

October 14, 2012

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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World Mission Sunday October 21

The Universal Church gathers to celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 21 (next Sunday). On this day Catholics are asked to enter into solidarity with missionaries all over the world through their prayers and the second collection that will be taken up for the

missionary activity of the Church and the work of evangelization. This year's celebration of Mission Sunday is observed as we begin the Year of Faith which also coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. Both remind us of the importance of the New Evangelization in which we are "Called to radiate the Word of truth"

(Apostolic Letter *Porta Fidei*, n.6). Pope Benedict XVI's message for World

Mission Sunday recalls how Blessed John Paul II had spoken on the mission mandate of Jesus in his Encyclical *Redemptoris Missio*, "The number of those awaiting Christ is still immense. We cannot be content when we consider the millions of our brothers and sisters, who like us have been redeemed by the blood of Christ but who

live in ignorance of the love of God." In announcing the Year of Faith, Pope Benedict XVI adds, "Today as in the past, he (Christ) sends us through the highways of the world to proclaim his Gospel to all the peoples of the earth (*Apostolic Letter Porta Fidei*, n.7). The Holy

Father encourages the observance of World Mission Sunday each year in order that all Catholics continue to carry the message of the Gospel to the ends of the earth with the same zeal and commitment of the early Christian communities.

Catholic communities are asked to remember the countless thousands of missionaries throughout the world as they gather in their

local communities to celebrate the Eucharist. In entering into such prayerful solidarity, the Catholic community

Fr. John anointing one of the elderly residents while on the mission trip to St. Lucia this past June.

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Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m., Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3 & 5 p.m. – Sunday: 7, 9, 11 a.m., 1 & 5 p.m.

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

October 13, 2012	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	David Neiman Faber	Alison Ballarino
		Vigil Masses	
3:00 PM	+	Veronica & Mel Tucker Sr.	Gloria O'Donnell
5:00 PM	+	Richard Clauss	Peggy Huebner
October 14, 2012	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Lillian Dunnabeck	Husband
9:00 AM	+	David D'Antuono	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony D'Antuono
11:00 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Rolin Rodriguez	Millie Rodriguez
5:00 PM	+	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Feliks	Susan Feliks
		<i>Wine and Host in Memory of Janice O'Connor ~ Requested by the Family</i>	
October 15, 2012	Monday		
8:30 AM	+	Clifford Dickens	Ann Marie Dickens
October 16, 2012	Tuesday		
8:30 AM	+	Deceased Members of St. Vincent DePaul Society	St. Vincent DePaul Society St. John Conference
October 17, 2012	Wednesday		
8:30 AM	+	Thomas Calandrucci	Carol Calandrucci
October 18, 2012	Thursday		
8:30 AM	+	Cecilia Schultz	Joanie Schultz
October 19, 2012	Friday		
8:30 AM	+	Janice O'Connor	Circle of Comfort
October 20, 2012	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Modesta Manzi	Ginny & Tony Aquino
		Vigil Masses	
3:00 PM		Montello Corbino Family 50th Wedding Anniversary	
5:00 PM	+	Myron Cascio	Barbara Cascio & Family
		<i>Flowers in Memory of Lee Bazany ~ Requested by Fran Bazany</i>	
October 21, 2012	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Rosann Florence DeFrancesca	Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM	+	Michael Pokorny Jr.	Mom
11:00 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Margaret Noyes	Dr. William & Helene Powers
5:00 PM	+	Eugene Kelly	Betty & Frank Burkitt

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, October 13, 2012**

Blessed Virgin Mary
Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

Vigil Masses

Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13;
Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

Sunday, October 14, 2012

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Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13;
Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

Monday, October 15, 2012

St. Teresa of Jesus
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5:1; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary
Alacoque; *National Boss Day*
Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

St. Ignatius of Antioch
Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday, October 18, 2012

St. Luke
2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Friday, October 19, 2012

Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and
Companions
Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday, October 20, 2012

St. Paul of the Cross; Blessed Virgin
Mary
Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

Vigil Masses

Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16;
Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

Sunday, October 21, 2012

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16;
Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

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

THIS WEEK'S MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE...

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World Mission Sunday October 21

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gives thanks to those unsung heroes who work tirelessly in making the love of God known in the remotest parts of the world, often amidst impoverished conditions and hostile environments. The World Mission Sunday collection, taken up by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, contributes toward their missionary endeavors. Over 1,100 mission dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, the Americas, Oceania, and Europe, benefit from the contributions of those who share

of their treasure to help in the work of the New Evangelization. Blessed John Paul II, referred to this collection as the “central fund of solidarity.” As Catholic communities take up this important collection throughout the world, much hope is given to missionaries who await the blessings of such sacrifice. The fruits of people’s giving are seen in the support of seminaries, Religious Communities, communication, catechesis, the building of schools and orphanages, chapels and churches. Such contributions also help areas of the missions

that have been devastated by war, drought, or other natural disasters. In giving, we enable missionaries to share the gift of the gospel and faith to others. Again, in his message on World Mission Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, “Faith is a gift that is given to us to be shared; it is a talent received so that it may bear fruit; it is a light that must never be hidden, but must illuminate the whole house. It is the most important gift which has been made to us in our lives and which we cannot keep to ourselves.”

The missionary activity of the Church is entrusted to every Catholic. In the very vocation of baptism, each Catholic is anointed to become God’s light to the world – that is to be missionaries of Christ. When we enter into a new life with Christ in baptism, we do not merely enter into singular and local community, but enter into the global Church in which we are called to take His message to the ends of the earth (Mt. 28:19). Throughout history, many have taken this responsibility seriously. The missionary journeys of St. Paul

attest to that fact. So too, the spread of monasticism in ancient Europe, to the growth of the Church in the Americas, Asia, Africa and Oceania. Thousands of men and women have given totally of themselves in the history of salvation, many of which even sacrificed their very lives in order that others know of Christ and be saved by His word. Even though we live in the midst of the global village, there are many who have yet to encounter Christ and his message of Truth. In supporting

World Mission Sunday by praying and contributing on behalf of the missions, you share in making that a reality. Mission Sunday is a day in which we are called to reflect and reach out to others. Please be as generous as you can in supporting missionaries around the world. If you would like to know more about how you can support the missions, please call the Diocesan Mission Office at 941.625.4754.

*article written by
Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor*



Fr. John with the Missionaries of Charity sisters standing on a hillside in St. Lucia while on the summer mission trip.

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— Pope Benedict XVI

There will be a second collection in observance of Mission Sunday next Sunday, October 21. See Bishop Frank Dewane’s letter on page 6.

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 1:00 p.m. Mass. Please call the parish office to register for a class. Upon completion of the class and fulfillment of the godparent requirements, parents may schedule a baptism date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice.

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements

Call the parish office 566.8740. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business Office is located in the PLC (behind the Church)

All Administrative Staff
239.566.8740

General Manager
Scott Schlossberg: 566.1678

Fax: 239.325.2100

Administrative Assistant & Records
Melanie Harrison: Ext. 113

Assistant to the Pastor
Natalie Campbell: Ext. 134

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist
Tom Oram: Ext. 179

Choir Director
Ellie (VanderMeuse) Roberts: 682.5609

Sacristan
Lorna Woonsam: Ext. 133

Communications
Kathy Sims: Ext. 128

Memorial Garden
Scott Schlossberg: Ext. 114

Religious Boutique
Jackie Gibson: 513.0511

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

8:30 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.,

11:00 a.m. & 1:00 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 2012 & 2013 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.

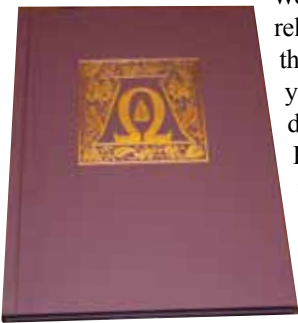
PARISH INFORMATION...

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Hymns for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 13 & 14

Entrance Hymn:	291	Come Now, Almighty King
Preparation Hymn:	455	You Are Mine
Communion Hymn:	510	The Supper of the Lord
	468	I Have Loved You
Closing Hymn:	439	O God, Our Help In Ages Past

May They Rest in Peace



We will remember our deceased relatives and friends at each Mass in the month of November. We invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in our Book of Remembrance which will be in the narthex the weekends of October 20-21 and October 27-28.

The book will be placed near the altar throughout the month of November. Those whose names are written in it will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at all Masses celebrated during the month.

Grief Support Series Begins Tuesday, October 16

Healing from grief takes time. Each one of us grieves differently, It is a great help when we can share our grieving with others who have experienced the separation of a loved one through death.

Grief support sessions will be offered on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Life Center on the following dates: October 16, October 23, 30, November 6, November 13, and November 20. For further information, please call Dee Donnelly at 594.7193 or Carol Ryan at 992.4190.

St. John Neumann Open House Sunday, November 4

The St. John Neumann Open House starts at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 4 in the Justin Holecek Student Life Center. Register for the Open House with the admissions office at tsarcone@sjnceltics.org

THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE
TENTH ANNUAL

Kristallnacht Memorial Convocation

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2012
3:00 PM

St. Agnes Catholic Church
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

GUEST SPEAKER

Rabbi A. James Rudin,

Senior Interreligious Advisor, American Jewish Committee
Distinguished Visiting Professor of Religion and Judaica,
Saint Leo University

Join us for a special exhibit and reception following the convocation

This important community event is Co-Sponsored by the
Catholic/Jewish Dialogue of Collier County
Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Collier County
Diocese of Venice in Florida
Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida
St. Agnes Catholic Church

Mass Times Revert to Winter Schedule Beginning November 4

The winter Sunday Mass schedule will go into effect Sunday, November 4. We will return to 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Mass. The 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses will stay the same, as will the 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. vigil Masses.

Weekday Mass times will revert to the winter schedule Monday, November 5. We will return to the 8:00 and 9:00 Mass times Monday through Friday. Saturday Mass will remain at 8:00 a.m. with confessions immediately after.

We will follow the winter Mass schedule until May, 2013.

Wedding Banns

Second announcement between
Elizabeth Kessen & Brian Gioia

First announcement between
Laura Lagomasino & Kevin Sabo

First announcement between
Danielle O'Brien & Michael O'Brien

NEEDED

Ushers & Greeters
for all Masses

Contact
John Smith
at
598-2306

Ladies of St. John's Monthly Luncheon October 24 at Plantation Club

The Ladies of St. John's monthly luncheon will be on Wednesday, October 24 at the Plantation Club at the Dunes at 11:30 a.m.

The cost of the luncheon is \$16.00, all-inclusive. Call 566.1152 for a reservation and mail a check by October 19 to Jo Vaccaro, 1941 Curling Ave., Naples, FL 34109.

Directions: Go west on Immokolee Rd. to Vanderbilt Dr. Make a right. The Dunes is on the left.

There will be no luncheon in November. The Christmas luncheon will be at The Strand on December 7.

**2014 Cruise
to the
Eastern Caribbean
January 12
- January 22**

**Itinerary will be
available soon.**

Save the dates.

Jamaica Outreach Program

Appreciation and Welcoming Party, October 26

Prospective, current and past volunteers and donors are invited to JOP sponsored event on Friday, October 26, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the St. John the Evangelist PLC Library. Your spouse/guest is also invited.

This cocktail party is to welcome new volunteers and express our appreciation to all who have served in, or supported, programs benefiting our adopted parish, St. Pius X, in Jamaica. Please bring a ready-to-serve hors d'oeuvre to share.

For more information, please call Jeanne at 514.0290.



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On World Mission Sunday, celebrated at the early part of the Year of Faith declared by Pope Benedict XVI, we ask God's blessing that, through our prayers and offerings, the "Good News" of Jesus Christ may be proclaimed to all the world.


At Baptism, each of us is given the responsibility to be "missionary". We are to share our Faith with those around us, and to support the work of missionaries who bring the "Good News" to faraway places. As we pray and respond here at home, we are replicating what is also taking place in every parish and chapel in every corner of the globe.

In addition to your prayers, your vital financial contribution to the Pontifical Mission Societies will help support more than 1,150 dioceses and communities in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

Here in the Diocese of Venice, the World Mission Sunday Collection will take place the weekend of October 20 - 21, 2012. Thank you for your generous response and prayers for missionaries.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


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

St. John Youth Ministry

The Pro-Life Thing

What is the Pro-Life thing? What is it about the pro-life position that distinguishes it from all the alternate positions on life issues? What is it about the pro-life position that accounts for its unique and distinctive understanding of human dignity and the fundamental rights that necessarily flow from it?

The great principle at the heart of the pro-life position is simple, yet radical to its core:



Bill Maguire
Director
of Youth Ministry

- Every human life possesses an intrinsic value and inalienable dignity;
- Human life “is a good toward which the *only proper* and *adequate* attitude is *love*” (John Paul II).

The pro-life position, then, is grounded in the belief that all humans possess inestimable worth and dignity. No person’s dignity is dependent upon or determined by how much they can *do* or how much they *have*. In fact, according to the pro-life movement, the measure

of whether a society is just or unjust is determined precisely by the value it accords to its most vulnerable, weak and powerless members. The more a society is committed to safeguard and protect the dignity and rights of the weak and the poor, the more just that society is.

A pro-lifer believes that the truth about human dignity is objective, not subjective. A subjective truth is one that is true for you, but not necessarily true for anyone else. Subjective truths are valid when considering things like the best flavor of ice cream: I say chocolate is best, but you insist that vanilla is best.

For the pro-lifer, the truth about human dignity is not like the truth about chocolate vs. vanilla ice cream. Human dignity exists and is true independent of whether you or I or anyone else believes it. The truth about human dignity — like the truth about the roundness of the earth — exists whether any particular person or society recognizes it.

Recognizing the objectivity of the truth as it applies to human dignity is vital for maintaining a just society. If it is not objectively true that all humans have dignity, the dignity of no human is safe.

Absent the existence of an objective moral standard that has the power to compel all societies in all times (trans-cultural/historical), the dignity and rights of the human person will be subject to the whim of the powerful. The vacuum created by rejecting the objective moral law is always and necessarily filled by someone or some group — namely, those who are most powerful.

In the above, society is no longer governed by the principles of justice, but rather by the following principle: *Might Makes Right*.

On the other hand, to be pro-life is to always champion the underdog. To be pro-life is to believe that love is the only proper and adequate response to human life. To be pro-life is to believe that every human possesses an intrinsic dignity and that from this dignity there flows certain inalienable rights — first among which is the right to life. In theological terms, it is to always exercise a *fundamental option for the poor*.

Catholic philosopher Gabriel Marcel once wrote that we experience a profound sense of mystery in the presence of a sleeping child. He notes that from a certain point of view — the point of view of power — we could do anything to the sleeping child, because she is utterly under our power. Yet, Marcel observes that from the point of view of love, the point of view of hospitality, it is precisely the helplessness of the sleeping child that makes her existence sacred. In fact, he argues that to harm or manipulate the child would be the greatest mark of barbarism imaginable.

Let us, then, approach all human life from the perspective of love and hospitality. In other words, let us all recommit ourselves to answer the call of Christ proposed in his Gospel of Life!

Upcoming Events:

Diocesan Youth Rally

November 3, \$20.00

March for Life

January 23-26, TBA



Bill Maguire, M.T.S.

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(mobile) 239.330.5955

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

Middle School Youth meets from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Claussen Center Seminar Room

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 & 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 at 1:00 p.m. in the library and third Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the PLC ballroom. Next meeting is Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the ballroom. *Panel of AGA, Inc. Professionals: Pascal LaRuffa, M.D. F.S.A.M. Adolescent Medicine; Vickjo Letchworth, Elder Abuse Counselor; Carol Golly, LCSW, RPT-S Child Therapist; Dianne Durante, EdS Family Therapist.* aga-fl.org

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

Al-Anon. Monday 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., PLC; 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 psychologically bring back individuals who have left the Catholic 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

Grief Support. Sessions will resume on the second and fourth Tuesdays in September — September 11 and September 25 — at 10:00 a.m. in rooms 3 and 4 of the Parish Life Center. Dee Donnelly: 594.7193

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.

Last Monday of every month: St. John K of C Officers. First Monday of every month. Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited to join our Council meeting. Paul Barrus, Grand Knight: 609.741.4593

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meeting are the 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 10:00-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 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, 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, 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Martha Oram: 566.8740, ext. 177

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

Religious Gift Shop. SUMMER HOURS:

Saturday: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. These hours are in effect until October. Jackie Gibson: 513.0511

Respect Life. A group of parishioners committed to protecting the sanctity of life in all of its stage. 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 welcome.

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 Oct. 16 at Merrill Gardens, Naples, and Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Moorings Park, 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 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. John" 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 morning mass (9:15 a.m.).

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army	Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer U.S. Marine Corp * LAV Recon
Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy	PFC. Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army
Bradley N. Chartier U.S. Army	Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett U.S. Marine Corp
BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	David Jensen U.S. Army
Specialist Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army, serving in Ft Bragg, N.C	Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army
Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force	LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)
Sgt. Thomas Flood U.S. Army	PFC. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	Lt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army
Sgt. Michael Flood U.S. Army	1Lt. Robert Pedrigi U.S. Army
Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines	Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army
Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	Lt. Gregory Spencer U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)
Cpl. Dylan Granza (Serving in Afghanistan)	Houng Tran U.S. Army
	IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN) Deployed on U.S.S. Boxer
	David Wakeman E-6 Nuclear Machinist Mate First Class (USN) Deployed on USS Enterprise

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 8:30 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:

Donald Goodwin

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

Joan Abele	Donna DiMaggio	Col. Al LaBarbara	Diana Pecaro
Tom Abele	Alexandria Dolkas	Al LaRocco	Nick Phillips
Gaetano Amicone	Marietta Donahue	David Land	Joe Pohrer
Anita Anderson	Rudy Dualsky	Brian Lee	Angela Preuss
Jacob Andrew	Tim Duff	Nancy Leitner	David Pupo
Jerry Barton	Michael Dunlop	William Line	Don Robinson
Jennifer Basile	Elsa Everstijn	Mr. & Mrs. George Losure	Mary Salzwedel
Makayla Basile	John A. Fazackerley	Jeanne Majeske	Cathy Schloendorn
Rick Becker	Evelyn Felice	F. Mansfield	Daniel Schoenbauer
Richard Beebe	Thomas O. Flood	Richard Maynard	Joanne Scimone
Ysabel Benitez	Donna Flynn	Judy Mazza	Carol Seiffert
Gloria Bergeron	Lauran Gaines	Jean K. McCarthy	Rosalie Senatore
Linda Berry	Randall Galt	Melina Megaris	Tim Shand
Mary Bessner	Rosario Gianino	Nancy Meleo	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Pauline Bowen	John Gilbert	John Miller	Teresa Shengulet
Lori Lampe Breyman	Joan Granieri	Kathleen Monachino	Annette Sholette
Bill Briggs	Tim Hagan	Shirley Moran	Jeff Smith
Matt Brown	Charlotte Hallohan	Ed Moriarty	Shiobhan Smith
Christine Cassara	Gerald Heyen	Joe Moylan	Susan Stokes
James Castaldi	Mary Kay Hoban	Rev. Richard Mueller	Bob Stonebrook
Nelly Celli	Karen Hohne	Irene Nardandrea	Katie Sullivan
Dick Clark	Bob Homan	Peter Nicoletta	Pat Sutter
Karen Collins	Bob Homan Sr.	Dennis Noone	Tara and children
Thomas Cress	Jeff Horkey	Ann O'Brien	Rita Taranto
Tanya Cuellar	Val Hunt	Ed O'Brien	Patricia Trapnell
Diane	Mario Incatasciato	Jordan Obrochta	Winona Ugone
Roberta Dabronzo	Cade Joslin	Joseph & Mildred Ondrusek	Dolores Varone
Edna D'Antuona	Pat Kellington	Anne Orem	Pat & Eloisa Velasquez
Brian Davis	Marita Kelly	Maryla Panagos	Barry Wisler
Owen Destino	Debbie Kendall	Michael Paul	Helen Zaks
James Diamante	Diane (Dee) Korn		Jeanne and Sara Zaykowski

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

Please add to the PRAYER LIST

Name _____
Please print first and last name

Requested by _____

Your Phone Number _____ Date _____

LET US PRAY...

OCTOBER 14, 2012 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Tennis anyone? The picture below shows the result of several days of very heavy late season rainfall. It has been years since I have seen the adjacent tennis courts flooded and the standing water lasted for several days. We are now in the final weeks of our rainy season which officially ends in late October. You may have noticed a slight change in the air

over the past couple of days where temperatures dipped into the upper 60s at night and stayed below 90 for daytime highs with noticeably lower humidity. I for one, look forward to the cooler weather.

Effective July 1, we have opened a “box office” in the Parish Life Center. Tickets to our numerous events will no longer be sold at the reception desk in the front office. Instead, tickets will be sold in a converted office immediately through the double doors leading to the classroom wing. If they choose, representatives from each particular ministry hosting events will offer hours of operation in which they will be present to sell tickets. We will publish these hours in the parish bulletin. You WILL NOT be able to purchase tickets at the front desk. On certain occasions, tickets will be sold outside of Mass for your favorite events.

In the very near future, you will be able to use your credit card to make purchases in the Religious Gift Shop.

In addition, you will be able to use a credit card to purchase Mass intentions at the front office. These will be direct point of purchase transactions and run through terminals which will be located in the front office and gift shop. The terminals have actually already arrived, however, we are dealing with connectivity problems which is causing a short delay. I will let you know when everything is up and running. We are optimistic that the option of a credit card will make it easier for you to purchase items in the gift shop or schedule a Mass.

Did you know that we have a new manager for the Religious Gift Shop? Marianne Brooks retired in June after doing a magnificent job for several years. Jackie Gibson has taken

over the helm and is making a drastic transformation. Jackie owned and operated a Hallmark store in Allen Park, Michigan for 33 years. She brings with her a plethora of experience in merchandising and the results are already evident. Jackie has contracted with Dayspring (Hallmark card vendor) to offer a complete line of cards for any occasion – religious or not. Upcoming improvements to the gift shop include a new exterior window which allow parishioners a glance in the shop when closed. Jackie will also paint the shop and replace many of the old display cases with newer more appropriate fixtures. As a result of the improved product lines, gift shop revenue has been up over 35% compared to last year during the first three months of our fiscal year.

Last weekend was the first since the end of season (May 15) that we met our weekly operating budget. As a matter of fact, this usually does not happen until the first weekend in November. This past weekend we recognized a 15% increase over the same weekend last year. As I am sure you have

read in past editions of Scott’s Corner, we generally operate in the red seven out of twelve months. If this is an early indicator, we may be able to shave a month off of that statistic this fiscal year. Thank you to all of our parishioners for your incredible generosity.

We are only \$109,000.00 shy of our goal for the 2012 Catholic Faith appeal with just under three months to go. We remain \$20,000.00 ahead of where we were at this same

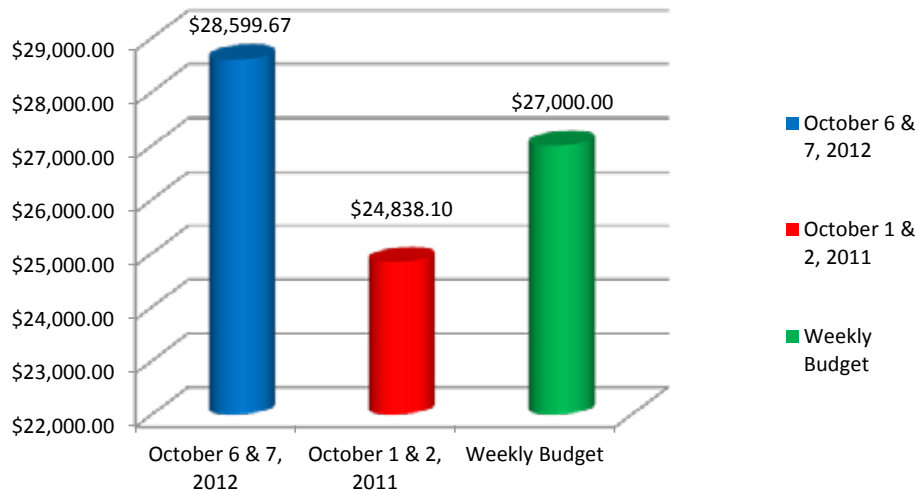
point last year. Considering that we fell short last year by \$23,000.00, I am overly optimistic that this year we will meet with success. For our seasonal residents and visitors returning, please remember to make your check payable to the Catholic Faith Appeal with St. John the Evangelist in the memo line. Thank you in advance for supporting the Catholic Faith Appeal, the most important component of our operating budget.

In His work together,

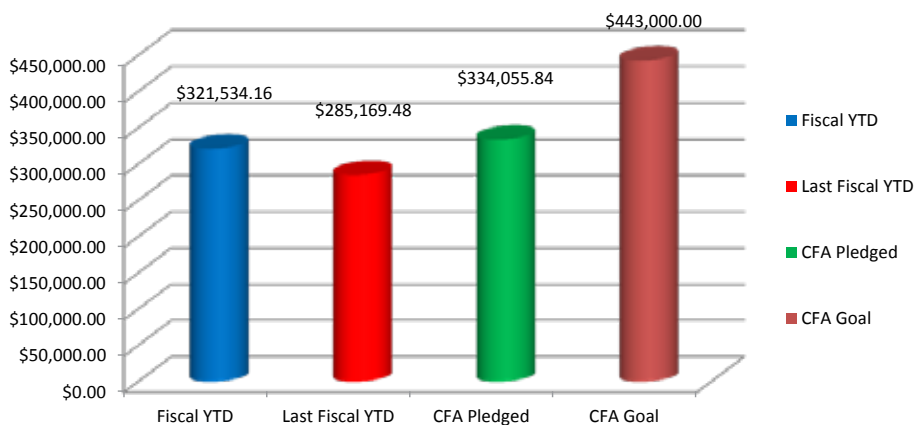
Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager



Collection Summary



YTD/CFA Summary



Blessed Edmund Rice School Adult Faith Formation Series

The Adult Faith Formation Series is now available through December 19, from the Blessed Edmund Rice School.

Class will be via video-conferencing, allowing people to participate from four different locations: the school library in Port Charlotte area; St. Martha Parish in Sarasota; St. Leo Parish in Bonita Springs and Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Boca Grande.

The series consists of one-time classes but also two, three and four-part series as well. The full schedule of classes is available on the school website (www.riceschool.org; look under Courses; then Schedules). This schedule lists all dates, topics, and presenters for the various sessions.

The suggested donation for each class is \$10 per person. All proceeds go to the Rice School Scholarship Fund and helps ensure that no student who wishes to study the Catholic Faith is ever turned away.

“Keep Christ in Christmas”

Help to “Keep Christ in Christmas” by sending religious Christmas cards. The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the sale again this year with profits going to the Jamaica Outreach Program and the youth of the parish. There will be a large assortment of cards available after each Mass in front of the church.

Buy early to get the best selection. Please support this endeavor.



Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome — for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us — this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Know the Positions of the Presidential Candidates

In keeping with its mission, the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (FCCB) aims to educate and inform Catholics about a wide range of issues. The information listed here has been compiled from policies, public statements, official and campaign websites and other resources to help voters inform their consciences before heading to the voting booth. The issues appear here in alphabetical order for informational purposes only and do not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. The FCCB neither supports nor opposes any candidate for public office. The underlined text below indicates a hyperlink to the source. Go to www.flaccb.org to view these links.

 <p>DEMOCRAT</p> <p>President BARACK OBAMA</p>		 <p>REPUBLICAN</p> <p>Former Governor MITT ROMNEY</p>	
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ABORTION

On the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* in 2012, Obama said, "I remain committed to protecting a woman's right to choose and this fundamental constitutional right."

At a 2011 debate, Romney said he is "firmly pro-life...and I believe in the sanctity of life from the very beginning until the very end."

DEATH PENALTY

In his 2006 book *Audacity of Hope* (pgs. 57-58), Obama wrote, "While the evidence tells me that the death penalty does little to deter crime, I believe there are some crimes – mass murder, the rape and murder of a child – so heinous ... that the community is justified in expressing the full measure of its outrage by meting out the ultimate punishment. On the other hand, the way capital cases were tried in Illinois at the time was so rife with error, questionable police tactics, racial bias, and shoddy lawyering, that 13 death row inmates had been exonerated."

While governor, Romney filed legislation to reinstate capital punishment in Massachusetts and "make the death penalty available for the most heinous of crimes." In his April 28, 2005, letter to the legislature, he stated the proposed death penalty statute would be "as narrow and as foolproof as humanly possible" and provide "protections to the accused while at the same time offering an appropriate punishment for the most atrocious murders."

EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

A 2011 statement from the Executive Office of the President stated, "Private school vouchers are not an effective way to improve student achievement." The Obama administration "strongly opposes expanding the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program and opening it to new students."

Romney's proposal, entitled "A Chance for Every Child," states, "A Romney administration will expand the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, offering more students a chance to attend a better school and providing a model of parental choice for the nation."

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

Obama's 2009 Executive Order revoked previous presidential directives that limited federally funded experimentation on human embryonic stem cells. His order expands eligible federally funded research to all stem cell lines, including those derived from human embryos created for research purposes.

As governor, Romney vetoed a bill to fund human embryonic stem cell research. Regarding research on unimplanted embryos created for reproductive purposes, Romney stated in a 2007 debate, "It's fine for that to be allowed, to be legal. I won't use our government funds for that." His campaign website states, "Stem cell research is a great scientific frontier, and it must be pursued with respect and care... Quite simply, America cannot condone or participate in the creation of human life when the sole purpose of its creation is its sure destruction."

FREEDOM OF RELIGION

In Jan. 2012, the Obama administration's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a mandate that all employers – except for a limited group of religious employers – must provide health insurance coverage for contraception, sterilization and abortion causing drugs. Many religious institutions, including Catholic hospitals, K-12 schools, universities, and charities, are not exempt.

In a Feb. 2012 op-ed, Romney wrote regarding the HHS mandate of his "strenuous objection to this liberty- and conscience-stifling regulation." He stated, "On day one ... I will eliminate the Obama administration rule that compels religious institutions to violate the tenets of their own faith."

In the recently decided U.S. Supreme Court *Hosanna-Tabor* case, the Obama administration's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission argued against a Lutheran school's right to a ministerial exemption from the *Americans with Disabilities Act*. The exemption recognizes religious institutions' constitutional right to choose who is hired or retained to do religious work. The Supreme Court rejected the administration's argument 9-0.

Of the Supreme Court's *Hosanna-Tabor* decision, Romney said, "Fortunately that was struck down by the court 9-0. We are very fortunate [to have people] who are willing to stand up for religious tolerance and religious liberty and the First Amendment of this Constitution in this country."

These comments, policies and statements are snapshots from each candidate's public career and campaigns. The research was conducted using www.whitehouse.gov, www.barackobama.com and www.mittromney.com, as well as other websites. The platforms of the political parties can be viewed at www.democrats.org and www.gop.com. The underlined text indicates a hyperlink to the source. Go to www.flaccb.org to view these links.

PRESIDENT OBAMA**FORMER GOVERNOR ROMNEY****HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR UNINSURED**

Part of Obama's *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* seeks to increase access to health care for the previously uninsured and states that "no American can be discriminated against due to a pre-existing condition." The federal health care reform plan requires nearly everyone to purchase health insurance and imposes a tax for failure to comply.

As governor, Romney signed a state law creating health care coverage for all Massachusetts citizens. As president, Romney said he would issue "waivers to all fifty states" for the *Affordable Care Act* and then "work with Congress to repeal the full legislation as quickly as possible." He proposes to "pursue policies that give each state the power to craft a health care reform plan that is best for its own citizens." According to Romney's website, he believes this free market can "prevent discrimination against individuals with pre-existing conditions who maintain continuous coverage."

IMMIGRATION

The White House website states Obama's commitment to an immigration policy that includes: "responsibility by the federal government to secure our borders; accountability for businesses that break the law by undermining American workers and exploiting undocumented workers; strengthening our economic competitiveness by creating a legal immigration system that reflects our values and diverse needs; and responsibility from people who are living in the United States illegally."

According to Romney's campaign website, his plan to address immigration includes: "attract more highly skilled immigrants; make the temporary worker visa system functional; secure our borders, discourage illegal immigration and enforce the law; cut red tape that is keeping immediate families apart." His plan would also give "young illegal immigrants who were brought to the United States as children ... the chance to become permanent residents, and eventually citizens, by serving honorably in the United States military" and would "address the 11 million illegal immigrants in America in a civil and resolute manner that respects the rule of law."

The Obama administration's Department of Homeland Security issued a policy of deferred action for "certain young people who were brought to the United States as young children, do not present a risk to national security or public safety, and meet several key criteria."

In response to the Obama administration's policy of deferred action, Romney said, "With regards to these kids who were brought in by their parents through no fault of their own, there needs to be a long-term solution so they know what their status is."

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

According to his White House website, Obama has "built a broad coalition to pressure Iran to abandon its nuclear program, including unprecedented sanctions by Congress, the UN Security Council, and a host of other nations and regional bodies." In April 2012, Obama said, "... the best way to resolve this issue is diplomatically, and [it is] my belief that we still have a window in which to resolve this conflict diplomatically. That window is closing, and Iran needs to take advantage of it. But it is absolutely the right thing to do for the U.S. government, working in concert with ... the rest of the world community, to pursue this path."

According to his campaign website, Romney's strategy "will be to end Iran's pursuit of a nuclear weapon, eliminate the threat of Iranian nuclear terrorism against the United States and our allies, and prevent nuclear proliferation across the Middle East." According to the website, his strategy includes four parts: a credible military option, a fifth round of tougher sanctions, support for the Iranian opposition, and a commitment to the on-time completion of a fully capable missile defense system.

MARRIAGE

In May 2012, Obama said, "I believe that same-sex couples should be allowed to marry." He said that marriage should be decided at the state level, where people are "arriving at different conclusions at different times." The *Defense of Marriage Act* (DOMA) is a law adopted by Congress that states that, for federal government purposes, only one man and one woman may be parties to a lawful marriage. In Feb. 2011, Obama said that his administration will no longer defend the DOMA in court.

In May 2012, Romney said, "I do not favor marriage between people of the same gender, and I do not favor civil unions if they are identical to marriage other than by name. My view is the domestic partnership benefits, hospital visitation rights, and the like are appropriate but that the others are not." According to his website, as president he would "not only appoint an attorney general who will defend the *Defense of Marriage Act* – a bipartisan law passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton – but he will also champion a Federal Marriage Amendment to the Constitution defining marriage as between one man and one woman."

POVERTY ASSISTANCE

A 2011 report from the Obama administration entitled "Creating Pathways to Opportunity" said of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), commonly known as food stamps, "President Obama also enhanced and expanded the [program] to ensure that the 45 million individuals that participate each month continued to have the means to put food on the table. The Recovery Act investments in the SNAP program kept an additional 3.9 million people, including 1.7 million children, above the poverty line in 2010."

In a Jan. 2012 debate, Romney said of food stamps, "These programs, all these federal programs that are bundled to help people and make sure we have a safety net, need to be brought together and sent back to the states and let states that are closest to the needs of their own people craft the programs that are able to deal with their – the needs of those folks." He said food stamps were "certainly on the list" of programs. "Let's get the money back to the states the way the Constitution intended and let states care for their own people in the way they feel best."



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The Word & Life

Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

The Wisdom of the Needle's Eye

The Christian way when fully lived is a very challenging life indeed. When we think that we have everything together in our faith, someone or something comes our way to challenge us in living the gospel. The young man in today's gospel could be seen to be a very good disciple of God's law, but Jesus asks him to go the extra mile. Jesus demands that the young man let go of what he is attached to – his money and possessions. The young man is unable to accept the challenge that Jesus puts before him and he goes away sad. Jesus goes on to say that it is easier for a camel to pass through and needle's eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. This image talks about the narrow opening that was part of a city wall (needle's eye). The camel was always laden with goods and in order to pass through this narrow opening, the merchant would have to go to great measures to unload his goods from the camel in order to pass through. Does this story resonate with you? Maybe we do not have stockpiles of money and possessions, but there are other things that prevent us from journeying into a way of life that is conducive to the gospel. Sometimes we place unnecessary loads on our shoulders that may make life unpleasant and unreasonable. Maybe we load ourselves with our pride, our strong attitudes, our prejudices or our inability to remain open to growth and change. Being attached to these negative traits can often block us from the reality of God's kingdom – a reality that calls for a generosity of spirit and total surrender to what God wants from us. Once we accept Jesus' way given to us in the gospels – that of love, acceptance, forgiveness, non-judgment, etc; we are challenged to go down the road less traveled.

Our world is a very material one. Possessions are at the forefront of the western world's conventional wisdom. Bigger is better. Economics is placed over and above the world of faith and moral responsibility. Marriages and relationships suffer when jobs consume most of the time that a couple relies on to communicate and nurture one another's love. Vocations to the priesthood, religious life and mission are often lost to

Reflection Questions

1. Do I identify with the young man in today's gospel?
2. Why does he go away sad?
3. How important are possessions to me?
4. What do I treasure?
5. What is weighing me down?
6. What must I do to enter through the narrow passage that leads me to have new life in Christ?
7. What does it mean to follow Christ?
8. How am I being called to give witness to this gospel today?

the temptation to be powerful, successful and wealthy. When we turn on our televisions there are so many advertisements telling people how they can make more and more money. Where does it all end? Today's gospel reminds us that following Jesus must be the priority in our lives. We need to unload those things that are not essential to our happiness and faith. If any of us are putting the hunger for wealth before our relationships with others and God, we are being asked to step back and discover what God is radically calling us to.

To use the words of St. Paul, the word of God is living and effective. It is through our efforts that this is so. Our very actions and choices can make God's word living and effective. God's word is powerfully relayed, not so much by what we say, but how we live our life. As Catholic Christians, we do not so much as to argue the point of doctrine, but to be at peace and transformed by the truths contained within doctrine. If we really believe in Jesus as the Incarnate Word, then we will be open to encounter Jesus in the needs of our children, elderly, broken and the poor.

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



Prayer

Dear Lord, we pray that we will embrace fully the message of your kingdom. Wherever possible, may we be instruments of your love and your message to a waiting world. Enable us to remove all those things that hinder us entering into a new way of life. Amen.

Voices of Faith

The Needle's Eye

Standing tall the ancient wall
Protects Her city
Jerusalem, a city strongly compact
Home of the Temple
The Dwelling place of God.

Contained within these city walls
Are those chosen by God to be His People
Seekers of the mysteries
That will bring them
Closer to His heart

Her walls protect the People
Of the Covenant
From their enemies
Who hold not to the just commandments
The dream of the Lord

Narrow openings in solid walls
Allow ancient merchants to pass through
Unloading their beasts of burden
From camel's back
Food to feed and nourish, treasure enticing to the eye

But nothing compares to the treasure
To be discovered inside Temple dwelling
The Divine Presence of God quietly discerned
Instilling love and mercy, forgiveness and peace, light and hope
Within the depths of the heart



And so, the heavenly Jerusalem quietly awaits man
Through the journey of time and space
Its walls stand tall, but narrow is the gate
Man takes not his beast of burden, nor his treasure
To the needle's eye, gateway to hallowed place

The Word of God is living and effective
Teaching man to unburden himself of the load
That prevents him to enter into heavenly abode
Money and possessions he needs not
Selfishness and pride he carries not

Instead, man takes himself to needle's eye
With life's journey traced upon his soul
Deep within him is the light of truth
Love unconditional casts off unnecessary burdens
Carrying him safely through

— "Peaceful Moments" — Fr. John J. Ludden

image: Needles Eye Tunnel on South Dakota Highway 87
source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Creative_Commons_Little_Mountain_5

Sunday, October 14th: 5 PM Mass Worship Aid

the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Song **Our God** Chris Tomlin / Matt Redman CCLI Song # 5677416. Chris Tomlin | Jesse Reeves | Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman. © 2010 Thankyou Music, sixsteps Music, Said And Done Music, Vamos Publishing, SHOUT! Music Publishing, and worshiptogether.com songs (All admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). All rights reserved. CCLI License # 2008891.

v.1) Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind; There's no one like you, none like you
v.2) Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise; There's no one like you, none like you (*Chorus*)

Chorus

Our God is great - er, our God is stron - ger; God, you are high - er than an - y-oth - er.
5 Our God is Heal - er, awe - some in pow - er, our ³ God, our ³ God.

Bridge) And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against (*repeat, then back to Chorus*)

Kyrie • *spoken* *Gloria* • *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

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Response (cf. v. 14)

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!
4 Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Gospel Acclamation • *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

Preparation Song **455 You Are Mine** David Haas

Sanctus • Memorial Acclamation (B) • Great Amen • *The Glendalough Mass*

Our Father • *spoken* *Agnus Dei* • *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

Communion Songs **510 The Supper of the Lord** Laurence Rosania

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Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry, pure and ho - ly, tried and
4 true. With thanks - gi - ving, I'll be a li - ving sanc-tu - a - ry for you.

Verse 1

Great is your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-chorus

So remember your people, remember your children
Remember your promise, O God

Chorus

For your grace is enough, your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me!

Verse 2

Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of your salvation
And all your people sing along (to pre-chorus)

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,

*How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! ...
It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to
enter the kingdom of God.*

They were exceedingly amazed and said among themselves,

Then who can be saved?

Jesus looked at them and said

For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.

Mark 10:23-27

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- POPE BENEDICT XVI



Faith Formation

Year of Faith –

Pope Benedict XVI has appointed October 2012 to November 2013, the Year of Faith. The Year of Faith is an opportunity to deepen our personal relationship with God by praying each day with more joy, studying Scripture to discern God's will, and celebrating Sunday Mass every week to strengthen our bond with Christ.

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Mark Your Calendar

October 14

*Safe Environment Training for
Sunday's Classes.*

October 17

*Safe Environment Training for
Wednesday's Classes.*

October 24

*Meeting for Parents of Sacramental
Children*

Faith Formation News

Safe Environment Training...is scheduled for our Sunday morning students on October 14, 2012 in the seminar room of the Claussen Center and the ballroom of the Parish Life Center. Wednesday evening students will receive Safe Environment Training on October 17, 2012, in the seminar room and the ballroom. If you do NOT want your child to attend Safe Environment Training, you must sign an *Opt Out Form* and provide a written explanation as to why you do not want your child to attend the session. Any child who is absent without the *Opt Out Form* from their parent/guardian on file will be required to make up the session. *Opt Out Forms* are available in the Faith Formation Office and will also be emailed to parents/guardians in early October.

Sacramental Parent Meeting...is on Wednesday, October 24 at 5:30 p.m. This is a required meeting for all parents who have children making their First Reconciliation. The meeting will be held in the ballroom of the Parish Life Center and/or the seminar room of the Claussen Center.

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Why do Catholics light candles?

Lit candles have many purposes. At baptism, the lit candle symbolizes the Light of Christ in the soul of the baptized. In church, lit votive candles symbolize prayer intentions others have offered to God. The sanctuary lamp remains lit as a reminder that Jesus is present in the tabernacle. During Advent, we light candles to count down the weeks until Jesus' birth. At Easter, the candle reminds us that Jesus, the Light of the World, conquered the darkness of sin and death.



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FEASTS & CELEBRATIONS

In October we celebrate the Rosary especially on the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th**. The Rosary helps us to meditate on Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

October 6 – St. Bruno (1101). Bruno was born in Germany, studied in France and became a theology professor. With six other companions, Bruno founded the Carthusian Order in 1084 and helped reform the clergy in Rome.

October 14 – St. Callistus (222). A Roman slave, Callistus obtained his freedom and was ordained a deacon by Pope Zephyrinus, whom he later succeeded. Callistus's election caused an eighteen-year schism, spawning the first anti-pope. In a time of trial and confusion, he reopened the Church to all. He was martyred in Rome.

October 20 – St. Paul of the Cross (1775). Paul was inspired by a vision to start a religious order dedicated to the Passion of Christ. He founded the Passionists in 1720, lived a penitential life, worked miracles, and cared for the poor and sick.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA classes started on Thursday, September 20, 2012. It is **not too late** to join the journey. Is something lacking in your life? Do you want true happiness? Are you ready to put Christ in your life? Do you need spiritual growth? Are you returning to Church? Are you seeking the Sacraments of Initiation?

For more information please contact Margie Lynch at 239-514-2927 or email us at RCIA@saintjohntheevangelist.com.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: What are some things you share with others?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus teach us about sharing?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: What treasures do you share with others?

Gospel Question: What does the young man want to learn from Jesus?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: What are ways you can join in fighting hunger in your neighborhood?

Gospel Question: Why might rich people have a hard time being Jesus' disciples?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: Where does your money go?

Gospel Question: Why does the rich, young man walk away from Jesus?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: What makes someone a saint?

Gospel Question: What do you have to give to others?

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Annual Vocations Dinner

Wednesday, November 14th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center

Please join us and support our Annual Seminarian Event

A NIGHT OF FUN, DANCING, AND ENTERTAINMENT!

Dinner by "Frisco's" • Music/Entertainment by "Las Vegas" • Open Bar

Silent Auction (Fishing Trip with Fr. John; Resort Packages; Premium Golf Packages, Restaurant Gifts, and more special auction opportunities).

Get a table of friends for this great cause.

Tickets: \$40.00 per person ~ Available at Parish Box Office or see contacts below

Dress Code: Jacket and Tie Requested

About this Event: The Knights of Columbus, St. John Council #11281, supports the need for young men to seek out the Priesthood. We also recognize the financial barriers which exist for many young Seminarrians who seek the higher education without Government assistance for the Priesthood. Through the support of their families, and their Catholic Family, they receive assistance from the Knights of Columbus. Council #11281 has a long tradition for supporting our Seminarrians, particularly for the Diocese of Venice. We share the desire to not only ease the path for existing Seminarrians, but to let young Catholic men know that they do not have to reject or defer a religious career for financial reasons. St. John Council #11281 has raised over \$60,000 for Seminarrians and other religious order needs in the Diocese of Venice. We depend upon the parish members of St. John to support our annual vocations event by attending our dinner/dance and the auction activities (buying and donating).

Join us this year as we honor Deacon Frank. Thank you for your Vocation!



Our Honoree, Deacon Frank Paniccia

Auction Items Needed: The St. John Knights of Columbus is accepting appropriate donations to make the Silent Auction at the Vocations Dinner a great success for the fundraiser. Please call Tony Curatolo (239-269-4131), Bill Warvel (239-331-7151) or Jerry Detloff (239-513-1545) with any donations (round of golf, restaurants, spas, etc.).

For Ticket Information: contact any of the above committee members or tickets will be available after all masses in front of Church AND on Monday and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – 12 noon at the Parish Box Office.



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Jamaica Outreach Program

The JOP Committees No One Ever Hears About

As the season changes, so does our focus. Our fiscal year began October 1, so naturally in the months ahead you will be hearing about varied opportunities to donate and support us financially. But that is not the focus of this article. The JOP has a multitude of committees that work with our board to facilitate our mission to Jamaica. However, there are some committees that no one ever hears about; they play an important role when we interact with our Jamaican counterparts. Read on and perhaps find a way to widen your comfort zone and be of significant help to our Jamaican Outreach Program.

The Roundtrippers!

Perhaps three or four times a year personnel from St. Pius visit us from Jamaica. They land at the Fort Lauderdale airport and need to be picked up and returned there after spending a few days in Naples. Naturally, they usually land at 7:30 am which means the volunteer Roundtripper has to leave Naples around 5:30 am! That's the hardest part of this job. The return trip to Jamaica usually has an easier time schedule. Our guests generally leave for Jamaica on an afternoon flight; but, to be honest, some do leave on a 9 am flight. It's the luck of the draw I guess.

The trip to the Fort Lauderdale airport usually takes 1 hour and 45 minutes. The airport is very easy to get to and is about 110 miles one way. Once they arrive in Naples, guests are usually dropped off at the PLC and picked up by whoever is hosting them during their stay. The JOP will reimburse fuel costs to Roundtrippers and smother you with smiles at every opportunity. Which leads us to the next important committee:

HOSTS AND HOSTESSES with the MOSTEST

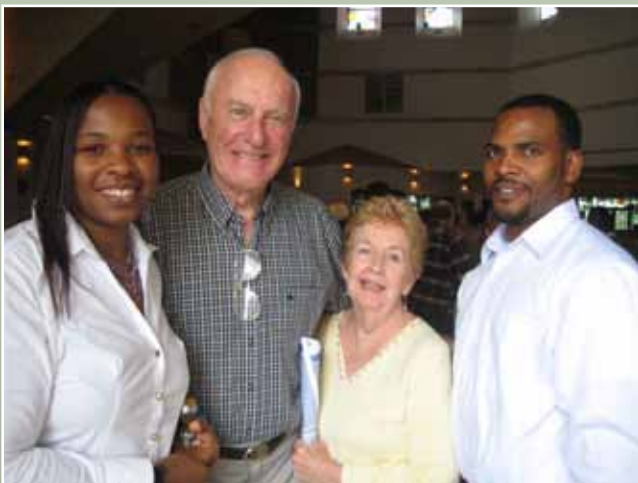
Once the Jamaican guests arrive here they need lodging. Usually in pairs, but also solos sometimes. The guests need what all guests need: meals and transportation, a place to sleep, a place to be made welcome. The stay is usually for three nights.

We have a great need for this committee whenever Jamaican choir members visit St. John's. Choir members are usually picked up by a hired van; there's no need for a convoy of roundtrippers for choir visits. What they need is housing and lots of it. Oftentimes a welcoming party at a local restaurant on arrival day is hosted by the JOP board. The JOP will pay for the Jamaicans' dinners; their hosts usually join us at their own expense.

The weekend is mostly devoted to rehearsing and performing, but these young people from Jamaica LOVE the Mall and WalMart whenever there is downtime. Oftentimes the hosts just sit on a bench and read a book while their guests stroll around taking it all in. Hosts might have a better idea than shopping; bowling and miniature golf are also options for down times. Meals are a part of a host's obligation and offer great opportunities to get to know these great ambassadors from Jamaica.

There is no benefit package accompanying these committees. The one big plus is that members provide a very important link between St. John and St. Pius — a link that proves time and time again that yes, indeed, "We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord!" Do you know that song? It's one of my favorites. Call me if you can help these committees that no one ever hears about, but play a big part in how we do what we do.

Martha Mador, 239.992.2646 or email: martha@madors.net



Jamaican choir members Stephney Web (left) and Joaquin Robinson (right) with host and hostess Claire and Jack McKinney (middle).



The Jamaican Choir with Director Kevin Williams.



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- Dec. 19: Ambassador Francis Rooney
- Jan. 16: Fr. Michael Gaitley MIC
- Feb. 20: Teresa Tomeo
- March 20: Damian Goddard
- April 17: Fr. Dennis Cooney



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Wednesday, October 17

6 pm - 8 pm

Parish Life Center Ballroom
St. John the Evangelist Parish
625 11th Ave., Naples

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- Hotel taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage.

For more information, please contact Tom Oram at tom@saintjohntheevangelist.com

