

December 2, 2012
The First Sunday of Advent

the EVANGELIST

SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Happy New (Liturgical) Year: Advent & The Year of Faith As Well

Pope Benedict XVI has declared that we, the universal Church, observe a **Year of Faith**, from October 11, 2012 (the anniversary of his Apostolic Letter so declaring) to November 24, 2013 (Christ the King). As we begin the new liturgical year with Advent, we are increasing the attention paid to the Year of Faith here in the parish. You will notice immediately, as we will be praying the **Prayer for the Year of Faith** before each Mass. Even those who miss the prayer due to seasonal traffic will still notice a change: the **logo of the Year of Faith**, displayed near the front of the church in the appropriate liturgical color.

The logo is simple but pleasing, for it aptly sums up the Faith it represents. An examination of its parts helps us to realize its layers of meaning.

The surface meaning, or what the Church Fathers might have called the “literal sense”, had they been graphic designers instead of biblical scholars, is clear: a boat sailing the waves, sun at its back. The “spiritual sense”, however, is much more profound.

First, the boat, the “Barque of Peter”, is a traditional symbol of the Church. Like a boat, we the Church journey through

an often-hostile environment, always pressing onward to our ultimate destination — heaven — regardless of the prevailing cultural winds. Have you ever heard someone speak of the “nave” of a church? This perhaps-odd-looking word in fact derives from the Latin *navis*, or “ship”! Just as the first boat of Peter the fisherman (before becoming Bishop of Rome), so too the “Barque of Peter” is always big enough to hold safely within it all the disciples.



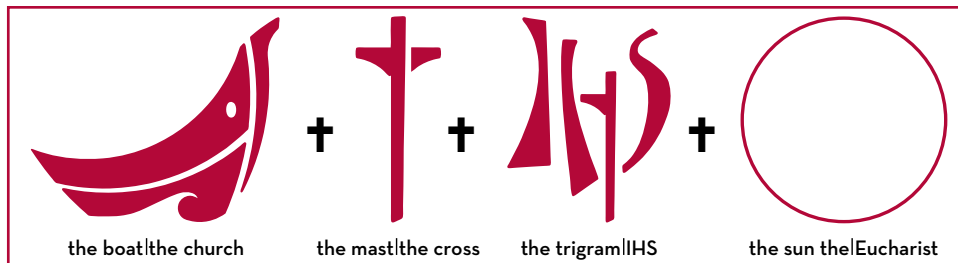
YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

The mast is the Cross; the sails manage to look wind-blown while at the same time spell out the *trigram* IHS, the Greek abbreviation for the name of Jesus (ΙΗΣΟΥΣ), a symbol almost as old as that of the boat, as it dates from the third century. It is likely familiar to you as the Holy Name of Jesus, and among other uses, is the seal of the Jesuit order. Finally, the sun — particularly when taken with the Cross and trigram — represents a Eucharistic host. There could not be a Year of Faith without increased attention and devotion paid to the Eucharist.

We will have many faith-related catechetical events this year, and our prayer for you is that

we all grow together toward an appreciation of, and love for, our Faith!

text by Tom Oram, Liturgist



the boat|the church

the mast|the cross

the trigram|IHS

the sun|the Eucharist



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Daily Mass: 8:00 & 9:00 a.m., 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**

December 1, 2012	Saturday		
8:00 AM		O'Connor Family	Janice & Doug O'Connor
		Vigil Masses	
3:00 PM	+	Agnes Cannon Wallace	Joe Cannon
5:00 PM	+	Linnane Family	Dick & Helen Fedeli
December 2, 2012	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Martha DeFrancesca	Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM	+	Joan P. Moser	Al Moser
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Rosa CeSario	Carmine & Ida DeVita
5:00 PM	+	Michael Vendola	Carole Calandrucci
		<i>Flowers in Memory of Nicholas Senatore ~ Requested by wife Rosalie, and daughters Debbie & Jodie</i>	
December 3, 2012	Monday		
8:00 AM	+	Mary A. Lyons	Madeline & Jack Gaffey
9:00 AM	+	Karin Wendt	Dave & Robin Larkin
December 4, 2012	Tuesday		
8:00 AM	+	Bob Morrissey	Blanche Caron
9:00 AM	+	William Seymour	Judy Seymour
December 5, 2012	Wednesday		
8:00 AM	+	Jean DeCesare	Kay & Joe Reid
9:00 AM	+	Mrs. Ray Spinelli	Joanie & Pat Kirk
December 6, 2012	Thursday		
8:00 AM	+	Mildred Abenanti	John & Francesca Fauls
9:00 AM	+	Lynne Dembicki	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Jonas
December 7, 2012	Friday		
8:00 AM	+	Raymond C. & Kenneth Vasko	Peggy & John Kearns
9:00 AM		Special Intention	Chrys Fisher
December 8, 2012	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Lillian Dunnabeck	Husband
		Vigil Masses	
3:00 PM	+	Rose Gabrenya	Bill Gabrenya
5:00 PM	+	Linnae Eddy	Parents
December 9, 2012	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Patricia Welp	Robert Welp
9:00 AM	+	Joan P. and Al Moser	Children
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Raymond Vasko	Kenny V. & Father
5:00 PM	+	Eddie DeBene	Nancy Tuck
		<i>Altar Flowers in Memory of Richard Saunders ~ Requested by Jean & Jim Meleo</i>	
		<i>Wine and Host in Memory of Harry & Marie Louise Wright ~ Requested by Karen & Bill Wright</i>	

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 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 and 5:00 p.m. The nursery is located in the Parish Life Center, 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, December 1, 2012
Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday
Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

Vigil Masses
Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2;
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Sunday, December 2, 2012
First Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2;
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday, December 3, 2012
St. Francis Xavier
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 4, 2012
St. John Damascene
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 5, 2012
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 6, 2012
St. Nicholas
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 7, 2012
St. Ambrose; First Friday
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 8, 2012
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Vigil Masses
Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

Sunday, December 9, 2012
Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

THIS WEEK'S MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE...

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Hymns for the 1st Sunday of Advent, December 1 & 2

Entrance Hymn: **186** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Preparation Hymn: **443** You Are Near

Communion Hymn: **495** Bread of Life (*begin with Advent verses*)

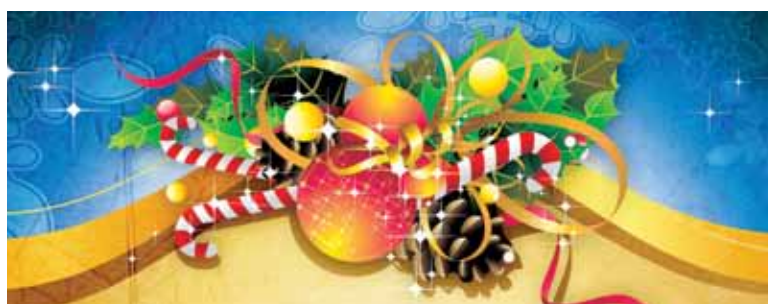
444 Only a Shadow

Closing Hymn: **188** The Advent of Our King

Choral Anthems at the 9 & 11:15 AM Masses

Before the Mass **Come, Emmanuel, Come** *Ruth Schram*

At Communion **Jesus, Savior** *Ludden*



Christmas Bicycle Drive

for the needy children of Immokalee

Goal: **200 Bikes**

Ending: **December 15-16**

- A tree will be in the Narthex with ornaments depicting the children's different age groups starting next weekend.
- Parishioners are encouraged to take an ornament and generously donate a bike or write a check to St. John the Evangelist with "Bike Drive" written in the memo line. Your checks can be placed in the collection baskets passed during Mass or taken to the church office.
- Those leaving before December 16th can drop the bikes off at the church at any time.
- For all others we ask that you bring the new (or like new) bikes to the church on December 15th-16th. A truck will be waiting in front of the church with a banner that reads "BIKE DRIVE".



Please help us reach our goal of 200 bikes.

Sponsor: The Ladies of Charity

Advent Penance Services – Local Area Churches

St. Agnes – Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

St. Ann – Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.
475 9th Avenue South, Naples

St. Peter the Apostle –
Monday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m.
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

St. John the Evangelist – Tuesday,
December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Finbarr – Wednesday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m.
13520 Tamiani Trail East, Naples

Ladies of St. John's Monthly Luncheon December 7 at the Club at The Strand

The Ladies of St. John's monthly luncheon will be on Friday, December 7 at the Club at The Strand at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$26.50, all-inclusive. For a reservation, mail a check by Monday, December 3 to Mary Haynes, 5907 Three Iron Drive, Apt. 2303, Naples, FL 34110. Please bring a wrapped toy appropriate for ages 2 through 6 years and label your toy boy---age ___ or girl---age ___ for Santa's bag.

Santa will deliver the gifts to the children at Catholic Charities where they will be placed under their Christmas tree.

If you have any questions, please call Barbara Fenn at 261.1894. As always, this event is festive and fun so please mark your calendar and send your check for another Christmas get-together.

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

Natalie Campbell: Ext. 134

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 and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday Masses:

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

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

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.

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Youth Groups and Grounds Committee Beautify the Campus

Members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, together with members of the Youth Group and several of their parents (pictured below), spent the morning of Saturday, November 17 on a variety of parish beautification projects. Beginning on 111th Ave., an additional 100 yellow dune sunflowers were planted at the top of ridge in front of the lake.

Annuals were planted around the royal palms at the entry to the parking area. The entire front area from the entry to the parking lot to the front of the church was remulched with brown mulch or pine straw. This included mulching around all trees and shrubs in the parking area as well as the various plantings in front of the church. Additional mulch was then spread from the church along the walkways to the PLC, in front of the PLC, in the courtyard, between the PLC and Claussen Center, as well as the

rear of the Claussen Center and in some of the islands in the rear parking lots. Some 150 begonias and geraniums were planted in 15 beds from the church to the PLC and in front of the ballroom. Flax lilies and coco plums were planted in the rear of the Claussen Center along with some 50 dune sunflowers. Along the coco plum hedge in the parking lot pine straw was spread. In total, some 350 bags of mulch and 100 bales of pine straw were used.



The work of our volunteers is captured in the pictures below. At the completion of the morning everyone adjourned to the Library for lunch provided by Fr. John and served by members of the Men's Club. Many thanks to all who participated, including youth group members and their parents, members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Men's Club.

Left to Right: Top Row: Jasmine Dina, Nathan Standish, Loretta Judy, John Wurtz, Bill Sjostrom, Sean Greening, Jonathon Dina, John Dina, Mark Stahlman. **Third Row:** Michael MacCormack, Emily Anton, Joe Litchwalla, Zachary Greening, Anthony Dina, Dave Quist. **Second Row:** Ryan McNichols, Joey Wilton, Emily Selback, Bill Maguire, Mary Stucko, Elizabeth Ullrich, Allison MacDougall. **Bottom Row:** Michael Dina, Kaleb Greening, Savawna Bowen, Joshua Greening.



Mary Stucko, Allison MacDougall, Elizabeth Ullrich



Joshua and Sean Greening, Loretta Judy



Savawna Bowen, Emily Anton, Adrianna and Talya Lattanzio



Emily Anton, Nathan Standish, Nick Lomas, Michael MacCormack, Joey Wilton



John, Anthony, Jasmine, Jonathon and Michael Dina



Members of the Men's Club serving the volunteers

Article by Dave Quist, Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Photos by Bill Maguire and Tom Middlemiss

Pancake Breakfast December 9th!!

Come Support Your Boy Scouts!

Boy Scout Troop 168 will hold a pancake breakfast on December 9th after the morning Masses. With your donations this fundraiser will help us raise money for summer camp and other activities. Please join us in the ballroom for mouthwatering pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee, tea and juice. If any boys, age 11 or older, are interested in joining Boy Scouts, this is a perfect opportunity to see what it is all about.



Saturday, December 8 Not a Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, December 8 is the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception. While it is a holy day it is not one of obligation because it falls on a Saturday.

There will be the usual 8:00 a.m. daily Mass and the Sunday Vigil Masses at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found area in the room next to the Religious Gift Boutique for any items you may have lost. Any items not claimed by Thursday, January 3, 2013, will be donated to the needy in Immokalee.

Understanding Spirituality & Prayer

will be the theme at the
Parish Retreat

January 26, 2013

Speaker: Fr. J.J. McCarthy

Open to Men and Women
of St. John the Evangelist

Cost: \$30

includes breakfast, lunch and speaker

*Attendance at Retreat fulfills Sunday
obligation.*

Limited to 60 participants.

Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat
and Spirituality Center, 3989 South Moon Drive,
Venice, FL

Registration: See Deacon Al
239.597.5172

deaconalg@comcast.net

Carpooling available.

Coping With the Holidays While Missing a Loved One

*Tuesday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m.
in the Seminar Room in the Claussen Center*

Call Dee Donnelly for more information.
594.7193

Christmas Food Drive

*for our local
soup kitchens*

Starting: **November 24**

Ending: **December 16**

Sponsor: **The Ladies of Charity**

- A tree will be in the Narthex with ornaments on it.
- Parishioners are encouraged to take an ornament and generously donate a check to St. John the Evangelist with "Food Drive" written in the memo line. Your checks can be placed in the collection baskets passed during Mass or taken to the church office.

NO FOOD PLEASE!

We are requesting checks only.

- The organizations that will benefit are The Guadalupe Soup Kitchen, St. Matthews House and the Harry Chapin Food Bank.
- The Ladies of Charity will designate the money collected to be used during the summer months when food shelves are near empty.

Please help us stock the soup kitchens.

St. John Youth Ministry

“The Family That *Prays* Together *Stays* Together!”

Elsewhere in this week’s bulletin is an article (*see page 5*) about our recent Parish Mulching Day. We were very proud of our middle school and high schools students and their parents. We had a total of 24 youth and parents volunteer alongside the parish Men’s Group to help beautify the parish! Service projects like this provide our young people with an excellent opportunity to become more involved in parish life and to thank our parishioners in a tangible way for all the support and encouragement we receive.



Bill Maguire

*Director
of Youth Ministry*

At our last Families in Christ event, families expressed their gratitude for God’s blessings by bringing nonperishable food items that we donated to St. Matthew’s House. The children also made Thanksgiving cards which we brought to the residents of The Aristocrat, one of our local nursing and assisted living care

facilities. The cards included handwritten prayers for a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving.

Our next outreach project will take place in December as we make Christmas cards and ornaments for local nursing home residents and homebound parishioners, as well as sing Christmas carols for them. Our young people are looking forward to this opportunity to share the Christmas spirit of joy and enthusiasm with our older brothers and sisters in Christ!

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. To help our young people and their families enter more deeply into the Advent and Christmas season, we will be giving them Life Teen Advent Companions at our youth group meetings. Similar to the *Magnificat* Advent Companion — but geared toward the youth and their families — the Life Teen Advent Companion includes practical ideas to help teens prepare for Christmas and live their

faith more fully this Advent:

- **Scripture Passages:** each reflection begins with the Sunday Gospel reading for that week of Advent.
- **Reflection:** each reflection will help teens and their families unpack the Word of God so they can appreciate Christmas with both their minds and hearts.
- **Going Deeper this Week:** additional Scripture and Catechism references will help teens and their families take their prayer life to the next level.
- **A Personal Challenge:** a daily challenge helps make Advent a deeper reality in daily life.
- **Unwrapping the Gift of Advent:** discover the rich traditions that surround Advent season. More light will be shed on some of the themes, traditions and the characters of the Advent season.



Our prayer is that these Advent Companions will be an effective tool for our young people to deepen their Christian life, together with their families, during this holy season of Advent. As the great Fr. Peyton used to say: “The family that *prays* together *stays* together!”

Photos from the November 18 Families in Christ event. More photos from this event will appear in later bulletins. (Photos by Charlene Youngs, Family Ministry Director)

Upcoming Events:

March for Life

January 23-26, TBA

Bill Maguire, M.T.S.

bill@saintjohntheevangelist.com

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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

Eucharistic Ministry

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

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. 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 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: 498.7523

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.

Last Monday of every month: St. John K of C Officers. First Monday of every month. Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited to join our Council meeting. 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. NEW HOURS: Saturday: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. At this time, the boutique is closed on Friday. Jackie Gibson: 325.2107

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 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, Dec. 18 at Kiva of Canterbury, Bonita Springs, and Tuesday, Jan. 22 at Harbor Memory Care, 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

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:

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

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:

Elsa Everstijn, John P. Kane, Richard Schlader and Lois Wellman

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

Joan Abele	Michael Dunlop	Judy Mazza	Angela Preuss
Tom Abele	Ann Marie Esposito	Jean K. McCarthy	David Pupo
Anita Anderson	John A. Fazackerley	Sharon McCarthy	John Riney
Jacob Andrew	Evelyn Felice	Bob McEvoy	Don Robinson
Ed Barber	Thomas O. Flood	Melina Megaris	Cathy Schloendorn
Jerry Barton	Donna Flynn	Nancy Meleo	Daniel Schoenbauer
Makayla Basile	Lauran Gaines	John Miller	Carol Seiffert
Jennifer Basile	Randall Galt	Kathleen Monachino	Rosalie Senatore
A.J. Becker	Tim Hagan	Dr. Mark Moots	Tim Shand
Rick Becker	Charlotte Hallohan	Shirley Moran	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Gloria Bergeron	Leslie Haywood	Ed Moriarty	Teresa Shengulet
Linda Berry	Gerald Heyen	Rich Moriarty	Annette Shollette
Mary Bessner	Mary Kay Hoban	Joe Moylan	Liam Sjostrom
Bill Briggs	Karen Hohne	Rev. Richard Mueller	Jeff Smith
John Brooks	Bob Homan	Sebastian Nagy	Shiobhan Smith
Dorothy Brzoza	Cheryl & Jeff Horkey	Irene Nardandrea	Susan Stokes
Tiffany Baumann	Val Hunt	Frank G. Nicolazzi	Bob Stonebrook
Cantelupe	Mario Incatasciato	Peter Nicoletta	Katie Sullivan
Kathleen Caputo	Cade Joslin	Dennis Noone	Kay Sullivan
Christine Cassara	Marita Kelly	Ann O'Brien	Pat Sutter
James Castaldi	Susan Koundalapis	Ed O'Brien	Tara and children
Senise Clairmont	Col. Al LaBarbara	Jordan Obrochta	Rita Taranto
John Claussen	Al LaRocco	Joseph & Mildred Ondrusek	Patricia Trapnell
Tuck Coon	David Land	Anne Orem	Dolores Varone
Roberta Dabronzo	Wayne Lee	Patricia Palumbo	Pat & Eloisa Velasquez
Alice Daley	William Line	Irene Papin	Bea Weglarz
Brian Davis	Mr. & Mrs. George Losure	Maryla Panagos	Tom Wernes
James Diamante	Catherine Lusk	Michael Paul	Barry Wisler
Carol Dickeson	Shari Lussier	Diana Pecaro	Tom Wright
Donna DiMaggio	Jeanne Majeske	Robert Pellegrino	Jeannie and Sara Zaykowski
Alexandria Dolkas	F. Mansfield	Patty Pilkington	
Douglas Donaldson	Richard Maynard	Joe Pohrer	
Dana Downs			

**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...

DECEMBER 2, 2012 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



As of this past Wednesday, we were experiencing numerous issues in getting the new lighting system installed. After closing the church for an entire week, we were optimistic that we could get the job done in five business days. The lift we requested to access the ceiling was not delivered and instead a smaller version arrived which left us unable to install any ceiling mounted fixtures as of Wednesday

morning. Also, the wall sconces and chandeliers had not arrived as of Wednesday morning. So basically, I am not sure what you will see when arriving for Mass this weekend. As the eternal optimist, I hope that everything falls into place and that we will have a fully installed and operational system. As a realist, I understand that we are at the mercy of others and may have only a partial system installed. Whatever happens, I can promise you that once everything is completed, we will have an amazing lighting system.

Regardless of whether or not the lighting system is complete by this weekend, you will notice that the church carpet has been steam cleaned completely. In addition, every pew has also been cleaned. While the church was closed, we decided to take this opportunity to “kill two birds with one stone.” Depending on the lighting, we may have only killed one bird.

You will also notice a fresh coat of paint in the narthex and adjacent hallway which connect to the east rear wing of the church. We changed the color slightly and it really looks great and livens up the narthex.

The new 2013 parish calendar has gone to print and I must say that it is the best yet. Each month features a prominent parish ministry and is tied to a saint. Calendars will be available for pickup beginning the last week of December. A special thank you is in order for Bill & Liz Shikany with Shikany’s Bonita Funeral Home for absorbing the substantial cost of printing the calendars.

The collection for Hurricane Sandy on November 17 and 18 totaled \$21,400.00. Thank you for your generosity in giving to those who were negatively affected by this natural disaster. The funds from our collection were sent to Resurrection Roman Catholic Church in Gerritsen Beach, NY. Gerritsen Beach is a seaside community in Brooklyn which was decimated by Sandy. We are confident that your donations will help many in this area.

Our parishioners are making a real difference in the lives of the less fortunate at our sister-parish, St. Pius X in Kingston, Jamaica. The second collection held on November 10 & 11 totaled \$20,974.00. This was an increase of 8.7% over the same period (\$19,295.00) last year. The pocket change collection will take place this weekend. It is amazing what a little pocket change can do when combined with the change of

hundreds of others. On behalf of those in Jamaica, thank you to our amazing parishioners for your extreme generosity.

In addition to making a difference in the lives of those in New York and Jamaica, you are also making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate locally. The collection for St. Vincent De Paul on Thanksgiving Day totaled \$10,764.00. As there are no administrative costs associated with St. Vincent De Paul, every penny of your contributions will be used to assist families in our local area who are struggling to get by.

The Ladies of Charity Bicycle Drive is moving along very nicely. We have over 20 bikes donated thus far and monetary contributions of over \$2,500.00. There are still two weeks from this weekend to purchase your bicycle. Don’t forget to pick up an ornament on the Christmas trees in the narthex which will indicate what age range to buy for. There are still many ornaments remaining. As a reminder, we will have a truck in front of church on December 15 and 16 so that you may drop off your bike. Thank you for your consideration.

For those who may have missed my comments several weeks ago, the price for space in the Memorial Garden will increase on January 1. The current price of \$1,200.00 will increase to \$1,500.00. If you would like to secure pricing before the increase, please contact me at 566.1678 before the end of the year.

I am getting excited as we approach the homestretch with regards to the 2012 Catholic Faith Appeal. I hope my excitement and optimism are not unfounded. We currently are just shy of 88% of goal with less than two months remaining. We have less than \$56,000.00 (\$55,927.16 to be exact) to satisfy our goal for 2012. Remember that the CFA is the single most important component of our annual operating budget. As a reminder to our seasonal residents and visitors, please make your check payable to the Catholic Faith Appeal with St. John the Evangelist in the memo line. You may also make electronic contributions by visiting the Diocese of Venice website at www.dioceseofvenice.org. In addition, you may also make contributions of stock by contacting Deborah Shafer in the Diocese of Venice development office at 941.484.9543. Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Faith Appeal.

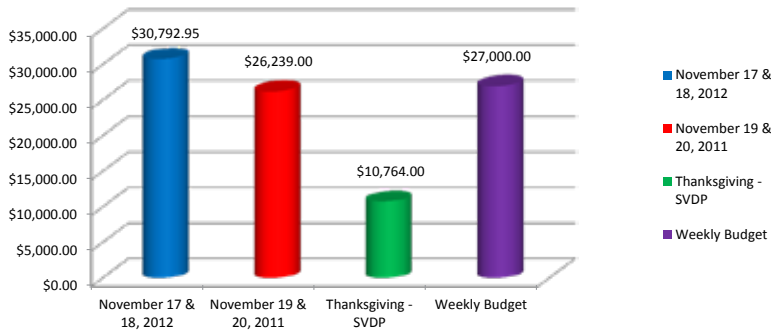
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Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager

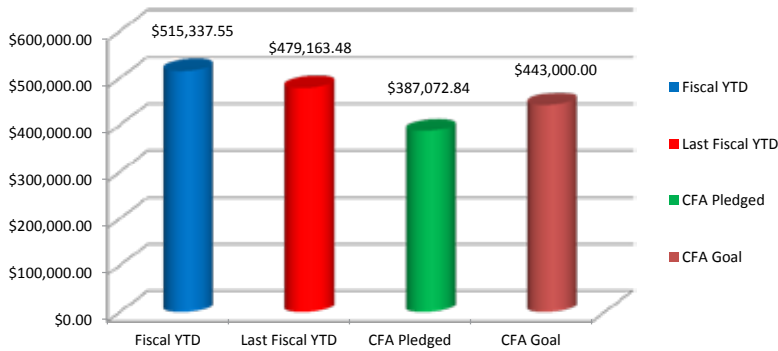
This Weekend Is JOP Pocket Change Weekend

Bells are not the only things jingling in Naples. Perhaps you have some coins jingling in your pockets this weekend. Drop them in the containers at the doors of the church and collectively we just might gather enough coins to build a house in Jamaica that has a sturdy roof and a locked door for a deserving family. We thank you, Jesus thanks you, and so will a grateful family in Jamaica!

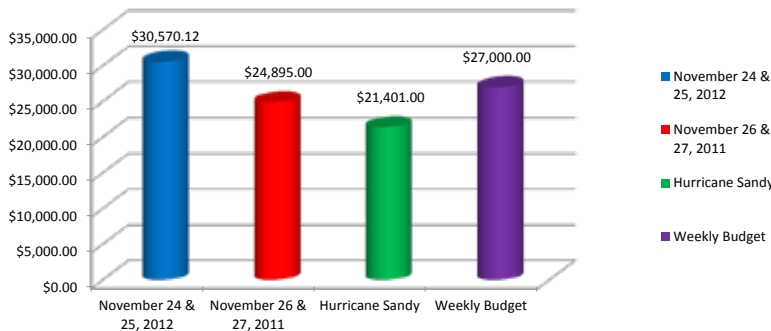
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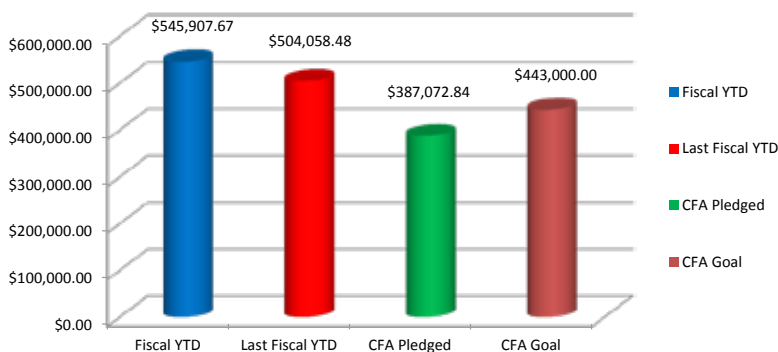
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Feast of the Holy Innocents Memorial Mass December 28

When your heart cries for the memory of your child who is no longer with us during this Christmas season, we come to the Christ Child, the Lord of Life, for consolation. A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, December 28 at 8:00 a.m. on the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

We will be remembering **ALL** deceased children. We will also remember all of our unborn children, either miscarried or aborted, at this special celebration of your child's life in the arms of Jesus. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, contact Loretta Judy at 596.2291 or 293.5897.

NURSERY CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The nursery will **NOT** be open on Christmas Day, December 25, so that everyone can be with their families.
 Thank you for your understanding.

Diocese of Venice in Florida Prayer for the Year of Faith



YEAR OF FAITH²⁰¹²₂₀₁₃

O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths the holy Catholic Church teaches because You have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die.

We turn to you in humble supplication for ourselves and our Parish and Diocese in which we work, live, and pray, that this Year of Faith may be a true source of renewal for each of us. May we be strengthened to live our faith in the midst of the world with joy and love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, December 2, 2012: the First Sunday of Advent

Opening Song **186** **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** Traditional

Kyrie • **4** (*page 5 of the missalette*)

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Preparation Song **I Can Only Imagine** Bart Millard CCLI Song No. 2978857 © 2001, 2002 Simpleville

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Verse 1) I can only imagine what it will be like

When I walk by your side

I can only imagine what my eyes will see

When your face is before me

I can only imagine...I can only imagine (*to chorus*) I can only imagine...I can only imagine (*to chorus*)

Chorus) Surrounded by your glory, what will my heart feel?

Will I dance for you, Jesus, or in awe of you, be still?

Will I stand in your Presence, or to my knees will I fall?

Will I sing 'Hallelujah!?' Will I be able to speak at all?

I can only imagine...I can only imagine.

Verse 2) I can only imagine when that day comes

And I find myself standing in the Son

I can only imagine when all I will do

Is forever, forever worship You

Sanctus • **9** (*page 14 of the missalette*)

Memorial Acclamation (A) • **10** (*page 16*)

Great Amen • (*page 26*)

Agnus Dei • **14** (*page 28*)

Communion Songs **Remembrance** Matt Maher / Matt Redman CCLI Song No. 5484616. © 2009

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Verse 1) Oh, how could it be

That my God would welcome me into this mystery? Know that he has overcome ev'ry trial we will face.

Say, 'take this bread, take this wine':

And none too lost to be saved,

Now the simple, made Divine—for any to receive.

None too broken or ashamed,

By your mercy we come to your Table,

All are welcome in this place.

By your grace you are making us faithful.

By your mercy we come to your Table,

Chorus) Lord, we remember you,

By your grace you are making us faithful

And remembrance leads us to worship.

Bridge) Dying you destroyed our death,

And as we worship you,

Rising you restored our life,

Our worship leads to Communion.

Lord Jesus come in glory (*repeat line*)

We respond to your invitation, we remember you.

Holiness (Take My Life)

Scott Underwood

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Verse 1

Holiness, holiness is what I long for
Holiness is what I need
Holiness, holiness is what you want from me
[to Verse 2]

Verse 2

Faithfulness... [etc., then to Chorus]

Chorus

**So take my heart and form it;
Take my mind, transform it
Take my will conform it
To yours, to yours, oh Lord.** [repeat last line]

Verse 3 Righteousness... [to Verse 4]

Verse 4 Purity... [to chorus]

Closing Song

Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?

Martin Smith / Delirious?

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Verse 1) Did you feel the mountains tremble?

Did you hear the oceans roar
when the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ, the risen One?

Verse 2) Did you feel the people tremble?

Did you hear the singers roar
when the lost began to sing of
Jesus Christ, the saving One?

Pre-chorus) And we can see that,
God, you're moving,
a mighty river through the nations;
and young and old will turn to Jesus.
Fling wide, you heavenly gates:
prepare the way of the risen Lord! (Chorus)

Verse 3) Do you feel the darkness tremble
when all the saints join in one song,
and all the streams flow as one river
to wash away our brokenness?

Pre-chorus 2) And here we see that,
God, you're moving;
a time of jubilee is coming,
when young and old return to Jesus.
Fling wide, you heavenly gates:
prepare the way of the risen Lord! (Chorus)

O - pen__ up__ the__ doors and let the__ mu - sic__ play! Let the__ streets
9
_ re - sound with sing - ing!__ Songs that__ bring__ your__ hope,
14
songs that__ bring__ your__ joy,__ dan - cers__ who dance__ up-on in - jus - tice!__

prepare ye
the way of the Lord



The Word & Life

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

The Anticipation of Redemption

*T*he Season of Advent calls to mind the dawning of salvation for all Christians. In this season, the Church anticipates its redemption by recalling the moments surrounding the Incarnation. Before the coming of Christ, Israel longed for the coming of the One who would bring justice to her land. Engraved on the minds and souls of those who awaited the Messiah was the imprint of their prayers of holy longing. The coming of Christ was an answer to those prayers. Jesus embodies justice and teaches the wisdom of God to the world. In every encounter between Christ and those he touched in his ministry, we are healed, restored, forgiven and transformed. These encounters become moments of grace for the whole of humanity. These experiences teach us about the redemptive initiative that God has toward each one of us.

As we begin to celebrate this holy season, we do so with a mature faith. Our minds may wander back to the image of a manger as this season finds its culmination in the Christmas event. However, we cannot lose sight of Jesus' life project which was to bring the good news of salvation to all people. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas we must realize that Bethlehem was a moment when the Godhead was veiled in flesh.



The characters involved in the story were characters like each one of us. Our celebration of Advent invites us to recall the great events in our Christian memory — of how God walked the earth and taught his people through the marvelous discourse that came from the mouth of Christ and the wonders worked through his hands.

During this holy season we are invited to recall every moment of Jesus' life and contemplate how his life is significant for us. We call to mind his teachings, miracles, mercy, compassion and unconditional love. We also recall his death and resurrection. These are the moments for our salvation. Our thoughts also turn to his second coming. Jesus reminds us in today's gospel that we should be vigilant at all times and to strengthen ourselves through the gift of prayer.

Even before we prepare for the coming of Christ during Advent, Christmas has already arrived in our stores. The gifts and the décor somehow deflect our attention from the original purpose — that is, to know Christ, his message of love and salvation, and to yearn for the day when

we will behold him face to face. We are invited to join the Church throughout the world in prayer. All of us, by the virtue of the baptism we have received, are called to be holy and to conduct our lives in a way that is pleasing to God. During this season, we are encouraged to remove the hindrances to faith and to embrace the way of the gospel. In this way, whenever Jesus returns, he will find us, his people, waiting and watchful in prayer.

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



Reflection Questions

1. What do I long for?
2. What does the event of Jesus' coming mean to me?
3. How will I prepare spiritually during the Season of Advent?
4. What does the "dawning of salvation" mean?
5. Am I prepared to meet Christ?
6. What do I treasure in regard to Jesus' message and life?
7. What commitments am I ready to make in my relationship with God?

Prayer

God of all hope, we prepare to celebrate the great event that paved our way to salvation. May you find within us expectant hearts, ready to make a commitment to your Word. May all our efforts lead us to you and to one another. May the outward signs we give witness to through our actions make your kingdom known. Amen.

Voices of Faith

Maranatha

Born into the midst of people yearning for God
You entered into the womb
Of a maiden girl
Made manifest in stable stall
Before angels, shepherd, and the Wise
Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come into the world still yearning for You

Walking the dusty roads of Galilee
You invited the humble to follow your Way
Leading all into the heart of God
"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened,"
You did say, "And I will give you rest."
Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come to all those who find life weary and give them rest

The blind you made see
The deaf you made hear
The mute you made speak
The leper you cleansed
The lame you made run free
Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come to all who cry for healing, those who are challenged
by life's journey

The possessed and dispossessed you gave a home
Forgiveness was your aim as sinners returned to you
Redemption your gift to the unjust collector of taxes
Judgment was no friend of yours as you set the
scandalous woman free
Mercy and gentleness you offered as the woman with
the hemorrhage gained strength from you
Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come to those who are lonely and feel no place of
belonging

To the little girl taken by death
You bid, "Talitha koum, (Little girl, I say to you,
arise!)"
To Lazarus for whom you wept
You shout, "Lazarus, come out!" Come out of the
womb of tomb
In giving them life you soothe broken hearts
Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come to all those who know the depth of love and the
pain of loss

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

Faith Formation



Mark Your Calendar

December 12

First Reconciliation Rehearsal

December 13

First Reconciliation Ceremony

December 19 – January 2

*Christmas Break (no Faith Formation
Classes)*

December 21

The Christmas Story

Faith Formation News

First Reconciliation Rehearsal...will take place on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the church. Since First Reconciliation is a ceremony that involves both parents as well as the child, both parents should be present at rehearsal. Children and parents will sit in a reserved section according to their child's assigned faith formation class.

First Reconciliation Ceremony...will take place on Thursday, December 13, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church. Through the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, children learn to know Jesus as their Friend, to love Him above all things, to love others, and to have contrition for their sins when they fail to love.

Christmas Break...There are no Faith Formation classes from December 19, 2012, through January 2, 2013. Please have a blessed and safe Christmas season.

The Christmas Story...will take place on Friday, December 21, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. The whole parish comes together to present the "Reason for the Season."

Faith Formation *continues on page 17*

5 Ways to Enrich Your Season

Many of us look forward to Christmas all year but let Advent pass unnoticed. This quiet season can't compete with the lights, the joy, and the excitement of Christmas. Yet Advent is a beautiful season in itself.

Consider these five ways to enjoy Advent as the season of hope ...

- 1. Come into the silence.** Over the next few weeks, take lots of deep breaths and treat yourself to some silent time each day.
- 2. Mark your progress.** Buy or make an Advent wreath with four candles and light a new candle each Sunday. Say the traditional prayers or write your own.
- 3. Share the joy.** Make peace with anyone who wronged you – or was wronged by you. Put resentment out of your heart to make more room for joy.
- 4. Comfort the lonely.** Compile a list of people who live alone, are new to your area, or who have lost a loved one this year. Include them in your holiday gatherings.
- 5. Start a new tradition.** Sing a special song each night during Advent. Reserve a favorite food just for this time. Go out for a special meal after Mass. Whatever you do, make it joyful and celebratory.

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Why do we celebrate Advent?

Advent is a time of preparation, a time of urgency. It is when the Church wants us to ask, "What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?"

We know that Jesus will come at our death and he will come at the end of time. The season of advent encourages us to make the necessary preparations so we can joyfully greet Jesus whenever we meet him next.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: What do we do during Advent?

Gospel Question: In what special ways can you show love to others this Advent?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: What is a promise?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus promise to us?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: How can we be ready for Jesus to come?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus help us get through times of crisis?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: What are your hopes for yourself, your family, our world?

Gospel Question: What are ways to prepare for Jesus' coming in glory?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: What problems scare you in the world today?

Gospel Question: What are ways to stand up straight and raise your head to God this Advent?





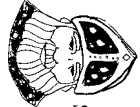
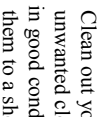


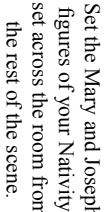
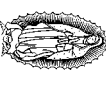
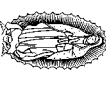





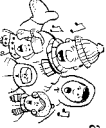




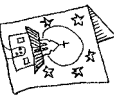



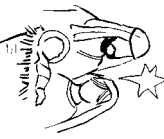
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Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>2 Make and bless an Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle each night this week.</p>	 <p>3 Put a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.</p>	 <p>4 Set up your family Nativity scene, but leave out the Holy Family.</p>	 <p>5 Read about the angel's visit to Mary in Luke 1:26-38. Talk about ways we can also say "yes" to God.</p>	 <p>6 Show love on St. Nicholas Day by filling an old shoe with treats and leaving it outside someone's door.</p>	 <p>7 Clean out your closets of unwashed clothes or toys in good condition. Donate them to a shelter or other charity.</p>	 <p>8 In honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception, attend Mass and pray a family Rosary tonight.</p>
 <p>9 Light two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."</p>	 <p>10 Set the Mary and Joseph figures of your Nativity set across the room from the rest of the scene.</p>	 <p>11 Pick a Christmas card you've received this week and pray for the person who sent it.</p>	 <p>12 Pick roses in honor of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.</p>	 <p>13 In honor of St. Lucy, take a drive or walk around your home to look at the Christmas lights.</p>	 <p>14 Make cookies to bring to a nearby hospice or nursing home.</p>	 <p>15 Put up and decorate your family Christmas tree. Make some hot chocolate and admire your work.</p>
 <p>16 Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. See which of you can sing loudest at Mass today.</p>	 <p>17 Ask a family member you have hurt in the past year for forgiveness. Offer it to one who has hurt you.</p>	 <p>18 Gather friends and neighbors and go caroling at a nursing home or homeless shelter.</p>	<p>19 Together, write your Christmas cards. Let older kids address the envelopes and younger ones seal them.</p>	 <p>20 Decorate a "Jesus Candle" with symbols of Jesus. Light it at Christmas dinner.</p>	 <p>21 Place Mary and Joseph in the Nativity scene. Add grass or straw to the manger to get it ready for the Baby.</p>	 <p>22 Attend Confession as a family and go out for ice cream afterward to celebrate the sweetness of God's forgiveness!</p>
 <p>23 Light all four candles in the wreath tonight. Reread today's Gospel reading, Luke 1:39-45.</p>	 <p>24 Send a thank-you note to your priests or other ministers who enriched your seasonal celebration.</p>	<p>25 Rejoice! Put the Baby in the manger and read the story of Jesus' birth Luke 2:1-20. (see below)</p>	<p>26 In honor of the feast of St. Stephen, patron of soldiers, pray for the safety of all those in the armed forces today.</p>	<p>27 In remembrance of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt, pray for all people forced to flee their homeland.</p>	 <p>28 Give each family member a chance to say "thank you" for a blessing received this year.</p>	<p>29 Make a surprise phone call to a friend or relative who needs cheering.</p>
 <p>30 Celebrate the feast of the Holy Family by sharing a special family meal today.</p>	<p>31 Resolve as a family to pray for at least 15 minutes every night during the coming year.</p> 	<p>... For (un)to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11)</p> <p>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).</p> 				

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Understanding the Gospels

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church will be conducting a course on **Understanding the Gospels** beginning on Tuesday January 8, 2013, and continues for thirteen consecutive Tuesdays. Classes will be held from 1:00-2:30 PM in the auditorium of the Parish Life Center at St. John. The course will cover the four Gospels with background on when, why and to whom they were written, as well as the central themes of each Gospel. Also presented will be methods to read, understand, and interpret the Bible.

Course Objective

The objective of the course is to develop a richer understanding of God's message to us and to grow in our faith. All are welcome and there is no charge for the class. To register please call Deacon Hal Brenner at 566.8740, extension 174 and leave a message.

Course Description

In addition to examining the Gospels, this course will present methods on how to read, interpret, and understand the Bible. It will also provide an historical overview along with an analysis of how the Gospels were written. This will be done through a combination of lectures, CDs and group discussions.

Class 1 - 1/8/13 **Introductions, Format, Important Terms and Course Description**
The Living Gospels

Class 2 - 1/15/13 **Theology**
Mark's Good News

Class 3 - 1/22/13 **The Bible — What Is It?**
Mark: The Onion Approach!

Class 4 - 1/29/13 **The Bible — Inspiration, Revelation, and Gospels**
Solving the Mystery

Class 5 - 2/5/13 **How Do You Know?**
Matthew: The Bridge

Class 6 - 2/12/13 **The Bible — How to Use It and Gospel Sources**
Matthew's Good News

Class 7 - 2/19/13 **Gospel Summary**
Jesus the Teacher

Class 8 - 2/26/13 **Key Biblical Dates**
Luke's Good News

Class 9 - 3/5/13 **Tools for Biblical Interpretation**
Luke's Good News of Mercy

Class 10 - 3/12/13 **The Bible — Process and Understanding**
Luke's Grand Finale

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

RPM 510 Introduction to the Catholic Faith



In honor of the Year of Faith, this class is designed to be an introductory level course, recognizing that most of our students have had no contact with the topics in the curriculum. The plan is to use the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as a basis for examining key doctrines of the Catholic Faith. The course will discuss and demonstrate how these doctrines came to be articulated through the three sources of Roman Catholic theology: Scripture, Tradition, and Magisterium.

Mondays from 6-9:00 pm

January 14-May 6, 2013

LIVE from St. Leo, Bonita

Course-registration levels:

M.A., Diploma, and Faith Enrichment (Auditor)



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For questions or to register for this course, contact the Registrar, Jennifer McConville.

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SCRIPTURE CONFERENCE ON ST. PAUL

JANUARY 12TH, 2013

at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat & Spirituality Center

(3989 South Moon Drive • Venice, FL 34292)



YEAR OF FAITH 2013

Come join us and explore various aspects of St. Paul's life, mission, theology and abiding significance for the Church.



FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mary Healy, S.T.D.

Editor, *The Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture*

AND SPECIAL GUESTS...

John T. Conroy, Ph.D.

Andrea Molinari, Ph.D.

Eric Sammons, M.A.

For reservations, please contact Jennifer McConville at the Blessed Edmund Rice School at (941)766-7334 or email at registrar@daystar.net.

SCHEDULE

8:30am - 9:15am: Arrival/Continental Breakfast

4:00pm: Closing Prayer/ Departure

TOPICS

- St. Paul's Mysticism
- St. Paul's Mission
- Paul and the Idea of the 'Death of the Soul'
- "To Unite All Things in Christ":
The Christology of St. Paul
- The Martyrdom of Paul

Cost is \$35 per person and includes a Continental Breakfast and Lunch.

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Christmas Tea

To benefit **Jamaica Outreach Program**

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012 12:30-3:00 p.m.

St John the Evangelist Ballroom

\$35 per person — Reserved Seating — For Tickets :

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

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

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Champagne Reception — Gifts/Art/Crafts Vendors — Tea, sandwiches, scones, sweets

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

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Faith and Wine

Patrick O'Sullivan
Holiday Wine and Missions Fair
(a wine tasting with a Catholic twist!)
Thursday, December 13th, 2012

Please join us as we welcome Patrick O'Sullivan on **Thursday, December 13th** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom (625 111th Avenue North, Naples). We are pleased to welcome Pat again for our second annual wine tasting event! This year the wine tasting will be paired with short presentations from several featured missions! We hope you will join us as we sample wines for all palates and enjoy a light meal.



We encourage you to pre-pay for this event before December 10th by going to www.faithandwine.com and clicking on "Registration for Events". Or you can drop off (before December 10) your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." to Mary Beth Clary, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur (in The Mercato) 9132 Strada Place, 3rd Floor, Naples, Florida 34108 (note that you can no longer sign up at the SJE Parish office). The cost is \$10 before December 10th and \$15 at the door (this includes a light dinner, wine sampling or other beverage, and the speaker).

Faith and Wine is a group of diverse women who seek fellowship with each other and a greater understanding of their Catholic faith in order to enrich their lives and help them cope with the ever-changing challenges presented by today's society. For more information, please visit our website at www.faithandwine.com.

Vocations Dinner Dance Huge Success

The annual Vocations Dinner Dance, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, on Wednesday, November 14th was a huge success, according to dinner chairman Jerry Detloff. The honoree for the event was Deacon Frank Paniccia, the first deacon to be so honored.

Over 175 guests enjoyed a catered dinner by Frisco's and danced away the evening to the music of The Legends of Las Vegas. The "Phantom of the Opera" medley silenced the room.

Highlights of the evening were Deacon Frank's remarks on Faith and how he and his wife Sandi never lost it when they went through some very hard times. Parents of nine children, Deacon Frank said always be at peace and ask the good Lord to bless us with peace.

The silent auction and 50/50 raffle brought in almost \$8,000 in financial aid to seminarians who are studying for the priesthood

in the Diocese of Venice. Since its inception, the St. John Council Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$60,000 to the seminarians. In the past nine months alone the St. John Council has given \$11,000 to help eleven seminarians currently on a career path to priesthood.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Deacon Frank's daughter Tammy, and her husband Bill. "The winnings will go directly to the choir trip to Italy," said Tammy. She added, "It was so wonderful to be there and see my dad honored by the Knights."

The Knights would like to thank all of the parishioners who attended and placed bids on the auction items, the Council members who worked to make the event a success and especially the donors (listed below) who furnished the goods for auction. The Knights request that the parishioners notice which vendors have contributed and pay them back by being their customers.



(Above) Honoree Deacon Frank Paniccia speaks to the attendees following the presentation of a plaque to him for his spiritual service to the parishioners of St. John. (Right) Deacon Frank and wife Sandi dance to the music provided by The Legends of Las Vegas. (Photos by Tom Middlemiss, EventPixer.com)

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