

## Fasting, Praying and Alms-giving

**L**ent is a period of time when we reflect on the suffering that Jesus endured on the cross. It is a time to remember that Jesus died, that he gave up his own life for ours. But despite the differences between Lent and other holidays, observance of Lent can be a meaningful experience, even for families with children.

Lent is associated with three disciplines commonly practiced during the season: fasting, praying and alms-giving. Here are some ideas for how you can use this season to teach your children about Jesus and what he has done and is doing in all of us.

### Fasting (Give Something Up)

The practice most often associated with Lent is fasting.

Fasting during Lent is a way for followers of Jesus to identify with him in his suffering. Although fasting typically involves abstaining from all or some kinds of food, people can also decide to abstain from something else that is meaningful to them. For example, maybe you and your children could fast from watching TV or

playing a favorite video game. Make a commitment to do this as a family so that each family member can encourage each other in what they've given up.

### Praying and Reading the Bible

Another discipline practiced during Lent is an increased emphasis on prayer and reading the Bible. Perhaps you can commit to reading a passage of the Bible together as a family. For instance, praying the Psalm that is

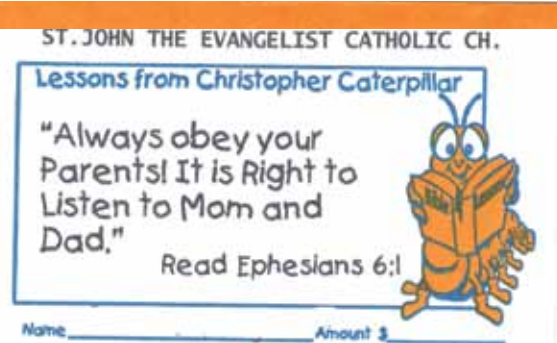
listed for each day is a great way to begin experiencing the Bible together. These readings can be particularly helpful for younger children if it is read from a children's Bible. There is great value in reading the Bible and praying on your own, but these done

in the presence of other members of the family have an even greater benefit of strengthening the bond between parents and children.

### Alms-giving (giving gifts in need)

Alms-giving is yet another discipline traditionally

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**This week my prayers of special intention were for:**  
Aunts and my uncles

**This is how I used my time and talent for others during the past week:**  
played with my brothers.

**This week my prayers of special intention were for:**  
Pope Benedict

**This is how I used my time and talent for others during the past week:**  
learned to tie my shoesto help Mom + Dad.

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

### **March 3, 2012 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Bernice Kindsvater Kindsvater Family

#### **Vigil Services**

3:00 PM + Francis & Fortunata DiMaio Robert DiMaio  
5:00 PM + James Farrell Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Monachino

### **March 4, 2012 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Nick DeFrancesca Peter DeFrancesca  
9:00 AM + Felix Gryskiewicz Phyllis Gryskiewicz  
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners  
1:15 PM + Vicki Martin Vic & Betty Esposito  
5:00 PM + Deacon Virgil Glocheski

### **March 5, 2012 Monday**

8:00 AM + Ann LeBreche Monday Morning Group  
9:00 AM + John Lukeman Sue & Bob Massey  
12:00 PM + Frank Brinkman Wife

### **March 6, 2012 Tuesday**

8:00 AM + Mary Ann Besson Dorothy & William Schoeler  
9:00 AM + Peter Walker Dorothy & William Schoeler  
12:00 PM + Pat Conway Peter DeFrancesca

### **March 7, 2012 Wednesday**

8:00 AM + Diane Minahan Jay Minahan  
9:00 AM + John A. King Anthony Maglione & Sandra Geffert  
12:00 PM + Steven Fanous Margaret Diggins

### **March 8, 2012 Thursday**

8:00 AM + Kathy Dillon Doloros Kernochan  
9:00 AM + Jack Cremin Murphy Family  
12:00 PM + Charles Newbrand Barbara Newbrand

### **March 9, 2012 Friday**

8:00 AM + Frank Sestito Sandy & Al Pistocchi  
9:00 AM + Dennis Kelleher Alice & Joseph Giordano  
12:00 PM + David X. Nonamaker, Jr. Anne Arbelaez

### **March 10, 2012 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Brianna Marie Harrison Mom, Dad & Brothers

#### **Vigil Services**

3:00 PM + Virginia Toth Paula Walsh  
5:00 PM + Matt Szczepank Barbara J. Cascio

### **March 11, 2012 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Vicki Martin Sharon Cogan & Matt Nemmers  
9:00 AM + Sue Boucher Jackie Gibson  
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners  
1:15 PM + Jiri Kodera Nancy Tuck & Arthur Goldstein  
5:00 PM + Gloria Doogan Dennis Doogan

**Homebound:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion 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, March 3, 2012**

St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday  
Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

### **Vigil Services**

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116;  
Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

### **Sunday, March 4, 2012**

Second Sunday of Lent;  
Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116;  
Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

### **Monday, March 5, 2012**

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

### **Tuesday, March 6, 2012**

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

### **Wednesday, March 7, 2012**

Ss. Perpetua and Felicity  
Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

### **Thursday, March 8, 2012**

St. John of God  
Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

### **Friday, March 9, 2012**

St. Frances of Rome; Abstinence  
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

### **Saturday, March 10, 2012**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### **Vigil Services**

Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19;  
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

### **Sunday, March 11, 2012**

#### **Third Sunday of Lent**

Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19;  
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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

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## 40 Days for Life Naples Spring Campaign

Looking for a Lenten sacrifice? Take an hour to join others in prayer for an end to abortion during Lent from February 22 to April 1. The prayers will take place outside Planned Parenthood in Naples daily (except Sunday) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For details, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/naples](http://www.40daysforlife.com/naples) or call 239.503.0295.

## Saint John the Evangelist Schedule for Lent

### Daily Masses will be:

8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and Noon

### Saturday Morning Masses will be:

8:00 a.m.

### Stations of the Cross will be:

Fridays following Noon Mass and at 7:00 p.m.

On Good Friday Stations will also include Veneration of the Cross.

### Reconciliation:

Friday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

### Lenten Penance Service:

April 3, 7:00 p.m.

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associated with the Lenten season. Try having your kids go without buying something they would normally buy during the week and have them save that money in order to give it away. Remind your children that, because of the generosity that God has shown us in Jesus, we can be generous as well.

We have so many opportunities to help those in need. We have the rice bowls that were given out in faith formation. The money collected in the rice bowls will benefit the Catholic Relief Services. We have "Mission Clothe Me". This mission is throughout the Diocese of Venice and will continue on until June. We will be providing the children of St. Lucia basic essential clothing. Last, we have the children's envelopes. These envelopes allow the children to reflect back on the week and to see how they used their time, talent and treasure for the glory of God.

Please continue to encourage your children to use these envelopes as it is a great reminder that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. If you need more envelopes, please contact me.

God's blessings to you and yours.

*article submitted by Charlene Youngs,  
Family Ministry*

### *Some of the children's prayers and intentions from some of the past weeks:*

- For my mom
- For my dad
- For my brothers
- For the people in St. Lucia
- For the sick
- For the poor
- For the priests
- For all our Army Troops
- For the homeless
- For my mother, father, brothers & dog
- For Fr. John, Jesus, Nonna & Papa
- For everyone's family
- My great great Gramma
- For lonely and sad people without a family

### *Some ways in which the children used their talent for God:*

- I did not bring a toy to the dinner table
- I read the Bible
- I helped my mom clean the house
- I played volleyball
- I worked hard at dance
- I helped my Papa take out the trash
- I really focused on preparing for mid-terms
- I helped my friend with homework
- I took my Karate test and shared my talent with my family, friends and Master
- I scored 2 goals at soccer
- I am the 2nd best catcher
- I helped with the laundry
- I rode bikes with my brothers instead of my friends
- I help others at school
- I played piano
- I played hockey

This week my prayers of special intention were for:

my parents

This is how I used my time and talent for others during the past week:

I can help them by putting dishes in the dishwasher

## 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 1:15 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) Roberts: 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

**Interim Director of Youth Ministry**  
High School - Martha Oram: 566.8740, *Ext. 177*

Middle School - Tom Oram: 566.8740, *Ext. 179*

**Director of RCIA**  
Margie Lynch: 514.2927

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

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

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### **Administrative Office Hours are:**

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)*

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

*(until all are heard)*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Daily Mass:**

*Monday-Friday*

8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

### **Saturday Vigil Masses:**

3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### **Sunday Masses:**

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

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

### **Contemporary Sunday Mass:**

5:00 p.m.

## FOR OUR RECORDS

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

## BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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

### **Mass Cards**

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

### **Mass Intentions**

We are currently accepting intentions for 2013.

### **Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine**

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

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## PARISH INFORMATION...

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# Pocket Change Sunday Jamaica Outreach Program

Pocket Change builds homes for the homeless in Jamaica  
Weekend of April 14, 15, 2012

Please save up your Pocket Change

If you will not be here for that weekend, you may drop off your collection at the parish office. Collection baggies are available in the vestibule

It makes "cents" to make a difference



We Thank you....as always



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Gospel calls us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who struggle with hunger and poverty: "for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me . . ." During this Lenten Season our community will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl as a sign of solidarity with our global family.

Through Operation Rice Bowl millions of Catholics across the United States **pray** as a community of faith; **fast** in solidarity with those who hunger; **learn** about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world and **give** sacrificial contributions to support those in need.


While seventy-five percent of our gifts to Operation Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services' programs around the world, twenty-five percent of our contributions remain here in the Diocese of Venice to support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

By responding to the simple, yet powerful Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving through CRS' Operation Rice Bowl, you are making a positive difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters who are most in need. This truly is a faithful response to Christ's teaching that "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

On behalf of all those who benefit from your participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, I thank you for your continued support.

Please be assured of my continued consideration and my prayers during this Lenten Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

## Fr. Patrick Desbois to Speak About Slaughter by Christians "Obeying Orders" March 22

A coalition of Catholic, Jewish and University groups have arranged a lecture by Fr. Patrick Desbois, a French priest who wrote *Holocaust by Bullets*, an investigative account of the discovery of mass graves of about 1.5 million Jews in the Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

The unusual aspect of his discoveries was that instead of mass-murder by trickery of "showers" that were actually gas-chambers, the mass murder was accomplished one-by-one, by a bullet to the head.

He will speak of the horribly personal character of the slaughter by Christians "obeying orders." Fr. Debois lives in Paris, France, and this will be his sole Florida appearance, except for a Clergy Seminar the next day. The lecture will be at 7:00 p.m on Thursday, March 22, at St. John the Evangelist Parish Life Center. Call the parish office for reservations.

## A Workshop on the Second Letter to the Corinthians Saturday, March 17 in Anne Nevins Library

Fr. Raymond F. Collins will give a special workshop on 2 Corinthians on Saturday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Anne Nevins Diocesan Library just outside Port Charlotte and about an hour drive from St. John the Evangelist. This workshop will begin with a short prayer service. A simple lunch (sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie, and drink) will be provided.

The Library has a maximum capacity of 50-55 people, so seating is limited. Reservations will be accepted until our capacity is reached. Feel free to invite friends. RSVP to Jennifer at registrar@daystar.net or 941.766.7334, ext. 17 for the lunch count.

Fr. Collins has taught New Testament for 40 years (24 years at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium and 13 years at the Catholic University of America). Now "retired" to his native Rhode Island, he functions as a Visiting Scholar in the Department of Religious Studies at Brown University. He is the author of hundreds of articles and several books, including a commentary on 2 Corinthians, which will soon be published in the *Paideia* series by the Baker Academic Press. He is currently an associate editor of *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* and regularly writes a short commentary on each of the Sunday gospel readings for *Emmanuel*.

## PRAYER GROUPS

### Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

The Centering Prayer group meets weekly on Mondays (except 2/27). On Wednesday 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

Are you hungering and thirsting for the Lord. Come. Grow in the knowledge of his most adorable will where you will be filled to overflowing with his love. The group meets on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. in the Claussen Center, room 15. 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:*

#### Ensign Stuart Campbell

U.S. Navy

#### Bradley N. Chartier

U.S. Army

#### Sgt. Chris Counts

U.S. Marine Corp

#### James Cunningham

#### BM3 Charley Davidson

U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)

#### Specialist Anthony J. Diamante

U.S. Army, serving in Ft Bragg, N.C

#### Joshua Emmons

U.S. Air Force

#### Lt. Bernardo Garcia

U.S. Marines

#### Lt. Joseph Gilig

1st Marine Division \* LAV Recon

#### Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer

U.S. Marine Corp \* LAV Recon

#### Spec. Adam C. Janes

U.S. Army, Ft. Bragg, NC

#### Lt. John Meyers

U.S. Army

#### LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)

#### PFC. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)

#### Lt. Martin Palmer

U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

#### Capt. Oliver Schrang

U.S. Army

#### Lt. Joseph Schafer

U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)

#### Houng Tran

U.S. Army

#### IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)

Deployed on U.S.S. Boxer

## PRAYER LIST

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

Tom Abele	John Flesher	Marjorie Nelson
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Allard	Thomas Flood	Darlene Nicholas
Jacob Andrew	Donna Flynn	Peter Nicolleta
James Bashaw	Fino Giordano	Frank O'Connor
Jennifer Basile	Zachary Blaise Goduti	Tyler Ostos
Makayla Basile	Ann Gray	Maryla Panagos
Don Beaton	Deacon Al Groh	Ron Parker & Family
Douglas Becker	Jack Haag	Richard Parkillo
Linda Berry	Maria Hart	Diana Picaro
Anthony Bove	Thomas Hartsell	Susan Peterson
Matt Brown	Gerald Heyen	Joe Pohrer
John Callahan	Scott Hoban	Angela Preuss
Christine Cassara	Karen Hohne	Timothy Ray
James Castaldi	Mary Charlotte Hollohan	Dale Reynolds
Baby Murphy Chapman	Don Howley	Jason Reynolds
Eunice Chowdry	Val Hunt	Joseph Ryan
Senise Clairmont	Don Hutten	Chrisito Sarage
Jordan Cole	Mario Incatasciato	Leonard Sbrocco
Jennie Costello	Florence John	Carol Seiffert
Thomas Cress	Cade Joslin	John Skoviak
Virginia D'Agostino	Dawn June	Jean Smith
Bart DeBartalo	Bob K.	Jeff Smith
Vincent DeStasio	Maggie Kaeser	Mary Sobleman
Owen Destino	Wayne Lee	Derek Stender
Donna DiMaggio	Lois Liuzzo	Andrew and Christian Suarez
Rose Dunn	Anita & Laura Lombardi	Betty Sundstrom
Connie Eckert	Ray M.	Margaret Sweikert
Edelsberg Family	Gerry Magyar	Patricia Trapnell
Teresa Edgerton	Jason Matute	Theresa
Rita and Carl Edward	Jeanne Majeskei	Don Wilson
Nick Episcopo	Robert Moalli	Thomas Wood
Ann Marie Esposito	Alex Moody	Amy Young
Elsa Everstijn	Rev. Richard Mueller	
Nancy Fitzgerald	Thomas Murphy	

**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...**



Join the children and families of St. John the Evangelist and the Mission Office of the Diocese of Venice as we seek to share our blessings with those less fortunate on the Island of St. Lucia...

### How can you help?



\_\_\_ Donate clothing from the suggested list.

\_\_\_ Make a donation to St. John the Evangelist for \$50 for each child you would like to sponsor. Please write "Mission Clothe Me" in the memo if paying by check.

\*\*\*Clothing will be loaded onto a container and sent to St. Lucia in June. Items may be dropped off at the Parish Office from now until June 1st.

We will begin to collect new clothing for infants, children and teenagers right away. The children are in need of everyday play clothes, as well as fancier clothing to wear to church on Sundays. Currently, Wal-mart and Target have clothes on sale for these age groups that are very affordable. Items to begin shopping for include:

**For Boys:** Collared shirts, t-shirts, shorts, dress pants, socks and shoes.

**For Girls:** Sun dresses, dress tops, t-shirts, shorts, skirts, socks, shoes and hair accessories.

**Altar Servers:**

Neal Borter 804.357.5712

**Arts & Liturgical Environment:**

Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

**Calling & Caring:**

Deacon Al Groh 566.8740 ext. 125

**Homebound**

Maureen Wurtz 593.0475

**Greeters & Ushers:**

John Smith 598.2306

**Jamaica Mission:**

Al &amp; Ann Kerns 514.1553

**Lectors:**

Victor Yepez 290.9090

**Daily Mass Lectors:**

Rosemary Slevin 596.7057

**Prayer Group:**

Linda Reilly 821.8982

**Respect Life:**

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

**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

**March 15:** Carol Golly, LCSW - RPT-S, Child Specialist, Licensed Play Therapist, Specialist Collier County Family Law Court Cases. Topic: "Specific Behaviors of the Alienating Parents; What Insidious Specific Behaviors are Used to Effect Parental Alienation in the Child; Long Term Effects on the Children of Alienation".

**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

**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

**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. Jim Follse, Grand Knight: 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. Jan Sukay,

431.7376

**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, Saturday, 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. Martha Oram: 566.8740, ext. 177

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

**Religious Gift Shop.** Miniature statues of Saint John, Mary and the Crucifix above the altar are available for \$35.00 each. We still have a few copies of "Women of the Passion" by Joan Lynch of our parish. This is an excellent read for Lent. First communion, confirmation and baptism cards have arrived, as well as special gifts for these occasions. We do have a special Sun Catcher for St. Patrick's Day! Stop in and browse awhile. Open Saturday and Sunday and after daily Mass. 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. Bill: 514.0410

**St. Vincent de Paul.** Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m., Mass in PLC. Bill Smart: 566.8740

**Sing-A-Long** at Nursing Facilities. Tuesday, March 6 at Millennium House in Bonita Springs; Tuesday, March 20 in Naples; both at 2:00 p.m. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

**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



**Applications Available until April 13 for Catholic School Scholarships**

St. Vincent de Paul Society Naples District Council will once again award \$3,500 Martin J. Cunniffe Scholarships for students in need of financial help who will attend a Catholic high school during the 2012-2013 academic year, as well as \$3,000 scholarships for students who will attend one of the local Catholic elementary schools.

Families of all recipients must be active parishioners.

Please call 775.1667 and ask for Linda for an application. Final deadline for completion and receipt of all applications is April 13, 2012.

**Follow Up Parish Mission "A Taste of Silence" With Tapes**

The tapes of Father Thomas Keating on Centering Prayer will be shown for six Mondays, beginning Monday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. All are welcome.

The showing of these tapes on Centering Prayer serve as the follow-up to Father Carl Arico's mission, "A Taste of Silence."

The two weekly St John the Evangelist Centering Prayer meetings remain scheduled for Monday evenings at 5:30 in room 15 and on Wednesday mornings in the library at 9:45 (following the 9:00 Mass.)

**U.S. Bishops Vow to Fight Coercive HHS Mandate — We Can Help Too**

The U.S. Bishops have serious objections to the "preventive services" regulation issued in August by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS). The Bishops suggest that we study the issue and then write to Congress urging their support for the *Respect for Rights of Conscience Act*.

Visit their website for more information and to read the latest action alert. <http://www.usccb.org/>

**Seven-Week Grief Support Workshop Begins March 8**

A seven-week grief support workshop will be conducted from March 8 through April 12. The sessions will be held in the Claussen Center next to the Parish Life Center from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Anyone who is suffering the sorrow of grief is most welcome. For further information, call Dee Donnelly at 594.7193.

**Raffle Provides Chance to Win 2012 Lexus Sport Sedan**

"Orphans Need a Home, Too" Annual Raffle to support Casa Jacinta y Francisco Orphanage & School(a 501 (c) 3 Charity) is offering a grand prize of a 2012 Lexus Sport Sedan. Tickets are \$100 each or 3 for \$250. Drawing will be held March 27 at St. William Church. Winner need not be present to win. For ticket and information, please call Diana Thirion at 239.777.2521.

**FOR MORE SAVE THE DATE INFO**

**St. John the Evangelist**  
**Totally Catholic VBS**   
 June 11th - 15th  
 Celebration Mass and Dinner June 16th

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Contact Char Youngs,  
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[charlene@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:charlene@saintjohntheevangelist.com)

**St. John the Evangelist Reverse Raffle**

Benefiting the Catholic Faith Appeal

**Saturday, March 31st, 2012**  
**6:30pm**

St. John Parish Life Center  
**\$100.00 per ticket**  
 (need not be present to win)

*Available in Parish Office*

**First Prize: \$10,000.00**

Dinner for 2

Open Bar

Entertainment by Tom Oram

**Special Lenten Reflection March 9**

Catholic speaker Father Leo Patalinghug will present a Special Lenten Reflection on Friday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m., at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish in Fort Myers. All are invited - especially families! A popular conference speaker with a growing national reputation for his ability to connect with teens and their parents, Father Leo has appeared at events across the United States and Canada. No registration necessary. For questions, please call 941.484.9543.

**Hymns for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 3 & 4, 2012**

Entrance Hymn:	<b>237</b>	The Glory of These Forty Days
Preparation Hymn:	<b>242</b>	Seek the Lord
Communion Hymn:	<b>497</b>	Ubi Caritas
	<b>474</b>	Now We Remain
Closing Hymn:	<b>247</b>	From the Depths We Cry To Thee



By normal climatological standards, we are “smack dab” right in the middle of the dry season in Southwest Florida. Oddly enough, this past week we experienced true summertime convective thunderstorms caused mainly due to daytime heating of the earth’s surface. This has been one very weird winter (or lack thereof) in Southwest Florida so the fact that we are bucking the trend and receiving much needed rainfall

from thunderstorms should surprise no one. By the time this past week has ended, we may have set several more record high temperatures.

Believe it or not, we had another car broken into on campus. Ironically, this break in took place during Sunday Mass in our parking lot and occurred while a Collier County Sheriff was present directing traffic. Obviously, this thief is very bold and not concerned with being apprehended. The break-in was a smash and grab variety where the suspect saw what he thought was a purse and smashed the window removing the goods before fleeing on foot. As it turns out, this thief is now the proud owner of a used pair of Foot Joy Golf Shoes as the footwear was stored in a bag which looked like a purse. The vehicle in question was a Mercedes, which most likely added to the odds that there may be some valuable merchandise inside. The bottom line here is that regardless of where you are (church parking lot) parked, I strongly suggest that you keep any valuables (or items that could be deemed valuable) out of view. I know that it is disconcerting that we have to go to these lengths; however, this is the nature of life as we know it now.

Not only did I give everyone a much needed break from any solicitation in my column last week, I gave you a break from Scott’s Corner altogether. I was out of town and unable to submit my column within the printing deadline given to me. This week you will see collection data for the past two weeks in the collection summary. Due to the high volume of pledges and checks received by the Diocese of Venice since CFA kickoff weekend, the statistics for our CFA amount pledged line item has not changed.

Have you purchased your ticket for the Reverse Raffle? As you read my column, the raffle is only four weeks away. My experiences with reverse raffles are many and the one thing that is most grueling is the fact that many wait until the last minute to purchase their tickets. These procrastinating purchasing patterns throw me into a panic as we MUST sell all 300 tickets for the raffle to take place. I will now take a few moments and reiterate some of the pertinent notes regarding the reverse raffle.

1. The proceeds from this event will be used to assist us in reaching our CFA goal. What greater deal can you find out there? For \$100.00, you assist your parish in reaching their CFA goal, have dinner, drinks, entertainment and ultimately



the chance to win \$10,000.00.

2. You may purchase more than one ticket. If you have the wherewithal to do so, I highly recommend this option as your odds increase exponentially.
3. You may purchase a ticket as a group. If you don’t want to pay the \$100.00 price for a ticket, you may assemble a group of four or five and each pay \$25 or \$20 each. Obviously, only two may attend for each ticket so you could draw straws to see who attends. I personally buy a ticket for myself and then participate in several other group tickets, thereby increasing my odds of sharing at least a portion of the grand prize.
4. You do not need to be present to win. If you are a seasonal resident and are heading back to your northern residence, we will take good care of your winnings for you. Ideally at the end of the raffle, it is nice to have all remaining ticket holders in attendance as this creates a great atmosphere for bidding. In the past I have actually called an absentee ticket holder during the final moments of the raffle to see if they wanted to split the prize with the remaining ticket holders in attendance.
5. This is a very fun event – I know the thought of me calling out 300 numbers in random order doesn’t sound like a lot of fun, but the night is all about supporting your parish and camaraderie with 400-500 of your closest friends.

We have sold four benches thus far in the new campaign to place additional granite benches in the Memorial Garden, Prayer Garden and courtyard. There are no more benches available for sale in the Prayer Garden, however, there are several spaces available in the Memorial Garden and Courtyard directly adjacent to the Prayer Garden. If you are interested in honoring or memorializing a loved one through one of these beautiful granite benches, please contact me at 566.1678 to discuss the opportunities.

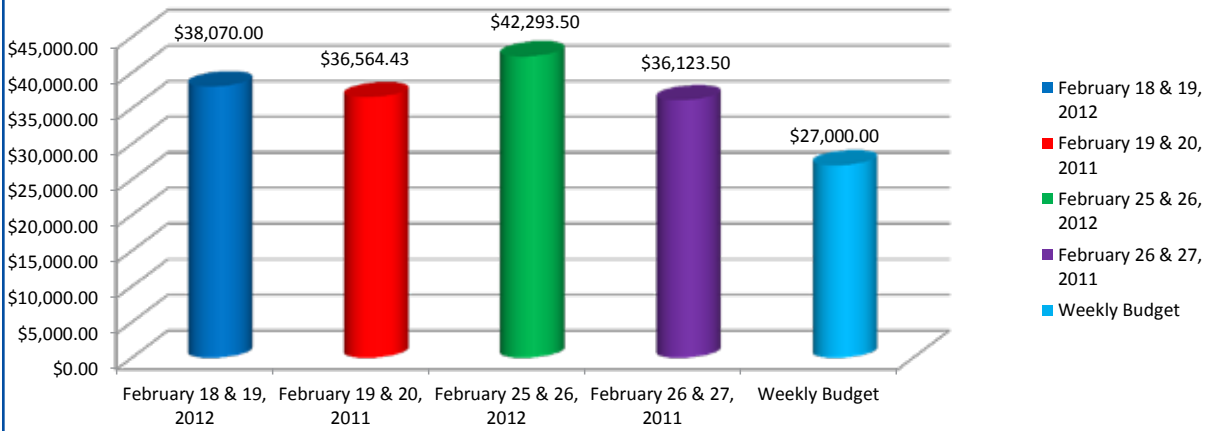
From 2002 through 2010, I was an active marathon runner, competing in 22 marathons throughout the country. Since the birth of my triplets, my running time has been cut drastically. If I can get in 26.2 miles in a week these days, I am happy. Recently, my wife and I found a used double jogging stroller which has helped increase my running time as my wife is left with only one child while I take two out on the road. The good news is that the babies really like the stroller. The bad news is that the effort exerted in pushing the double jogger is

more than I had ever imagined. Although my mileage has been cut, the amount of effort exerted has more than doubled. Attached is a picture of Mia and Ella waiting to go for a run. Even though at times I grimace while pushing the stroller, their smiles make it well worth the effort. As always, thank you for your continued prayers and words of encouragement as our triplets turn 9 months old.

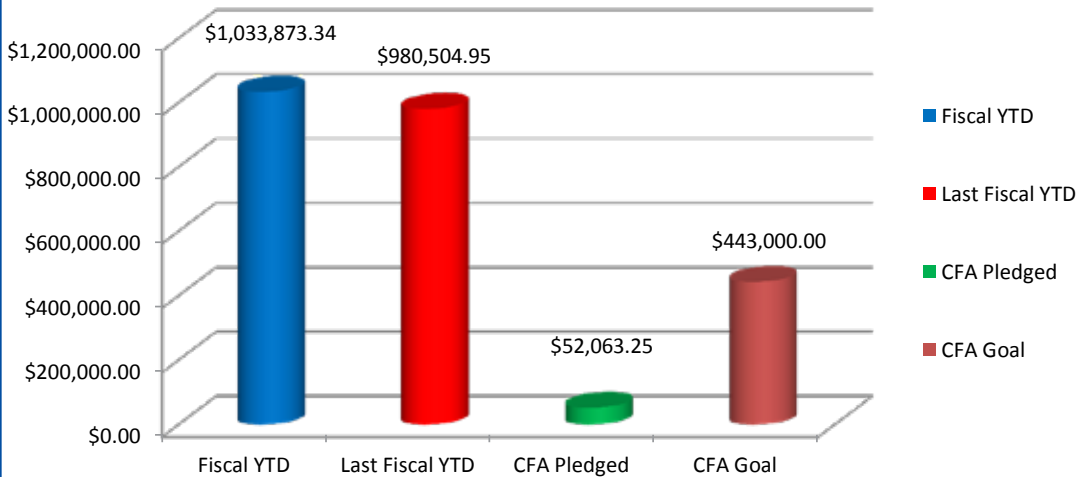
In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA , General Manager

### Collection Summary



### YTD/CFA Summary



## Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner

The St. John Youth Ministry invites you and your family to a Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday, March 18**

*Menu Includes:*

- Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Meatless Spaghetti
- Salad
- French Bread, Butter
- Cookies
- Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade
- Wine Available

Serving between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

*Tickets:*

\$10.00 per Person  
Kids 12 & Under FREE  
(Open Seating)

Tickets on Sale in Parish Office until Tuesday, March 13

*Proceeds:*

Will help send the St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry to a Steubenville Retreat and on a Mission Trip this summer to St. Lucia with Fr. John

# 5 PM Contemporary Mass Music Worship Aid

## Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Lent

Opening Song      **242 Seek the Lord**      Roc O'Connor, S.J.

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

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 116)      Music by Tom Oram. © 2012 A Chasing After Wind Music (BMI). All rights reserved.

**I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

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

Preparation Song      **Amazing Love**      B.J. Foote      CCLI Song No. 2456623 © 1996 worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). Billy Foote. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. CCLI License #2008891.

*Verse*) I'm forgiven because you were forsaken  
I'm accepted; you were condemned  
I'm alive and well; your Spirit is within me  
Because you died and rose again (*to Chorus*)

*Bridge*) You are my King; you are my King  
Jesus, you are my King, Jesus, you are my King

***Chorus*) Amazing love, how can it be  
That you, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor you;  
in all I do, I honor you;  
in all I do, I honor you. (back to verse)**

*Sanctus / Memorial Acclamation (A) / Great Amen / Agnus Dei* • *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist*

Communion Song      **Remembrance**      Matt Maher / Matt Redman      CCLI Song No. 5484616. © 2009 Thankyou Music | spiritandsong.com | sixsteps music | Said And Done Music | Icel (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). CCLI License No. 2008891.

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

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

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

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

Meditation      **Give Us Clean Hands**      Charlie Hall      CCLI Song No. 2060208. © 2000 worshiptogether.com songs | sixsteps Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). All rights reserved. CCLI License No. 2008891.

5 We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; O Spi rit, come make us hum ble.

9 We turn our eyes from e vil things; O Lord, we cast down our i dols. Give us clean hands,  
— give us pure hearts. — Let us not lift our souls to a no ther, — Give us clean hands,

13  
 — give us pure — hearts, — let us not lift our souls to a no — ther. — O God, let us be —  
 17  
 — a gen er a tion that seeks, — that seeks your — face, — O — God of Ja — cob. — O God, let us be —  
 21  
 — a gen er a tion that seeks, — that seeks your — face, — O — God — of Ja — cob. —

Closing Song **Lord, I Lift Your Name On High** Rick Founds CCLI Song No. 117947. © 1990  
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Lord, I lift Your name — on high; Lord, I love to sing — Your  
 prais - es. — I'm so glad You're in — my life;  
 I'm so glad You came — to save — us. —  
 You came from heav - en to earth — to show the way, — From the earth — to the cross —  
 — my debt to pay; — From the cross — to the grave, —  
 — from the grave — to the sky; — Lord, I lift Your name — on high.

## Sacred Music In Sacred Spaces

*Our new concert series, presented monthly to St. John's and the Naples Community. Offered free of charge, with the intent to praise God.*

Next FREE Concert: **3 PM next Sunday, March 11**

*In Recital: Virginia Oram, mezzo soprano*

*Virginia Oram, a member of the voice faculty, will appear in recital here at St. John, accompanied by her favorite\* son. The program will feature art song & chamber music.*

*Please join us for a beautiful afternoon in the Choir Room, in the Claussen Family Center. \*only*



# The Word & Life

## *Alteration & Transformation*

*I*n the gospel today we recall that Jesus led Peter, James and John to a place where they would encounter his transfiguration. This was a moment in time when heaven was wedded to earth and humanity was opened to the glory of God. Could you imagine what went through these three men's minds? The encounter gave Peter, James and John a new insight into Jesus because they glimpsed his divinity. Peter announces, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!" He is overjoyed with this experience of God. As

a Jew, Peter would have held great reverence to the Law and Prophets. On the day of the transfiguration, he witnesses with his very eyes the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Peter wanted to capture the moment by erecting three tents: one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. It is obvious to us all that Peter did not want this experience to go away! Mark the Evangelist also recounts that the Father's voice can be heard, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." The three disciples had listened to the dictates of the Law and the promptings of the prophets, now they must listen to the wisdom of God's beloved – Jesus of Nazareth.

The Transfiguration is an important event in salvation history. It reminds the Church of the true identity of Jesus, both human and divine. We are called to the Truth of Jesus through listening to his Word and being doers of his Word. We are urged to "Listen to him." In every aspect of life and in all of our relationships whether they are familial, social, or political, we are asked to listen to the wisdom of Jesus and apply it. During this season of Lent, we should commit ourselves to discerning the truths of the gospel and undergo conversion. Each of us is asked to transform our lives by what we know of God's message. Peter, James and John had a life-changing experience on the day of Transfiguration. Jesus' appearance was altered that day as the apostles witnessed his glory. But the faith of these simple men

### Reflection Questions

1. How does the gospel challenge conventional wisdom?
2. What needs to be altered in your way of living to bring you in alignment of God's plan for you? When have you been absolutely convinced of God's presence?
3. How do you use your faith to shape your decisions?
4. Name the ways in which you listen to God's voice in your daily living?
5. How does God reveal Himself to you through people and specific events?
6. Where do you go to discover God?
7. Where do you take others to experience God?

must have been transformed as well. The words of the gospel are the words of everlasting life. If we listen to these words, take them to heart, and act upon them, we open ourselves to this promise of salvation. Sometimes the gospel requires that we alter the way in which we conduct our lives and choose the road less traveled.

As we go through life we experience the highs and the lows in our relationship with God. There are times when we have profound experiences and we are convinced of God's presence. During these times, most of us wish we could dwell in that moment forever. Many of us have times when we doubt our faith and sometimes feel we are totally alone. During these moments of doubt, we need to recall the moments in which we were totally convinced of the presence of God. The gospel reminds us elsewhere that we are not left alone as orphans. Jesus tells us that he will be with us until the end of the age. The experiences of transcendence within our lives make up our own particular histories — they bring us to the sacrament of the present moment.

Life has a habit of teaching us the truths about God. The Church in Her wisdom gives us the liturgical seasons in which we experience life, death and resurrection. All of us have to experience death in order to come to resurrection. The different events of life can bring us to a deeper reality of God's presence. Our lives change when we encounter forgiveness and healing. We all become aware of the other side of life when we encounter the death of a loved one. When parents experience the newness of life, they encounter the God of Creation and the innocence of humanity. When we witness great acts of charity and heroism we are made aware that we belong to a larger family of the world and recognized that we are People of God. These experiences transform us and remind us that God is forever with us working through, in and with us.

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



**Prayer**

*We pray: Lord, it is good that we are here! We thank you for the gift of life! We bless you and praise you for the message of the gospel handed on to us. Let us always remind ourselves in the profound moments of life that you are always journeying with us. When we lose hope, may we have the courage to listen to the voice of your Son, who never abandons us. Amen.*

**Wisdom of the Fathers**

“The Lord Jesus Himself shone bright as the sun; His garment became white as the snow; and Moses and Elijah talked with Him. Jesus Himself indeed shone as the sun, signifying that He is “the true light that enlightens every man come into the world.” What the sun is to the eyes of the flesh, so He is to the eyes of the heart; and what that is to the flesh of men, that He is to their hearts...



St. Augustine of Hippo/Daderot/Wikipedia

And in this glory is fulfilled what He has promised to those who love Him: “he who loves me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him.” ... Great gift! great promise! God holds for you nothing less than Himself. O you covetous one; why isn't Christ's promise enough for you? You seem to yourself to be rich; yet if you do not have God, what do you have? Another person is poor, yet if he has God, what does he

lack?

Come down, Peter! You wanted to rest on the mount. Come down and “preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” Persevere, work hard, bear your measure of torture — so that you might possess what is meant by the white garment of the Lord, through the brightness and the beauty of an upright labor in charity ...

Hear and listen, O covetous one: the Apostle explains clearly to you in another place: “Let no man seek his own, but another's.” He says of himself, “Not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.”

— St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

# Faith Formation

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## Mark Your Calendar

**March 4**

*Families in Christ*

**March 7**

*First Communion Activity Night*

**April 8**

*Easter*

**May 11**

*First Holy Communion Rehearsal*

**May 12**

*First Holy Communion Ceremony*

## Faith Formation News

**Families in Christ...**the last session of Families in Christ for this faith season will be on Sunday, March 4, 2012, in the ballroom from 9:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendars! Join us for whole-community catechesis. Come and enjoy reflections, skits, table study, games, prizes, and refreshments. Live the Gospel and be a witness to your faith. Meet other members of our faith community and have fun. Attendance at Families in Christ is a requirement for all Faith Formation students. Childcare is available for preschool and kindergarten.

**First Communion Activity Night...**will be on Wednesday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom, seminar room and classrooms. Banners will be made that will be hung in the church for the First Holy Communion Ceremony.

**First Holy Communion Rehearsal...**will be on Friday, May 11, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom and the Church. This will be the only rehearsal. Attendance is mandatory for all children receiving the sacrament.

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## Teach Children to Balance Lent

Teaching children to give something up during Lent builds a valuable, lifelong penitential habit. But we can become so focused on this Lenten sacrifice that we neglect the other two pillars of Lent: prayer and almsgiving. All three are necessary to experience the blessings of a fruitful Lent. Try these ideas to teach the other two:

**Prayer:** Demonstrating different methods of prayer during Lent offers children options for putting together their own personal prayer routines. For example, try a gratitude journal. At dinnertime or bedtime, take turns writing a line or two in a notebook that talks about how God blessed each of you that day. Or demonstrate **P-R-A-Y time**. At least once a day, gather together and Praise God for his goodness, Repent of the times you failed to love him or each other, Ask for what you need, Yield to God's will. Of course, commit to attending Mass -- the ultimate prayer -- on the weekends as a family. **Almsgiving:** God wants us to share our gifts, not hoard them. As a family, can you spare a night to work at a shelter or soup kitchen? Look in on a lonely neighbor? Mother Teresa said, "never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." Why not start the habit during Lent?

Growing in Faith, February 2012, Success Publishing

## Donations Needed

The following items are needed for First Communion Activity Night on Wednesday, March 7:

- Light blue felt
- Fabric glue
- Fabric crayons
- Letter stencils
- Glitter pens
- Loose glitter (Silver, Gold, & multi-colored)
- Puff paint

Please place all donations outside of the Director of Faith Formation's Office (first office on right) in the Claussen Family Center before March 7.

## How You Can Get Involved?

**Faith Formation** is looking for catechists, teacher aides, and clerical support for 2012-2013 school year.

**Families in Christ** is looking for team members to serve on hospitality, set-up, and the game committee for the 2012-2013 school year.

Please contact Margie Lynch, Director of Faith Formation, if you desire to become more involved in your church.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

### GRADE 1

**Life Question:** How can you make a difference in your family?

**Gospel Question:** What ways are you changing and growing during Lent?

### GRADES 2-3

**Life Question:** What have you learned about Jesus so far this year?

**Gospel Question:** What do we learn about Jesus in Sunday's Gospel?

### GRADES 4-5

**Life Question:** What is one thing you would like to change about yourself? What is one thing you want to keep?

**Gospel Question:** What is Jesus' vision for his future and that of his friends?

### GRADES 6-8

**Life Question:** What is an event in your life that has changed you?

**Gospel Question:** Who does the voice from Heaven say Jesus is?

### GRADES 9-12

**Life Question:** What is the most transforming life-changing experience you have had?

**Gospel Question:** What is the power of being God's beloved?

## ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

An altar server is uniquely joined in the Heavenly Supper of the Lamb and serves in the company of angels eternally singing "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts." Altar servers are currently being trained at St. John the Evangelist. If you have received First Communion and are interested in serving in an intimate way during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, please contact Neal Borter on (804) 357-5712 or email:

[altarserver@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:altarserver@saintjohntheevangelist.com)

### ***Jamaican Choir Members Need Host Families for March 23-25***

A blended choir from three parishes serviced by the JOP (Jamaica Outreach Program) will be performing at four or five Masses on the weekend of March 24-25. They will need housing from the afternoon of March 23 to the morning of March 26.

We are hoping hosts and hostesses will step forward to welcome these songbirds and musicians into their homes for the designated time. If you can accommodate our guests, please contact Martha Mador at 239.992.2646 or email [martha@madors.net](mailto:martha@madors.net)

### **AGA Speaker (Alienated Grandparents Anonymous) Carole Golly, LSSW - RPTS**

*Child Specialist, Licensed Play Therapist, Specialist,  
Collier County Family Law Court Cases*

#### **Topic:**

***Specific Behaviors of the Alienating Parents;  
What Insidious Specific Behaviors are Used to  
Effect Parental Alienation in the Child; Long  
Term Effects on the Children of Alienation***

**Thursday, March 15**

**7:00 P.M. St. John Ballroom**

**[www.aga-fl.org](http://www.aga-fl.org)**

*view website page ~ Feelings of Children  
of Alienation*



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

## **FAMILIES IN CHRIST**

Join us for whole-community catechesis. Pray and study the Gospel with your family members, neighbors, and priests. All ages are welcome. Come and enjoy reflections, skits, table study, games, prizes, and refreshments. Live the Gospel and be a witness to your faith. Meet other members of our faith community and have fun. Childcare is available for preschool and kindergarten.

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

**March 4, 2012**

**9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Ballroom**

### ***Theology of the Body for Teens***

#### **High school teens!**

Join us Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM to talk about life & love (you know, 'the things that matter most!') For more information, please contact **Martha Oram**, interim director of Youth Ministry! (407-615-9017 or [mjr.oram@gmail.com](mailto:mjr.oram@gmail.com))



### **RECEIVING THE LOVE OF THE TRINITY RETREAT**



#### **PREPARING FOR THE NEW PENTECOST**

Join us on a one-day Lenten Retreat to deepen our understanding of the individual love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — Our Blessed Trinity. Let us renew and explore the blessings of our sacraments and fully accept and expand their power to fill us with their love — to make a new commitment to change our lives and the Body of Christ. Both Popes, John Paul II and Benedict XVI, have prayed and long for a New Pentecost. Let us begin preparation of ourselves for our personal growth and the growth of the Church — let us fully live our commissioning as Catholic Christians. Join Matt and Kristin Loboda, Tom and Martha Oram, Stephanie Wardein, Linda Reilly, Fr. Kelly and others to deepen our Lenten journey. Lunch will be served, so please RSVP as soon as possible. Free will offering collection.

**WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 10 8:30 AM — 4:30 PM**

Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided • Call 239-566-8740 to RSVP by Thursday, March 8

**WHERE: St. John the Evangelist Ballroom • FMI: Linda Reilly 239-821-8982**



# Faith & Ale

A Gathering of Catholic Men



## Brian Burch

President of CatholicVote.org

A lay movement of committed Catholics & patriotic Americans who believe our nation's founding principles are good and true, and worth fighting for.

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

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.



# Faith and Wine

## Bishop Frank Dewane joins the ladies of Faith and Wine

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Please join us as we welcome Bishop Dewane on **Tuesday, March 20, 2012**, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom (625 111th Avenue North, Naples).

Bishop Dewane serves as the spiritual leader of more than 250,000 Catholics in the 10-county Diocese of Venice in Florida. He was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as the second Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in 2006.

**We encourage you to pre-pay for this event** by going to [www.faithandwine.com](http://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 and \$15 at the door.

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. Join us and find out why more than 200 women have been attending Faith and Wine events!

# The 22nd Annual St. Joseph Feast & Holy Altar



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**Friday, March 23, 2012 in the PLC**

**Mass - 5 p.m.**

*Celebrant: Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia, S.A.C., S.T.D., V.F.*

*Blessing of Holy Altar & Dinner Immediately After Mass*

**Sit-down dinner served family style at guests' tables  
catered by Cappelli's**

**Dancing to the Music of Night Train**

**All Tickets \$40.00**

Tables of 8  
available

Don't forget  
to wear  
**RED**

**Menu Prepared Especially For St. John's St. Joseph's Day Dinner**

**Family Style at Guests' Tables**

- Italian Tossed Salad  
Iceberg & romaine tossed with carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes & our red wine vinaigrette-
- Antipasto Tray  
Pepperoncini, cherry peppers, marinated artichoke hearts, mushrooms & roasted peppers
- Tuscan White Bean Salad
- Tomato & Basil Brochetta
- Rosemary Ciabatta
- Grissini Breadsticks
- Penne Cappelli  
Penne pasta sautéed with diced tomatoes, artichoke hearts, capers, basil & garlic
- St. Joseph's Pasta  
Topped with toasted breadcrumbs
- Broccoli Rabe ala Olio
- Sicilian Baked Cod
- Zeppoles  
Traditional St. Joseph pastries
- Biscottis
- Colombian Coffee

**Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Saint John Council 11281**

## **BIG BAND DANCE**

**Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist PLC

*Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era*

*Featuring the Live Southwest Florida 16-piece Orchestra*

*Sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller & Stan Kenton*

Remaining Big Band Dances for this season are:

**March 27 and April 10**

*Singles  
Welcomed*

**Sponsored by the St. John Men's Club •  
Call 239.394.0470 to reserve a table of 8**



### **Admission:**

\$10.00 cash  
only at the door  
- includes snacks

**Cash Bar:** Water  
and Soda - \$1.00

- Beer - \$2.00
- Wine and  
Mixed Drinks  
- \$3.00

**Dress:** Country  
Club Casual  
*(No shorts please.)*

**FRIDAY NIGHT FISH BAKE**  
**at St. John the Evangelist PLC during Lent**

**MENU**  
 Baked Fish  
 Rice Pilaf  
 Macaroni and Cheese  
 Coleslaw  
 String Beans Almandine  
 Stewed Tomatoes  
 New England Clam Chowder  
 Bread & Butter  
 Coffee, Iced Tea,  
 Lemonade & Soda  
 Dessert

**DATES OF FISH BAKE**  
 Most Friday Nights in Lent  
 March 9  
 March 30  
 (No Fish Bake on Good Friday)  
 Serving From  
 5:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy the St. Pat's Day Festival  
 Friday, March 16 and  
 the St. Joseph's Feast  
 Friday, March 23

**COST:** \$ 12.00 Adults • \$ 5.00 under 10 years old

(Take Out  
 Available)

**SPONSOR & HOST:**  
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Tickets at  
 Door Only

**Pancake Breakfast March 11th!!**

**Come Support Your Boy Scouts!**

Boy Scout Troop 168 will hold a pancake breakfast on March 11th after the morning Masses. With your donations this fundraiser will help us raise money for summer camp and other activities. Please join us in the ballroom for mouthwatering pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee, tea and juice. If any boys, age 11 or older, are interested in joining Boy Scouts, this is a perfect opportunity to see what it is all about.



**St. Patrick's Festival Celebration**  
 in the Parish Life Center Ballroom  
**Friday, March 16, 2012**

In aid of St. Vincent de Paul Society

Welcome Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. • Dinner at 7:30 p.m.  
 Entertainment throughout the evening featuring  
 Harp & Thistle Pipe & Drum Band Tir Na Nog Irish Dancers  
 Featured performer: St. John's very own "Black Velvet Band"  
 And for your dancing pleasure: Guest DJ  
 Guest Chef: Anna Howe of Here's Howe Catering

Tickets are only \$50 per person and are available at the Parish Office  
 Get your tickets early as seating is limited to 350

Please contact Peter Heaney at peter@saintjohntheevangelist.com  
 or 290-8484 for any additional information.

*a "wearin' of the Green event" Black tie optional*

*Tables of 8 or 10 may be reserved*

*Live Auction*

**OPEN BAR**

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18	At Sea	~	~
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20	Oranjestad, Aruba	1pm	8pm
21	Willemstad, Curaçao	8am	5pm
22	At Sea	~	~
23	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	8am	5pm
24	St. Thomas, USVI	8am	5pm
25	At Sea	~	~
26	At Sea	~	~
27	Miami, FL	8am	

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