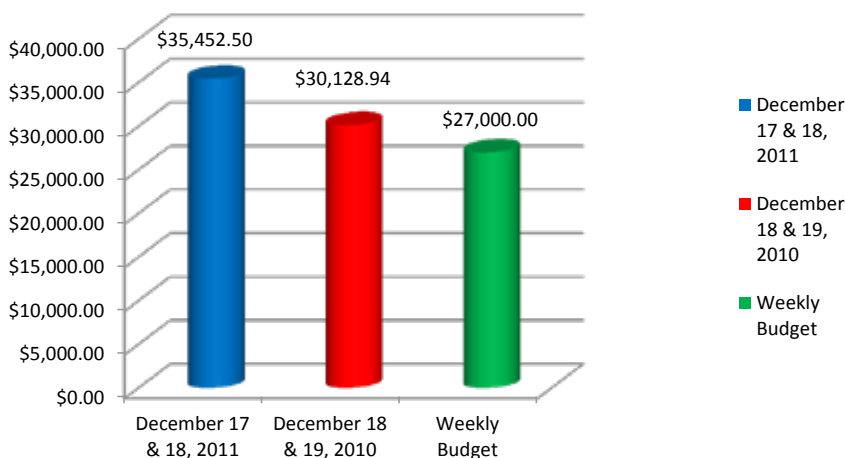
I’m pleased to say that over \$2,000 has been raised already. And our Adult Choir will be using 2012 to raise funds for our trip to Rome and Italy in February, 2013! Well, not just to raise money... afterall, how do you get to The Eternal City? Practice, practice, practice!!!

*article submitted by Tom Oram
Pastoral Musician*

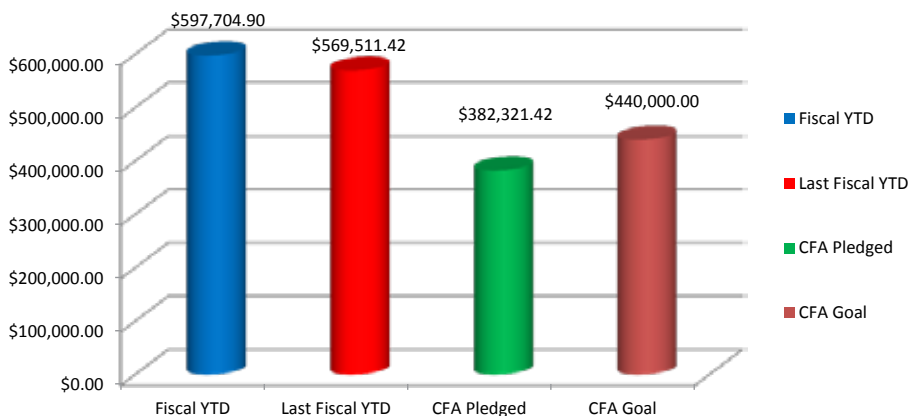


Adult Choir

Collection Summary



YTD/CFA Summary



J.O.Y. Club’s Next Event Thursday, January 19

The January J.O.Y. Club will have its monthly get-together Thursday, January 19 in the ballroom. Those who plan to attend should call the office at 566.8740 during office hours to make reservations. More information will be provided in future bulletins.

The J.O.Y Club offers the senior citizens at St. John the Evangelist an opportunity for entertainment and socialization. The J.O.Y Club is open to all seniors — men, women, singles and couples.

***Jamaica Outreach Program
Needs Auction and Treasure
Chest Items for Pirates
of the Caribbean Festival
Scheduled for
February 3, 2012***

5 PM Contemporary Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, January 1st: the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- Prelude **Hail, Mary** Tom Oram
- Opening Song **209 Angels We Have Heard On High** French Carol
- Kyrie & Gloria • *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist* (please see worship aid in pew)

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 67) Music by Tom Oram. © 2004, 2011 A Chasing After Wind Music (BMI). All rights reserved. Used with permission, obviously.

Response
(cf. Ps 67:2a)



May God bless us in his mer-cy, May God bless us in his mer-cy!

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

Preparation Song **Love Has Come** Matt Maher Reprinted under LicenSing Online #U19759.

Verses



1. With one voice the an - gels sing
2. God the Fa - ther, El - o - him,
3. God of Cov - e - nant, di - vine,
4. Now sal - va - tion has _____ come

1. songs that make cre - a - tion ring.
2. voice of thun - der, spir - it, wind:
3. lead us to the end of time,
4. in the New Je - ru - sa - lem.

1. Proph - ets hear and call us to
2. breathe on me your ver - y life;
3. be - yond sor - row, be - yond fear,
4. Danc - ers dance and sing - ers roar; pro -

1. live in spir - it and in truth. (to Verse 2)
2. grace will make the dark - ness bright.
3. be - yond pride and earth - en tears.
4. claim - ing Je - sus Christ is Lord!

Refrain

Word of God, en - throned, dwell in us for - ev - er -
 more. Love has come to show the way.
 Hal - le - lu - jah, peace be with
 us. Love has come to show the way.

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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*

Communion Song **The Heart of Worship** Matt Redman

Verse 1
 When the music fades, all is stripped away
 and I simply come; longing just to bring
 something that's of worth, that will bless your heart

Pre-chorus
 I'll bring you more than a song,
 for a song in itself is not what you have required.
 You search much deeper within, through the way
 things appear—you're looking into my heart...

Chorus
**I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
 And it's all about you, all about you Jesus.
 I'm sorry Lord, for the thing I've made it,
 When it's all about you, all about you, Jesus.**

Verse 2
 King of endless worth, no one could express
 How much you deserve;
 Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is yours,
 ev'ry single breath.

Verse 3
 And as I receive your Body and your Blood,
 given up for me;
 Take me as I am, call me to the Feast,
 say the word, I'm healed—

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Meditation **218 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming** Michael Praetorius

Closing Song **323 Hail, Holy Queen** Melchior Harold

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: Year B

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8.

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

The Word & Life

A Human Story Filled

with Divine Consequences

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Much attention is given to Mary at this sacred time of year because she plays a vital role in the history of redemption and salvation. Mary must have witnessed the redemptive power that Jesus brought to broken situations. The way Jesus forgives the sinner, heals the sick, raises the dead, calms the possessed and loves the poor, are all ways in which God redeems the world. Jesus' name means, "The one who saves". Mary is the one who gives life to the Savior of the world. Mother Church, therefore, asks us today to ponder the divine role that Mary plays.

The Church has long contemplated the significance of Mary's life. If we examine the Scriptures, there are a few icons that give us a glimpse into Mary's life. The gospels talk about her betrothal to Joseph and record the Annunciation and Visitation to Elizabeth. We learn of Mary's announcement to Joseph and his reaction to it, and then his acceptance of Mary. We then journey to Bethlehem, learn of the birth of Jesus, the Circumcision of the Lord, the Presentation of Jesus in the temple, the visit of the Magi and the exile into Egypt. There is a reference to the Holy Family of Nazareth, but then the Scriptures focus on Jesus' life. Later, we learn of the finding of Jesus in the Temple, the miracle at Cana and the mention of Mary and Jesus' relatives throughout Jesus' ministry. The scriptures remind us that Mary stood at the foot of the cross and after his death, waited in the upper room for the coming of Pentecost.

What is remarkable about these glimpses into Mary's life? Let us examine closely Mary's human experience. She risks humiliation and rejection from her town folk by responding yes to God and becoming pregnant during her betrothal. As Mary follows God's will, she risks rejection from Joseph. She gives birth in the midst of homelessness, and then she goes into exile as a political refugee because of the threat to Jesus' life. As a mother, she witnesses the rejection of her son when



he announces that he is the fulfillment of the promised Messiah. She accompanies Jesus as he goes through his public ministry and sees him rejected several times. Mary must have heard (and maybe saw) the wondrous deeds worked through Jesus' life. Notably, the scriptures tell the story of Mary, a mother stricken with pain as she watches the life drain from her son, as she stands at the foot of the cross – a death sentence written by the Roman occupation. Mary saw the closest friends to Jesus abandon him in his hour of need. Yet, Mary returns to these very same people and waits for the promised Spirit. These events do not give us many details, but most certainly furnish us with the divine reality in which Mary played a part. Mary remains strong in believing that what God said, through her son, would be fulfilled. Mary primarily is a supportive mother and faithful disciple.

The early Church Fathers, St. Ignatius, St. Irenaeus and Tertullian, wrote about Mary's life, constantly referring to her as "Mother of God." However, it was not until the Council in Ephesus in 431 AD, that the leaders in the Christian Church solidified Mary's title as "Mother of God."

In order to understand Mary, we have to examine her life. Mary pondered the event of Jesus in her heart to reach her spiritual attainment. Similarly, we are called to reflect on these sacred realities to see how they fit into our lives. Mary is the Mother of Jesus, who is God. If we follow this logic, that means that she is the Mother of God. Mary's divine Motherhood comes from the very vocation that God had chosen for her. We are blessed by this same divine Motherhood. On the cross, Jesus told his mother to behold John as her son and asked John to behold Mary as his mother. Jesus bestowed spiritual adoption on the whole world the day he established the new covenant in his blood. Mary continues to be that spiritual figurehead and Mother as the Church tries to make sense of the Christ event in modern times.

Reflection Questions

1. **How is Mary a model of motherhood?**
2. **What part of Mary's life speaks to the essence of discipleship?**
3. **What is most striking to you about Mary's life? How does the Blessed Mother inspire you to live your life as a Christian?**
4. **What have been the challenging experiences in your life?**
5. **Where did you find God's consolation during the trials of your life?**
6. **Mary followed God's will always – how do you discern and follow the will of God in your own life?**

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



Prayer

We Pray: O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Lead us to your Son. Heavenly Father, let our minds and hearts reflect on the events of Jesus, just as Mary reflected on them. May we dare to give our lives to you, as Mary did, so to enter into your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

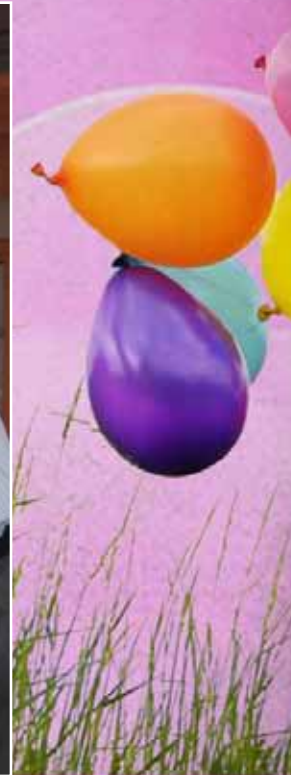
Wisdom of the Fathers

"The Apostle tells us: The Word took to himself the sons of Abraham, and so had to be like his brother in all things. He had then to take a body like ours. This explains the fact of Mary's presence: she is to provide him with a body of his own, to be offered for our sake. Scripture records her giving birth, and says: She wrapped him in swaddling clothes. Her breasts, which fed him, were called blessed. Sacrifice was offered because the child was her firstborn. Gabriel used careful and prudent language when he announced his birth. He did not speak of "what will be born in you" to avoid the impression that a body would be introduced into her womb from outside; he spoke of "what will be born from you," so that we might know by faith that her child originated within her and from her.

By taking our nature and offering it in sacrifice, the Word was to destroy it completely and then invest it with his own nature, and so prompt the Apostle to say: This corruptible body must put on incorruption; this mortal body must put on immortality."

— St. Athanasius, Bishop of the 11th 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

First Reconciliation Ceremony... took place on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church. It was a beautiful candlelight ceremony with over seventy children and their parents participating. A special "thank you" to our catechists who instructed and nurtured these children on their journey. Pictures are included on next page.

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.

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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.



First Reconciliation Pictures



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

January 8, 2012

9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Ballroom

**ST. JOHN'S 14th ANNUAL
SUPERBOWL
PARTY**

**SUNDAY, February 5, 2012
Doors Open & Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.
Game Time - TBA**

\$25 PER PERSON INCLUDES:

**Pork Loin Sandwiches, Chicken Wings, Sausage, Salads, Cheese Trays,
Chips, Popcorn, & Cake**

****BEER & WINE INCLUDED AT NO EXTRA CHARGE**

****BYOB — MIXERS PROVIDED**

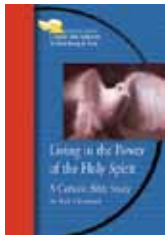
**COME WATCH THE GAME ON OUR 4 – 12' SCREENS
WHILE ENJOYING THE BEST SUPERBOWL DEAL IN TOWN
(Ask those who have attended in the past and understand why this is true)**

**GAMES OF CHANCE AVAILABLE
BET A BUCK—WIN A BUNDLE**

**Tickets are available in the Parish office
Reserved tables for parties of 8 or more**

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council # 11281



South of the Border Chili Cook Off



Friday, January 13, 2012
6:00 p.m. in the PLC

Council Members and families and spouses of deceased members are invited to a Social Night featuring a Chili Contest with spectacular Chili dishes presented by brother Knights. Refreshments will be served.

Chili Chefs may enter their "best in the South" Chili Pot in the contest by calling Jerry Detloff at 239-513-1545 or email to gfdetloff@comcast.net. The number of entries will be limited so reserve your spot fast.

The winner will be determined by a panel of judges, who purport to be experts in "Chili Nuance". Winner will receive \$50.00.

Each contestant is asked to furnish 2 to 4 quarts of their Chili along with their desired accompaniments and tools (crackers, chips, cheese, cooker, serving spoon, etc.).

Members: Please RSVP Jerry Detloff at the above number or email address by January 9th to reserve a taste.

Don't wait, we need to know how many will be attending.

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN PARTY

To benefit **Jamaica Outreach Program**

Friday February 3, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

**St. John the Evangelist Ballroom
625 111th Ave North, Naples, FL 34108**

\$50 per person

Complimentary Cocktails

Very Casual attire—Dinner & Dancing—Treasure Chest—Auctions

Tickets available at St John's Office weekdays and outside the church Jan 22-23 & 29-30. Or,

**Mail checks payable to Jamaica Outreach, P.O. Box 110581,
Naples, FL 34108-1929 Or call Jeanne 239-514-0290.**

TUESDAY
JANUARY 10 2012



**DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF THE BIG
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**SOUNDS OF: TOMMY DORSEY, GLENN MILLER &
STAN KENTON**



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ADMISSION

7:00PM - 10:00PM

AT THE DOOR

**\$10.00 CASH
only**

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

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

St. John the Evangelist *Getting To Know You* NAME TAGS

For a minimal investment of \$5.00 you can buy a St. John name tag which will include: Your name and hometown city and state. By wearing it to Mass and Church gatherings we will all get to know one another better. You can attach your payment with the order form below and drop it in the collection basket or you can make your payment when you pick up your tag.

Name _____ Phone _____

Home Town City _____ Home Town State or Country _____

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE for the backing: **MAGNET** or **PIN**

NOTE: Those with a pacemaker/defibrillator should purchase the nametag with a pin backing.

We will call you when your name tag arrives. You can pay for it when you pick it up if you have not already paid. Nametags will be in the Parish Office during regular staff hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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



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

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