


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

March 17, 2013
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Family Fun and Ministry Day



Approximately 900 parishioners participated in the Family Fun and Ministry Day last Sunday, March 10, where the rock climbing wall for the children was very popular. Parishioners of all ages enjoyed the dunking booth, particularly when Scott Schlossberg, general manager, was the target.
(More photos from the celebration will be published in future issues of the bulletin.)



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Daily Mass: 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. & Noon, Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3 & 5 p.m. – Sunday: 7, 9, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5 p.m.

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

March 16, 2013 Saturday
 8:00 AM + Robert DeShields Village Oaks Kindergarten Team
 9:30 PM Celebration of St. Patrick

Vigil Masses

3:00 PM + Virginia Schneitz Mary Heet
 5:00 PM + Keith Kurnath Ken & Marianne Kurnath

March 17, 2013 Sunday
 7:00 AM + Pat Conway Peter DeFrancesca
 9:00 AM + Joan & Al Moser Children
 11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
 1:15 PM + Dr. Frank Healey Irene Opalka
 5:00 PM + John Flynn William & Patricia Pfau

March 18, 2013 Monday
 8:00 AM + Mario Majistro Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Bonavita
 9:00 AM + John Waldron David & Sally Russell
 Noon + Herminia Trance-Deinla Mario Trance

March 19, 2013 Tuesday
 8:00 AM + Patricia Bowen Jack & Mary Lou McCarthy
 9:00 AM Fr. Daniel Joseph Kennedy David & Sally Russell
 (ordained one year)
 Noon + Felice Martell Dolores Kernochan

March 20, 2013 Wednesday
 8:00 AM + Betty Carrier Husband
 9:00 AM + Mario Majistro Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Doughty
 Noon + John Francis Carroll Terry Sisk

March 21, 2013 Thursday
 8:00 AM + George Schulz William Pease
 9:00 AM + Sarah Osborne David & Sally Russell
 Noon + Elsie Darr Sandy & Larry Burdiss

March 22, 2013 Friday
 8:00 AM + Peter Robbins Beth & Bryan Hanypsiak
 9:00 AM + Elsie Darr Mercedes Stone
 Noon + Shirley Graff Ed & Carol Graff

March 23, 2013 Saturday
 8:00 AM + Gloria DeScantis Beth & Bryan Hanypsiak

Vigil Masses

3:00 PM + Constance McGinty Carolyn Berg
 5:00 PM + Myron Cascio Barbara J. Cascio & Family

March 24, 2013 Palm Sunday
 7:00 AM + Souls of Marines & Sailors Killed on the USS Bennington
 9:00 AM + Wendy Murphy Burke Family
 11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
 1:15 PM + John Bruno Pat & Kathy Monachino
 5:00 PM + Msgr. Francis A. Barszczewski Delina Tumbo & Family

Flowers in memory of Rose Marie McGovern ~ requested by the Yeager and Sonta Families

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5 available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 and 5:00 p.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.

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 16, 2013**

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Vigil Masses

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;
Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Sunday, March 17, 2013**Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny;***St. Patrick's Day*

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;
Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Monday, March 18, 2013**St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday, March 19, 2013**St. Joseph**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday, March 20, 2013*Spring begins*

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 22, 2013**Abstinence**

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 23, 2013**St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Vigil Masses

Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23:56 [23:1-49]

Sunday, March 24, 2013**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23:56 [23:1-49]

THIS WEEK'S MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE...

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Life Matters



The final vigil day for St. John at the 40 Days for Life vigil was March 12. We were well represented, including many of our youth, thanks to the timing of spring break for the Collier County schools. Let's hope we won't be doing it again next year — at least not in Naples. News from the *Naples Daily News* on Sunday, March 10 announced that the clinic director is moving on to a different field. Let's hope this is a sign of our prayers being answered.

Update from a prior post: Mr. Howell's scheduled execution has been stayed by the courts for an undetermined amount of time. There are also two pieces of legislation being considered in the current term. One is to eliminate all the red tape to make executions speedier; the other is to eliminate the death penalty in Florida. I'd love



to be able to listen in to those discussions in Tallahassee! Let's continue to pray for all human life: the pre-born, the innocent, the guilty, the lawmakers and the lawless; the elderly and the productive, the mighty and the lowly. We are all made in the image and likeness of God, therefore, we all share innate dignity.

It was great to meet so many people at the parish picnic and ministry fair. I was so busy talking I forgot to ask folks to join the respect life committee and help us spread the word on these and many other life matters. Join us for our next meeting on April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Claussen Center, Room 15. We would love your input.

article submitted by Loretta Judy, Respect Life

Saint John the Evangelist Lenten Schedule

Daily Masses:

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

Saturday Morning Masses:

8:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays following Noon Mass and at 7:00 p.m., except March 15, when we will have "Repent & Believe", part of the Sacred Music in Sacred Spaces series.

On Good Friday, Prayer Around the Cross will 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 Services – Local Area Churches

St. Finbarr – Monday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m.

13520 Tamiani Trail East, Naples

St. Ann – Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

475 9th Avenue South, Naples

St. William – Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

601 Seagate Drive, Naples

St. John the Evangelist

Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Schedule

Palm Sunday Masses, March 24

Sunday Vigil Service (March 23)

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

Sunday: 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

11:15 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

1:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Lenten Penance Service, Tuesday, March 26

7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday Services, March 28

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Services, March 29

8:00 a.m. ~ Morning Prayer

Noon ~ Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m. ~ "Prayer Around the Cross" with Veneration

Holy Saturday Services and Mass, March 30

8:00 a.m. ~ Morning Prayer

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:00 p.m. ~ Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Masses, March 31

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

11:15 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

1:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Thomas Kelly	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Rob Chalhoub	
Deacon Frank Panicia	
Deacon Forrest Wallace	
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

Martha Oram: Ext. 123

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Tom Oram: Ext. 179

Choir Director

Ellie Roberts: 682.5609

Sacristan

Lorna Woonsam: Ext. 133

Communications

Kathy Sims: Ext. 128

Memorial Garden

Scott Schlossberg: Ext. 114

Religious Boutique

Jackie Gibson: 325.2107

Director of Maintenance

Marcos Burgoa: Ext. 117

Education Staff

Director of Faith Formation

Margie Lynch: 514.2927

Director of Youth Ministry

Bill Maguire: 566.8740, Ext. 177

Director of RCIA

Margie Lynch: 514.2927

Family Ministry

Charlene Youngs: 566.8740 Ext: 123

email staff members at:

info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: saintjohntheevangelist.com Click on the **Welcome** tab on the top left side and scroll down to **Forms**. Return to office.

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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 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & Noon (during Lent)

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.

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

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 2014 Mass availability and 2013 wine and host and flowers availability. Stop by the parish 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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Hymns for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 16 & 17

Entrance Hymn: 236 Forty Days and Forty Nights

Preparation Hymn: 474 Now We Remain

Communion Hymn: 516 Taste and See

442 Here I Am

Closing Hymn: 293 Take Up Your Cross

Choral Anthems at the 9 & 11:15 AM Masses

At the Offertory **Steal Away To Jesus** *Spiritual, arr. Crawford N. Thoburn*

At Communion **In Jesus' Name We Pray** *Jay Althouse*

Sixth Annual Catholic Bioethics Seminar Saturday, April 13

Everyone is invited to the annual Catholic Bioethics Seminar on Saturday, April 13 at Resurrection Parish in Fort Myers. This seminar is designed for physicians, healthcare workers, clergy and students, but anyone with an interest in these topics is welcome. Seating is limited.

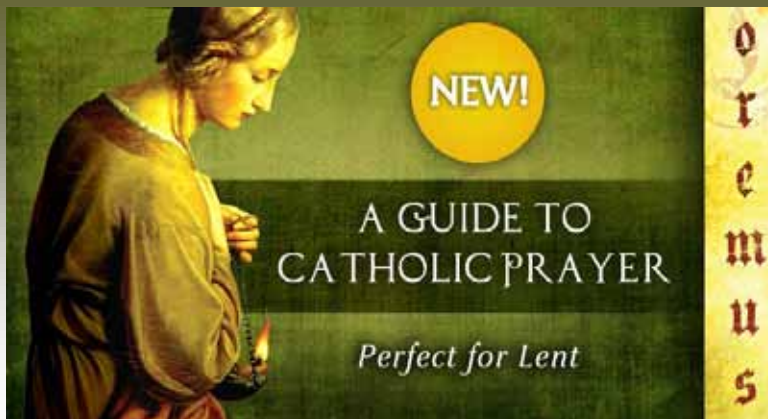
World-renowned speakers Rev. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Rev. Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D., Nikolas Nikas J.D. and Wes Ely, M.D. will present bioethical topics from the Catholic perspective.

For more information or to register, visit www.floridacma.org and link to the bioethics seminar. For general questions, call Dr. Steve Hannan at 239.849.6908.

The Arimatheans in Need of More Volunteers

The **Arimatheans** are a group of parishioners who attend funeral Masses to provide support and compassion from the St. John the Evangelist parish community.

The Arimatheans would love to have more volunteers join their ministry. To join or for more information contact Virginia D'Agostino at 597.7687



Week Three: Wed., March 20th

5:45pm-7:00pm

IN THE LIBRARY @ ST. JOHN'S

“How to Hear God’s Silent Voice & How to Respond”

JOIN US FOR OUR 3RD WEEK ON CATHOLIC PRAYER

Stephanie Wardein has synthesized the BRAND NEW “Oremus” Study of Catholic Prayer (Ascension Press) and presents condensed sessions every Wednesday of LENT. Our final meeting will be the Wednesday of Holy Week. Recommit to your your Lenten preparations to the Easter Triduum and join us!

Join us EVERY Wednesday in the Library from 5:45pm-7:00pm
Catholicism for Catholics with a Finger-food Pot Luck!

Jamaica Outreach Program

Trailblazers in JOP Optical Services in Kingston, Jamaica...

Sally and Richard VanBuskirk and Dr. Jeffrey Zimm

From the very beginning of The Jamaica Outreach Program's involvement with the St. Pius X Eye Clinic, Sally and Richard VanBuskirk have been the local professionals who coordinate optical mission trips to one of the poorest neighborhoods in Kingston. Sally describes her experiences in Jamaica with enthusiasm and an unabashed love of its people. "Sixteen years ago, when the JOP was in its infancy, Richard and I were a bit apprehensive about setting out on our first trip to a third world country. While we were shocked at the extreme poverty there, we were amazed by the enthusiastic welcome we received from the Jamaicans. For me, it was love at first sight and we were immediately inspired to do all we could to make a difference in their lives."

With 20 years experience in the optical business it was natural that the VanBuskirks would choose to focus their efforts on identifying and answering the obvious need for eye care in the St Pius X neighborhood. In the beginning their efforts were devoted to providing "pre-owned eye glasses" to patients who matched the donated glasses. Very soon that approach was abandoned and a full fledged optical clinic was established on the grounds of the parish. Dr. Jason Eugenides of Naples was very helpful in those early days. According to Sally, "Early on we also partnered with Paul Connor, an optician from Ohio, and between us we now offer new frames and new prescription eyeglasses to the patients at the clinic." Years ago Paul built and equipped a lab at St. Pius X that facilitates the repair and making of some eye glasses on site.

In the past 14 years, over 7,600 patients have received prescription eye glasses. All the manufacturing of these glasses has been done in Naples and in Paul's lab in Ohio. Providing eye glasses was just the beginning. Advanced eye care is now a standard feature of the optical care offered by eye teams who visit Jamaica. Over the years the VanBuskirks have solicited help from eye surgeons and arranged for 486 cataract surgeries as well as 40 procedures for glaucoma patients in Jamaica. In April they will once again facilitate the work of a team headed by Dr. Brian Stahl of Ohio. It will be the 22nd mission trip for the VanBuskirks. Dr. Stahl plans to perform up to 80 cataract surgeries during his weekend visit to Kingston. No doubt, in the eyes of the beneficiaries, their lives will change almost miraculously. The desire to "make a difference" became the mantra for the VanBuskirks 16 years ago and continues today.

Like most people who choose the medical field as a lifetime career, Dr. Jeffrey Zimm was drawn to the profession by altruistic motives and goals. In his teenage years he knew there

was a place for him in the medical field as well as in missionary work, but it would be quite a few years before he could combine the two. "I never seemed to find the time. By 1992, I was busy establishing my ophthalmology practice in Naples and raising a family, but the idea of serving as a part time missionary never left me." In the late 1990s an opportunity arose when he learned as a parishioner at St. John the Evangelist that a new organization was forming called the Jamaica Outreach Program. He kept abreast of its formation and when the JOP announced that it would be opening an eye clinic on the grounds of St. Pius X in Kingston, he knew that almost providentially the opportunity for mission work had arrived. "I was impressed by the efforts of people like the Kerns, the VanBuskirks, and Gagniers who were devoting numerous hours and substantial effort to the mission in Jamaica." In due time he joined in their effort and by 2004 he made his first visit to St. Pius X. To date he has made over 15 mission trips to the clinic.

As described by Sally, the development of the eye clinic began slowly in the late 1990s. When Dr. Zimm joined the optical team he encouraged the JOP to raise funds for more sophisticated equipment to provide better eyeglass prescriptions and to diagnose glaucoma, cataracts and other diseases of the eye. Over \$50,000 was raised to do just that, and volunteers from St.



(Top) Dr. Jeffrey Zimm.
(Above) Sally Van Buskirk



John the Evangelist built an addition to the Medical Clinic at St. Pius X to house the new equipment. Over the years, the eye clinic has evolved into an efficient and functioning clinic with excellent equipment serviced by a number of optical professionals who visit the site three or four times a year. A countless number of patients are given glaucoma medication each time we have a mission. Two patients have received corneal transplants here in Naples through the efforts of Dr. Zimm. The costs of these treatments are borne largely by the professionals themselves, generous optical and drug manufacturers, and the fundraising efforts of JOP. All the professionals and volunteer aides who travel to Kingston do so at their own expense. Not all of them are from Southwest Florida. A team from Kentucky and from as far away as Ohio have contributed their services many times. Mission work is never ending, but those who make the journey never fail to remark that it is always an extremely gratifying experience to serve the poorest of the poor in an area like Jamaica. The kind of service that optical missions offer is a payback that never stops giving. As always, optometrists, ophthalmologists and volunteers willing to do clerical work in this ministry are encouraged to contact the VanBuskirks at 239.225.1212.

— text and photos submitted by Jamaica Outreach Program

Congratulations to Pope Francis - Jorge Mario Bergoglio, formerly archbishop of Buenos Aires. He was elected pope on Wednesday, March 13, 2013.

St. John Youth Ministry

Spotlight on the Youth
by Kristina Lafferty

I've been attending youth group at St. John the Evangelist for three years. One of the best experiences I've had was when I first began attending as a sophomore. I had just moved to Florida, but I hadn't been able to make any friends. I was nervous about being around a whole bunch of teens I had never met, and I was never really good making friends in the first place. So, I didn't want to go. But my mom thought I should at least try, and she made me go. Turns out, mother really does know best.

As soon as I entered the room, I was immediately greeted by five teens welcoming me to the group. I was blown away by their sincerity and friendliness. They made me feel like

I had been friends with them for years, rather than just 10 minutes.

I believe Youth Ministry is a vital part in becoming a strong, well informed Catholic. Youth Ministry is the very foundation upon which our entire lives as Catholics will be built. Youth Group has made me stronger in my beliefs as a Catholic. Not only has Youth Group taught me about my faith, but also how to defend it.

I enjoy reading and writing. After I graduate from high school, I hope to attend a Catholic college or university where I can major in English Literature and grow in my faith.

High School Youth meets Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the ballroom

Middle School Youth meets Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Claussen Center Seminar Room

Spotlight on Stewardship:

Did you know?

During the parish picnic this past Sunday, March 10, the St. John's Men's Club and their spouses prepared and served 540 hot dogs, 632 hamburgers, 170 lbs. of baked beans, 110 lbs. of grandma's potato salad, 60 lbs. of mac and cheese to a total of approximately 800 adults and children that came to enjoy a wonder family fun day.

In addition, the Men's Club served 600 bottles of water, several five gallon containers of lemonade, plus an ample supply of wine and beer to supplement the absolutely gorgeous sunny day we had.

If you missed the picnic, you missed a great time had by all in attendance.

—Andy Sanfelippo, Men's Club President

Thank You to All Volunteers



Millie Lucanegro, Delores Kernochaw, Pauline Cataldo and Janet D'Addario, volunteers from St. John, attended the Diocesan Volunteer Mass Tuesday, March 5 at Our Lady of Light Parish in Estero. The main celebrant of the Mass was Msgr. Stephen E. McNamara (standing in for Bishop Dewane). Msgr. McNamara is the Vicar General of the Diocese and Pastor of Resurrection Parish in Fort Myers. Bishop Frank J. Dewane invited all volunteers to the special Mass during this Year of Faith to provide a "thank you" and formal sign of appreciation for the volunteers of the parishes throughout the Diocese. (Photo by Bob Reddy, Diocese of Venice)

Altar Servers:

Neal Borter 804.357.5712

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

Calling & Caring:

Deacon Al Groh 566.8740 ext. 125

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Ernest Woonsam 947.8618

Homebound

Maureen Wurtz 593.0475

Greeters & Ushers:

John Smith 598.2306

Jamaica Mission:

Al & Ann Kerns 514.1553

Lectors:

Victor Yopez 290.9090

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Jack Kindsvater jkinds@me.com

Prayer Group:

Linda Reilly 821.8982

Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

Stewardship Council:

Bob Claussen naplesrgc@gmail.com

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 at 1 p.m. in the library and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the PLC ballroom. aga-fl.org

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

Al-Anon. Monday 9 to 10 a.m.; Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday - beginners, 11:30 a.m.; and noon - discussion; all in PLC. Carol: 804.306.5323

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 - 11 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 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Circle of Comfort. If you have cancer, or are taking care of someone who does, you may be facing challenges that may leave you feeling overwhelmed, frightened, alone and in need of comfort. Let us share our experience of faith, strength and prayer with you. We help each other live one day at a time through encouragement, prayer, laughter or whatever it takes to bring comfort to each other. Jim or Darlene 495.9741

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

Divine Gift Boutique (located across from the ladies restroom). Saturday: 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Jackie Gibson: 325.2107

Evangelization. Designed to psychologically bring back individuals who have left the Catholic Church. Deacon Al: 566.8740, ext. 125

Families Helping Families. Mondays at 3 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: 732.5979

Grief Support. Starting Feb. 12 sessions will be held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in room 13 of the Claussen Center. Dee: 594.7193 or Carol: 992.4190

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 p.m. Visiting Knights are welcome. Paul Barrus, Grand Knight: 609.741.4593

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meeting are third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K John A. Fazackerley FN 495.5380

Knitting & Crocheting. Tuesdays from 10 -

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 second 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. For friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound, call Jan Sukay: 431.7376. If interested in joining, call Valerie Matulis: 390.3545

Mah Jong. Wednesday, Noon - 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 the second Thursday of the month, 2-3 p.m.. 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 - 8 p.m. in PLC. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

Narcotics Anonymous. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8 p.m. PLC.

Philothea. Women ages 20-45 meet to support & encourage one another through the joys & struggles of life, work & motherhood in Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7 - 9 p.m. Martha Oram: 566.8740, ext. 123

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

Respect Life. A group of parishioners committed to protecting the sanctity of life in all of its stages. They coordinate all respect life activities within the parish as well as outreach to the community. Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Claussen Center. Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941

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 are invited. Nancy Cote: 514.0410

St. Vincent de Paul. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:30 a.m., Mass in PLC. Bill Smart: 566.8740

Sing-A-Long at Nursing Facilities. Tuesday, March 19 at Arbor Trace, Naples; and Tuesday, April 2 at Imperial Healthcare, Naples; both at 2 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 mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Library and Monday evenings in Room 3 and 4 in the PLC. We are currently studying the book "Come and See The Gospel of St. Mark" by Emmaus Road Publishing. You are welcome to join at any time. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

PRAYER GROUPS

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

Blessed John Paul II said "a great prayer for Life is urgently needed!" Cenacle participants pray for an end to the Culture of Death every Tuesday evening, 6:00 to 6:45 p.m., in the Adoration Chapel. In the powerful presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we offer 10 mysteries of the rosary and related prayers and we fast one day a week on our own. All are welcome! Please call the parish office for the Chapel code.

Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

Forty-five minutes of peaceful, silent and beautiful prayer and contemplation. Only your quiet presence is needed. Mondays: 5:30 p.m., Room 15 Claussen Center. Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m., Room 15, Claussen Center. Centering Prayer will meet in the Parish Library on Wednesday mornings following the 9:00 a.m. Mass (9:45 a.m.).

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military:

Lcpl. Francisco Alvarenga U.S. Marines	LAV Recon Specialist Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army
Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army	Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett U.S. Marine Corp
S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force	David Jensen Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army
Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy	LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)
Bradley N. Chartier U.S. Army	LCpl. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)	Lt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army
Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force	1Lt. Robert Pedrigi U.S. Army
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army
Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines	Lt. Gregory Spencer U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)
Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	Lt. Kelly Spencer U.S. Air Force
Cpl. Dylan Granza (Serving in Afghanistan)	Houng Tran U.S. Army
Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer U.S. Marine Corp *	IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)
	Co. Glenn Yeck U.S. Navy (Serving in Afghanistan)

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 Morning Prayer 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.*)

St. John Charismatic Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

Prayer group meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in cry room. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Nick Episcopo, Sebastian Nagy and Alfred Schrang

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

Joan Abele	Troy Feidler	Richard Maynard	Timothy Ray
Tom Abele	Thomas O. Flood	Judy Mazza	Peter Renucci
Deidre Anne Alyward	Donna Flynn	Sharon McCarthy	Linda & Tom Riley
Jacob Andrew	Tara Follese	Chris McKibben	Marie-Helene Robertazzi
Mike Arnold	Jim Follese	Bill McConnell	Tony Ross
Ed Barber	John & Julia Giblin	Catherine & John McCugker	Jesse Sanchez
Agatha Barczynski	Tim Hagan	Bob McEvoy	Maria Scarcella
Jerry Barton	Kathleen Hall	Margaret McGinness	Cathy Schloendorn
Makayla Basile	Leslie Haywood	Carolyn McNichols	Claire Scott
Jennifer Basile	Gerald Heyen	Melina Megaris	Carol Seiffert
Linda Berry	Coleen Hill	Nancy Meleo	Joanne Semonetti
Mary Bessner	Karen Hohne	Carlos Metz	Judy Shea
John Brooks	Cheryl & Jeff Horkey	Ed Moriarty	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Christine Canapari	Val Hunt	Rich Moriarty	Teresa Shengulet
Tiffany Baumann	Madeline Hurley	Carmella Mossmonte	Annette Sholette
Cantelupe	Mary Hutten	Rev. Richard Mueller	April Sievers
Kathleen Caputo	Helen Hyduk	Josephine Nagy	Kathleen Skahill
Christine Cassara	Cade Joslin	Louis Naumoff	Jean Smith
James Castaldi	Sr. Margaret Ann Kelley	Loretta Necas	Jeff Smith
Members of the Claussen Family	Marita Kelly	Frank Nicolazzi	Ray Stankard
Anturo Ciro	Colleen Kirkmaier	Peter Nicoletta	Kay Sullivan
Dotty Combs	Toni Kosak	Jordan Obrochta	Robert Sulski
Paul Conte	Agness Kosloski	Tyler Ostos	Pat Sutter
Nick Crnkovich	David Land	Maryla Panagos	Tara and Children
Edna D'Antuono	John C. Lee	Barbara Parada	Rita Taranto
Connie D'Mucci	Wayne Lee	James Patton	Patricia Trapnell
Brian Davis	Mary Lenick	Michael Paul	Marge Traver
Jim Diamante	William Line	Joan Peters	Dolores Varone
Carol Dickeson	Shari Lussier	Patty Pilkington	Pat & Heloisa Velasquez
Joseph DiFrancisco	Jeanne Majeske	Thomas Pimlott	Jim Vinton
Nancy Dineen	Edward Malloy	Joe Pohorer	Tom Wernes
Alexandria Dolkas	Ann Maniuszko	Kathleen Preston	Eileen Wharburton
Ann Marie Esposito	F. Mansfield	Angela Preuss	Maureen Wilkinson
Tiffany Feidler	Kim Marino	David Pupo	Tom Wright
	Dr. Enrique and Teresa Lozano de Martinez		

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740,
or email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com

LET US PRAY...

MARCH 17, 2013 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Did you attend Family Fun & Ministry Day last Sunday? If you didn't, I can honestly say that you missed an incredibly special event. It isn't very often that an inaugural event turns out exactly as you had envisioned. Family Fun & Ministry Day was everything we thought it could be and more. I have to say that this event was a tremendous success and very well coordinated on all accounts. The Men's

Club and their wives did an amazing job in serving food to nearly 800 guests with very little wait time. The food was very good and we did not run out. Many of the ministry booths were located in the ballroom which was filled to capacity the majority of the day giving those ministries plenty of visibility. Outside of the ballroom, we had activities galore for the kids. There was a popcorn stand, a cotton candy stand, a snow cone stand, a craft stand and a cookie walk tent all within twenty feet of the PLC. We had a beautiful tent setup in the field which provided additional seating for 300. Several other ministries were located in the tent as well as a bar and a band performing everything from Bob Marley to Michael Jackson. There was a dunk tank, a rock climbing wall, a maze, an obstacle course, two bounce houses and a wood workshop. Suffice it to say, there was something for everyone. And now for the thank you's and there are a lot to go around.



First, I would like to thank you, our parishioners for attending and more importantly, for your RSVP. We had planned that many would neglect to register and simply show up leaving us with a food shortage. This did not happen and, as a matter of fact, the numbers that registered and attended were fairly accurate.

Next, I would like to thank my maintenance staff for their tireless work in preparing the grounds and facilities for this event. They put in a ton of hours and, as a result, everything looked great and flowed very well. Although I already recognized the Men's Club, I would be remiss for not doing so again. They really made this event a success with great planning and coordination.

Now for those outside the parish – If you saw the massive tent in back of the PLC, I am sure you were as amazed as I was at its beauty. The tent we used was brand new and provided by Sperry Tents. Normally we would not have been able to afford such a tent, but they were very accommodating and worked with us to settle on a price that fit in our budget. Thanks to Nick Kouloheras (parishioner and Habitat for Humanity liaison for St. John) for arranging with Home Depot to provide the wood workshop which the kids really liked. All said, our kids built over 200 wooden birdhouses and race cars. Finally, I would like to thank the Collier County Sheriff's Office for providing the rock climbing wall completely free of charge. The rock wall was a huge hit and there was a waiting line virtually all day. In addition to providing the wall, three deputies "manned" the wall for the entire event.

We have hosted countless events over my many years at St. John the Evangelist, however, this was by far the best in my humble opinion! It was the epitome of a true parish event, incorporating everyone from toddlers to senior citizens. I will certainly look forward to this event next year.

It is my assumption that many of you have downloaded our St. John the Evangelist "mobile app." Did you know that we had 1,814 hits in the month of February? We actually made the top 20 list for volume during the month. If you haven't yet done so, please give the mobile app a try. You can check to see which priest is celebrating Mass, see Mass times and if you want, read my column all from your smart phone. Getting the app is easy. Simply go to our website www.saintjohntheevangelist.com from your smart phone. Upon entering our site, you will be automatically redirected to our mobile site. You will then be given the option of downloading our app for your desktop. Give it a try and I promise that you will enjoy.

By now, you are all aware of my passion for the Catholic Faith Appeal. Not only do your contributions towards the CFA support countless ministries within the Diocese of Venice, they also satisfy a very important component of our annual budget. We are constantly trying to come up with new and innovative ideas to assist us in reaching our annual goal. We are once again hosting a Reverse Raffle as a fundraiser for the Catholic Faith Appeal. For

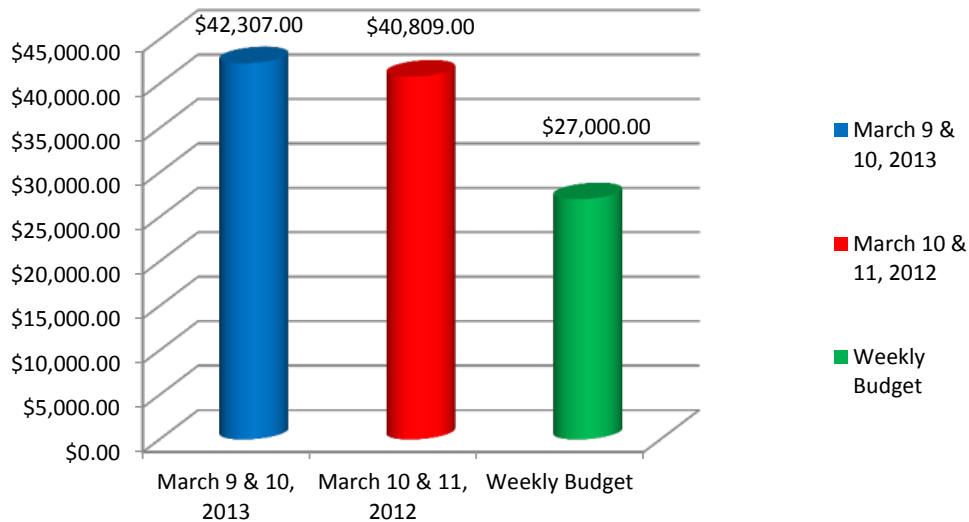
those who remember, we hosted just such an event last year and raised \$12,000 for the CFA. Here is a brief explanation of how the raffle works: "What is a Reverse Raffle?" It is exactly what the name implies. Rather than the first ticket drawn winning the raffle, the last ticket drawn in a Reverse Raffle is the big winner. In this particular instance, we will be selling 300 tickets for the raffle at a cost of \$100 each. The winning ticket (or the last one drawn) will win \$10,000.00. This is a great return on a \$100 investment. In addition, your \$100 ticket also gains you (and a guest) admission to the party where you will enjoy dinner, entertainment and an open bar. In order to keep everyone's interest throughout the evening, we will also offer cash prizes randomly as the raffle progresses. The first ticket drawn will win \$100 as will every 25th ticket drawn for the remainder of the raffle. So in other words, 12 lucky attendees will get their money back and enjoy a great evening of entertainment at no cost. In addition, Tom Oram will be performing before the raffle begins and then playing 30 minute sets after the drawing of every 100 numbers. You need not be present to win, so if you are headed back to your northern residence and unable to attend, you are encouraged to purchase a ticket with the comfort of knowing that we will either send you a check for your winnings or keep your winnings in safekeeping until you return in the fall.

If you have never attended a reverse raffle, let me assure you that it is a lot of fun. When the drawing is down to the final ten ticket

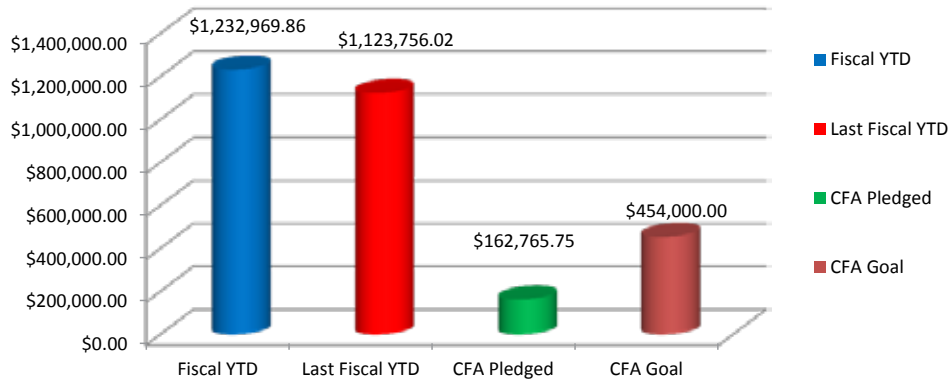
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SCOTT'S CORNER...

Collection Summary



Fiscal YTD (7/1/2012-6/30/2013) & CFA Summary



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Understanding the Gospels

Presented by Deacon Hal Brenner

Classes are held from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Parish Life Center. To register please call Deacon Hal Brenner at 566.8740, extension 174 and leave a message.

Remaining Classes:

Class 11 - 3/19/13 ~ How to Read the Bible

The "Un-Synoptic" Gospel

Class 12 - 3/26/13 ~ Review/Summary/Images of God

John's "Book of Signs"

Class 13 - 4/2/13 ~ THE

Relationship

From Death to Life



Wedding Banns

*Third announcement between
Lindsay Price & Sean Conley*

Blessing of Easter Baskets

The blessing of Easter baskets will be Saturday, March 30. Time and location will be announced in the March 24 bulletin.

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holders, there is a great deal of excitement in the air creating an "electric" atmosphere. I have hosted several of these events in the past several years, and on many occasions, there are multiple winners as the final three to five ticket holders have opted to split the \$10,000.00 grand prize. Last year, the final six ticket holders split the \$10,000.00 prize and took home \$1,666.66 each. So allow me to recap.... For \$100, you will receive admission for two, a catered meal, an open bar and entertainment by Tom Oram, as well as the chance to win \$10,000.00. I can think of no better deal locally for a cost of \$50 per person. The Reverse Raffle will take place on Friday, April 19 at 6:30 pm in the ballroom of the Parish Life Center. Tickets will be available beginning Monday in the parish office. This is a great opportunity for all of us to support the Catholic Faith Appeal while enjoying great entertainment and great camaraderie. We must sell all

300 tickets in order for the event to take place and we are already "behind the eight ball." Please purchase your ticket today. Thanks!!!!

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA, General Manager

St. John the Evangelist Reverse Raffle

Benefiting the Catholic Faith Appeal

Friday, April 19, 2013

6:30 p.m.

St. John Parish Life Center

\$100.00 per ticket

(need not be present to win)

First Prize: \$10,000.00

*Available
in Parish
Office
starting
next week.*

Dinner for 2

Open Bar

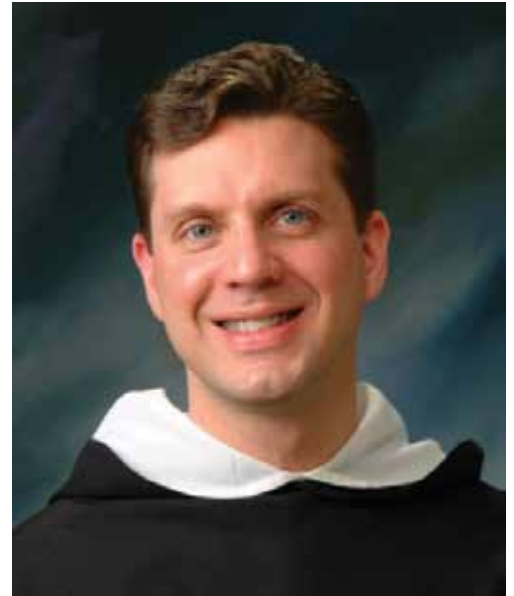
Entertainment by Tom Oram

St. John the Evangelist Parish Mission 2013:

“God, Are You On-line?”

with **Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P.**

This Monday through Wednesday
in the Church, from **7 to 8 PM**



Fr. William "Bill" Price Garrott, O.P., was born and raised in Hagerstown, Maryland and is the youngest of eight children. After obtaining a B.S. in chemistry from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and working for two years in the field of technology transfer, Fr. Garrott entered the Order of Preachers in 1988. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1994 and has served in various parish and campus ministries of the Province of St. Joseph, also known as the Eastern Province of Dominicans. In 1999, Fr. Garrott obtained a Masters in spiritual theology from the University of Saint Thomas Aquinas ("The Angelicum") in Rome. Most recently, Fr. Garrott served for eight years as Director of Vocations for the Dominicans, during which God led 90 men to enter the Order for his province. Utilizing his talent on keyboards & guitar, Fr. Garrott has preached over 40 parish missions throughout the U.S.

Monday Evening (March 18) Talk: "Come to the Father!"

While on the way to his martyrdom in the year A.D.107, St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote a letter to the Christians of Rome saying: "**There is living water in me which speaks and says inside me, 'Come to the Father.'**" The fruit of Christian baptism is to know that your heavenly Father loves you not because you're good but because He is good (*St. Thomas Aquinas*).

Scriptures for Reflection:

Romans 8:14-15 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!"

Luke 12:29-32 As for you, do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore. All the nations of the world seek for these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides. Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.

Tuesday Evening (March 19) Talk: “Christ and Him Crucified”

In a world where success is everything, where winning the gold medal is all that counts and 2nd place is for losers, we are often crushed by frequent failures, signs of weakness and patterns of sin. Jesus Christ’s death on the Cross is the supreme sign of the Father’s love for us and the only true pathway to our own glorious transformation as children of God.

Scriptures for Reflection:

Galatians 5:19-26 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ (Jesus) have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit. Let us not be conceited, provoking one another, envious of one another.

2 Cor. 12:7-10 Therefore, that I might not become too elated, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Wednesday Evening (March 20) Talk: “Fire It Up!”

Jesus Christ came to set the earth on fire with the truth of God’s love. On the day of Pentecost power came down from heaven, which enabled the disciples to communicate their experience of the risen Lord to anyone who would listen. Our evangelization is not complete until our “Eucharistic amazement” (*Blessed John Paul II*) draws others to that altar where we encounter the risen Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Scriptures for Reflection:

2 Timothy 1:6-8 For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

John 6:53-57 Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.

The Word & Life

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

Casting away stones, embracing mercy

What a travesty of compassion. From the solitude of the Mount of Olives to the courtyard of the temple, Jesus is pulled into this drama of condemnation at the hands of people who regarded themselves as teachers of the faith. A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought before a group of “religious” people to be ridiculed and stoned to death because of her sin. You could almost imagine her vulnerability – the heart beating wildly in her chest and the terror that enveloped her as she watched her accusers pick up their stones to kill her. She must have been embarrassed and scared beyond words. Unfortunately, she is the pawn used to trap Jesus. The law of Moses is very clear – the law states that such women must be stoned. They knew full well that Jesus’ approach to a fragile situation would contradict this law. Jesus’ response “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a

stone at her.” Who could argue with such wisdom? Which one of these people and teachers could be so arrogant to cast the first stone knowing that they are just as capable of committing sin as this broken individual?

In awaiting their response, Jesus simply writes in the sand. But what was he writing – was it their sin written beside their names? We will never know the answer to that query. But what we do know is this. Jesus points out that we are all sinners and no one has the right to condemn another knowing this. He tells the woman that she is not condemned, but he also tells her that she is not to sin again.

Here we are years later and nothing has changed. People revel in gossip about other people’s failures. It sells newspapers and creates titillating tales in Hollywood. The world’s stones of condemnation are not hard rocks but hard knocks to others who are fragile and broken. Whenever we find ourselves under scrutiny because of our own failure, it is painful. Such experiences teach us that all of us need to

Reflection Questions

1. How have I broken God’s law in my own life?
2. Have I ever sinned against another or hurt people?
3. How have I failed to understand God’s call to forgiveness?
4. Have I used my faith to condemn another?
5. Has there been a time when I have experienced similar forgiveness in my life?
6. What does Jesus say to the woman caught in adultery?
7. What is the message in this for me?
8. Do I feel called to share in the compassion that Jesus showed? Why?

be forgiven and loved. We all need that second chance. Each one of us is called to cast away the stones of bitterness, hate, and judgment is invited to embrace the mercy of our Lord and savior, Jesus the Christ. This is what redemption is all about.

Prayer

O heavenly Father, the wisdom of Jesus invites us to become his compassion in the world. May we learn to throw down the rocks of judgment and help others who have fallen to stand up and to move on. If we have failed you or one another, may we have the grace to know that you have not condemned us but asks us to move beyond our sin. Amen!

Voices of Faith

Sinful Hearts of Stone

A humble soul sits in a site of Sacred Shrine
A place where the Father dwells
The Christ discerns a love beyond all telling
Humanity comes with hunger of heart
Seeking wisdom, man is taught by God

The sacred moment is interrupted by an angry mob
Both scribes and Pharisees arrive armed with the Law
With stones in hand and flawed woman entrapped
They seek not the Truth but to set a trap
To catch Christ out and so to bring a charge

Dispensers and scholars of the Law with hearts of stone
Bids the God-Man on
“An Adulterous woman should be stoned
by prescription of Moses should she not?”
The Christ stoops down and answers their bitterness by writing
upon the sand

As tempers, anger and resentments rage
Jesus stands tall in the midst so hearts of stone wearing holy
masks
“Let the one who is without sin be the first to cast a stone at her”
The divine teacher does reply
And so the Christ stoops down to write upon the sand

The secret of these divine writings upon the sand to man
remains a mystery
But what did the scribes and Pharisees see?
Their names and sin inscribed upon the sand
By the hand of one with divine knowing?
Casting down their stones they do retreat one by one

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



Image: Jesus forgives adulterous woman
Source: bing.com

Sinful hearts of stone depart aware of sinful pursuits of self
And there alone the broken soul stands before the Christ
Bruised and beaten by embarrassment of her sin she faces God
“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”
He questions on

“No one, sir.” The woman replies with tears in her eyes!
And so Christ speaks with wisdom from on high
“Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin
any more”
And so the woman walks away forgiven by God
With a heart made whole and a soul restored

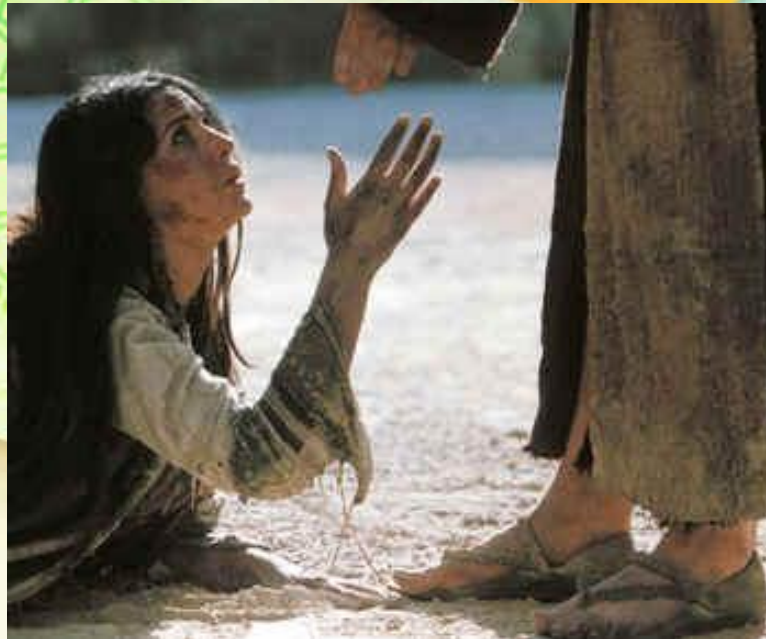
And so man listens on once again to this sacred encounter
Somehow sin possesses him but still with stone in hand
He would rather look on at his fellow men and confront their
flaw

And so the Christ continues to teach on
“Let the one who is without sin be the first to cast a stone!”

And so man is left to consider his shadow self
To imagine God stooping down to write upon the sand
There he sees his name and sin written by divine hand
This hard lesson urges him on to cast down his stone and live on
With a heart of flesh and boundless mercy!

—“Peaceful Moments” by Fr. John J. Ludden

Faith Formation



The Woman Caught in Adultery

Mark Your Calendar

March 20

First Communion Activity Night

March 28-31

Easter Triduum

May 3

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

May 4

First Holy Communion Ceremony

Faith Formation News

First Communion Activity Night...will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 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. All sacramental students must participate.

Easter Triduum...starts on the evening of Maundy Thursday and ends at Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Thus, the Triduum consists of three full days which begin and end in the evening.

First Holy Communion Rehearsal...will be on Friday, May 3, 2013, 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.

First Holy Communion Ceremony...will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the church. Sacramental students should report to their teachers in the ballroom at 9:00 a.m. for pictures and final preparations. Cake and refreshments will be served afterwards outside the main entrance of the church.

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By Kathleen M. Carroll

Children learn quickly. Before mine had mastered their multiplication tables, they knew how to set the original trap: “Dad said we could.” Most were also a pretty dab hand at crafting more elaborate dilemmas: “My teacher said we didn’t have to show our work,” and “The science fair isn’t mandatory” were choice efforts. I don’t know which they wanted more — the object of their arguments, or the satisfaction of watching me try to outthink them.

The Pharisees in today’s Gospel seem to have the same dark motives. When they bring the accused woman before Jesus, they present him with two options: Flout the law of Moses or break the law of the Romans. As always, Jesus finds another way.

“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Jesus doesn’t hesitate to let us do what we want; he just insists that first we know what we’re doing. His doubters were frustrated in their attempts to trap him and we are too, whenever we allow ourselves to be trapped into thinking that we’re qualified to make any accusations about anyone. We’re all in one big glass house here. Put the stones down.

Bringing Home the Word, March 17, 2013, Franciscan Media

REFLECTION

In Sunday’s Gospel Jesus urges teachers of the Law to help people grow rather than condemn them. The teachers bring to Jesus a woman whom they have caught in adultery. The Law says both a man and a woman caught in adultery should be put to death. In this story, only the woman gets blamed and faces punishment. Jesus stands by her.

The woman caught in adultery is among the sinners, outcasts, and tax collectors with whom the teachers think Jesus spends too much time. Jesus shows us God’s love for everyone by standing with the poor and outcast people of his time.

The Gospel of Lent shows us clearly God will stand by us in our choices to grow more loving. God will encourage us, not condemn us.

Gospel for All Ages, Good Ground Press and Pflaum Publishing Group

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: When have you been blamed for something you didn’t do?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus want us to treat each other when we do something wrong?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: What does “blaming others” mean to you?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus want us to treat each other?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: When have you been blamed for something you didn’t do?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus treat the woman in the story in Sunday’s Gospel?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: What good is it to blame others?

Gospel Question: For what reasons do the Pharisees bring the woman in the Gospel to Jesus?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: When is taking the blame a good act?

Gospel Question: What is Jesus’ attitude toward the woman in Sunday’s Gospel?

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Next Magnificat Breakfast March 23

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women. The breakfast will be held Saturday, March 23, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. Our speaker, Kathleen Beckman, is a member of the Magnificat Central Service Team. She is on EWTN Catholic TV and Radio. Her book, *Holy Rosary for Purity of Body, Mind and Spirit*, has been featured at priest and seminarian conferences in Europe and United States. “The most important part of my life occurs at daily Mass and holy hour. The fruit of an intensely Eucharistic life is service”.

Advanced registration is required by mail. Seating is limited; no walk-ins. Please call Joanne Tarantino, 887.0060 or Shirley Ruehl, 239.949.7015.

Chrism Mass Tuesday, March 26

All are encouraged and invited to attend the Chrism Mass which will be celebrated Tuesday, March 26, 10:30 a.m., at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice.

Clergy observing their 50th and 25th anniversaries of ordination are:

50 years: Reverends John C. Rourke, Edward A. Kearns, Richard R. Seifferly and Jerome A. Carosella.

25 years: Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Reverends Russell Wright and Juan Carlos Sack, I.V.E. Reverend Deacons James T. Burns, William Hanlon and Russell Grant.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Scholarship Deadline April 19

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Naples District Council has announced its annual scholarship program to assist needy students and their families in attending our local Catholic schools — both high school and elementary.

The Council will once again award the Martin J. Cuniffe Scholarships for students in a Catholic high school or those seeking admission. The scholarship provides \$3500.00 in financial aid.

Also being awarded will be \$3000.00 scholarships for those attending or seeking admission in one of our local Catholic elementary schools.

To request an application, please call 775.1667 and ask for Linda. All applications must be received by Friday, April 19, 2013 to be considered. The deadline is strictly observed.

Hygienists and Dental Assistants Needed for Series of Mission Trips to Jamaica

The Jamaica Outreach Program is planning a series of dental missions this year to The Van Domelen Dental clinic on the grounds of our sister Parish St. Pius X in Kingston, Jamaica. Seven dentists have agreed to join the mission trips, but we are having difficulty in securing dental hygienists and dental assistants to complete the mission teams.

A generous donor has agreed to subsidize the traveling expenses of any licensed dental assistant or hygienist who wishes to join the dentists in their service to the poor in Kingston. The clinic is nearly new and is considered a state of the art facility by dental professionals here and in Jamaica.

Interested parties should contact Roger Plante for further information at 239.948.2145 or by e-mailing rogerpsold@gmail.com

Ladies of St. John’s Monthly Luncheon Wednesday, March 20 at Worthington Country Club in Bonita

The Ladies of St. John’s monthly luncheon will be on Wednesday, March 20 at Worthington Country Club in Bonita Springs. The cost is \$17.00 all inclusive. Please call Barbara at 261.1894 for reservations and mail a check to Jo Vaccaro, 1941 Curling Ave, Naples, FL 34109 by March 15.

Directions: North on US 41 to Bonita Beach Rd. Make a right and go past 1-75 to the stoplight. Make a right onto Bonita Grande to gate house. Check in with guard. Then make left and drive straight to clubhouse.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

for Children 12 and Under








Saturday, March 30, 2013

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

St. John’s Parish Life Center, Courtyard and Ballroom
Easter baskets optional. Small Easter bags will be provided.

For more information, contact Andy Sanfelippo, 949.7122

Please include: Family Name, Number of Adults & Names & Ages of Children

Family Name	Number of Adults Attending
Names & Ages of Children	
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MUST FILL OUT FORM TO PARTICIPATE. Register by Sunday, March 23.
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Faith and Wine

Father John Ludden

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Please join us on April 11, as we welcome Father John Ludden, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist, who will be speaking to us on "The Sacraments: Signs of the Sacred in our Lives"

6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom
(625 111th Avenue North, Naples)



As part of this presentation, Mary Beth Clary will be interviewing Father John regarding the Sacraments. Your questions can be included in the interview if you send them to Mary Beth at mbclary@porterwright.com or to the address provided below. Difficult questions are encouraged!

\$15 prepay/\$25 at the door
(includes dinner, a glass of wine or other beverage, and the speaker)

Please pre-pay for this event no later than April 9th by going to www.faithandwine.com and clicking on "Registration for Events". Or you can mail (post-marked before April 5th) or drop off (no later than April 9th) your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." to Mary Beth Clary, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP (in The Mercato) 9132 Strada Place, 3rd Floor, Naples, Florida 34108.



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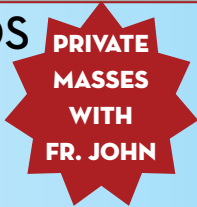


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