

December 16, 2012

Third Sunday of Advent

the
EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Music Department Presents Early Christmas Gift to Parish

Sacred Music in Sacred Spaces, our free monthly concert series, is back this month with our annual Christmas program: ***The Christmas Story!***

The timeless tale of the Nativity — as retold by our pastor, *The Christmas Story* will be presented on **Friday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.** It features our three choirs: Children's, Contemporary and Adult, as well as several talented soloists and many of our wonderful young people besides. Admission, as with all *Sacred Music in Sacred Spaces* events, is free. No ticket is necessary, and since church capacity is around 1,200, there should be plenty of room for all!

While last year *The Christmas Story* was preceded by *A Starry Night/In Bethlehem* in the PLC Ballroom, this year Family Ministry is taking a sabbatical, as it were, from that program. In place of last year's potluck supper, however, we are providing a **free pasta supper before the concert, at 6:00 p.m. in the ballroom.** Families especially are invited to attend this supper with their children before bringing them over to the church for the program.

Please join us on Friday for this exceptional event. In a world where "Christmas" is shunted off in favor of "Holidays", and secular "Christmas music" ("Silver Bells" rather than "O Holy Night") is blasted at us from Halloween on, *The Christmas Story* will remind us of the "reason for the season", and cap off our Advent with a perfect preparation for Christmas!

*article submitted by Tom Oram,
Pastoral Musician & Liturgist*



*Joseph (Zac MacDougall) and Mary (Monica Costabile) with Baby Jesus (Naomi Erickson) in the presentation of **The Christmas Story** last year.*



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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 15, 2012 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Peggy Shea The Leibigs

Vigil Masses3:00 PM + Frank D'Agostino Virginia D'Agostino
5:00 PM + Artie, Ralph & Anthony Wife, Mother, Brother**December 16, 2012 Sunday**7:00 AM + Polly Faso Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM + Paul Kiley Mary & Muriel Kiley

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Anthony Fabiano Marie Fabiano & Family

5:00 PM + Louis Albero Nancy Squittieri

December 17, 2012 Monday

8:00 AM + Dr. Francis Healey Edward & Frances Lenart

9:00 AM + Esther Gomez Joanie & Pat Kirk

December 18, 2012 Tuesday

8:00 AM + Helen O'Connor Janice & Doug O'Connor

9:00 AM + Marge Smith Debbie Scott

December 19, 2012 Wednesday

8:00 AM + Gene Kraut Wynn Juran

9:00 AM Lottie Wadas Barbara & Lester Fuller

December 20, 2012 Thursday

8:00 AM + Thomas R. Van Abel Peter & Allison Heaney

9:00 AM The Connors Family Pat Connors Talty

December 21, 2012 Friday

8:00 AM + Margaret Shea Tom & Helen McDonagh

9:00 AM Raymond C., Ray & Kenny Vasko The Family

December 22, 2012 Saturday

8:00 AM McEntee Family Barbara McEntee

Vigil Masses

3:00 PM + Cecilia & William Schultz Joanie Schultz

5:00 PM + Frank & Jeanette McCoy Daughter & Son

December 23, 2012 Sunday

7:00 AM + Val & DeFrancesca Families Peter DeFrancesca

9:00 AM + Maurice Glennon The Family

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Rita Perrotta Janet D'Addario

5:00 PM + Owen Murphy Mary Murphy Wheeler

Altar Flowers in Memory of Daniel Corboy ~ Requested by Nancy Corboy

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 15, 2012**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Vigil Masses

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Sunday, December 16, 2012**Third Sunday of Advent; Las Posadas begins**

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Monday, December 17, 2012

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday, December 18, 2012*International Migrants Day*

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Friday, December 21, 2012**St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins**

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday, December 22, 2012

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Vigil Masses

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Sunday, December 23, 2012**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

THIS WEEK'S MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE...SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH • WWW.SAINTJOHNTHEEVANGELIST.COM

Hymns for the 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 15 & 16

Entrance Hymn:	194	People, Look East
Preparation Hymn:	437	How Can I Keep From Singing?
Communion Hymn:	516	Taste and See
	412	Open My Eyes
Closing Hymn:	193	O Come, Divine Messiah

Choral Anthems at the 9 & 11:15 AM Masses

Before the Mass	Come, Emmanuel	Don Besig / Nancy Price
At Communion	Like A Rose	Ruth Elaine Schram



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

Mass Times

Christmas and New Year

Monday, December 24, 2012

Christmas Eve Mass

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. is Children's Mass,
10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25, 2012

Christmas Day Mass

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m.
(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Monday, December 31, 2012

Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2013

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon

Bishop Dewane Will Be Celebrant for Televised Christmas Day Mass for the Homebound on WFTX-TV

The televised Christmas Day Mass for the Homebound with Bishop Frank J. Dewane as celebrant will air at 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day. For viewers in the southern portions of the Diocese, the Mass airs on WFTX-TV (FOX-4 in Cape Coral). Please check your cable provider for channel listings.

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

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Tom Oram: Ext. 179

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Director of Youth Ministry

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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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Learning About Advent and Doing Kind Acts

Bible Story Time celebrated the first week of advent Monday, December 3, by making angels and advent wreaths. The children learned about each of the four candles on the advent wreath and their meaning — hope, faith, love and peace. We talked about the color of each candle and even encouraged everyone to wear purple to Mass, just like the priest.

Children also made mangers for Baby Jesus. Whenever a child does something kind or nice, a parent will place a piece of straw or cotton ball into the manger. After a designated amount of straw or cotton has been added, the child earns a Christmas prize. It's a wonderful way for children to learn the importance of advent and doing kind acts for others.



In Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Bible Story Time celebrated Our Lady of Guadalupe Monday, December 10. The children colored pictures of our Blessed Mother, pasted them to paper bags and wore them as tilmas or cloaks just as Juan Diego did. They also made flowers and presented them to Mary in the garden.

Mothers, grandmothers and children listened to Christmas stories, sang songs and prayed for a blessed Advent season. Children also counted the candles on the Advent wreath as they lit the second candle. Children saw the wreath as a birthday cake for Baby Jesus. Once all of the candles are lit, we can blow out the candles, open presents and celebrate Jesus' birthday.



— Text and photos submitted
by Jennifer Grenardo,
Bible Story Time Director

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.



December 5, 2012

Dear Parishioners of St. John The Evangelist:

The other day I received your generous check of \$21,401 for Sandy Relief to be used here at Resurrection and the Gerritsen Beach community. To be honest, it blew my socks off and I am extremely thankful.

We have been receiving a few monetary donations, but none as generous as yours.

The monies collected are being distributed to those affected by the storm; close to 2500 homes were flooded and about one-third of the community and parishioners continue to be displaced. We are on the road to recovery, and a large part of it is because of people like you.

A cap of between \$350 and \$500 is being used in order to help as many people as possible, even if it means buying a toaster oven, blow-up mattress or paying an unexpected bill, "it helps a lot."

On behalf of Resurrection and the Gerritsen Beach community, again, we Thank You. May God reward your generosity.

Be assured of our prayers and wishing you and yours a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

I remain, very truly yours,

Rev. Dennis J. Farrell, Pastor
Resurrection Parish

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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.

**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.

Christmas Food Drive for our local soup kitchens

Ending: **December 16**

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.

Sponsor: The Ladies of Charity

St. John Youth Ministry

YouCat — A Must Have on Teens' Christmas List

Teens are you wondering what to ask for this Christmas? Parents are you wracking your brains trying to come up with a gift that will keep Christ in *Christmas* and have lasting meaning in your son's/daughter's life? In this Year of Faith, I encourage both teens and parents to make sure the *YouCat* is on their list.

What is the *YouCat*? It is a dynamic presentation of the Catholic faith written specifically for young people. It is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, but written in a question and answer style so that young people can find answers to the real questions they have about their faith. Young people from around the world were consulted in putting this book together, so you can be sure that it will appeal to them!



Bill Maguire
Director
of Youth Ministry

In addition to providing answers to the questions young people really have about the faith, *YouCat* provides numerous inspirational and thought-provoking quotes from both current and past saints. The Holy Father has invited all youth around the globe to read, question and pray with this book. And, as we all know, Father knows best!

Here are some comments the Pope Benedict XVI has made about *YouCat*:

When Israel was at the lowest point in her history, God called for help, not from the great and honored ones of Israel, but from a young man by the name of Jeremiah. Jeremiah felt overwhelmed: "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth" (Jer 1:6). But God was not to be deterred: "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak" (Jer 1:7).

[Young people] you need to know what you believe. You need to know your faith with that same precision with which an IT specialist knows the inner workings of a computer. You need to understand it like a good musician knows the piece he is playing. Yes, you need to be more deeply rooted in the faith than the generation of your parents so that you can engage the challenges and temptations of this time with strength and determination. You need God's help if your faith is not going to dry up like a dewdrop in the sun, if you want to resist the blandishments of consumerism,

if your love is not to drown in pornography, if you are not going to betray the weak and leave the vulnerable helpless.

Many people say to me: The youth of today are not interested in this. I disagree, and I am certain that I am right. The youth of today are not as superficial as some think. They want to know what life is really all about. A detective story is exciting because it draws us into the destiny of other men, a destiny that could be ours. This book is exciting because it speaks of our own destiny and to deeply engages every one of us.

So I invite you: Study this Catechism! That is my heartfelt desire. This Catechism was not written to please you. It will not make life easy for you, because it demands of you a new life. It places before you the Gospel message as the "pearl of great value" (Mt 13:46) for which you must give everything. So I beg you: Study this Catechism with passion and perseverance. Make a sacrifice of your time for it! Study it in the quiet of your room; read it with a friend; form study groups and networks; share with each other on the Internet. By all means continue to talk with each other about your faith.



Upcoming Events:

Christmas Caroling

December 16
both Middle School and High School

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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: 732.5979

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	Specialist 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	LCpl. 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:

Horacio Aguilar

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

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

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 16, 2012 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



For those who read my column last week, suffice it to say that it really was a good thing that I wasn't holding my breath on the lighting project. We finally did receive a lift but not until much later than expected. And then the fun really started. All of the clerestory stained glass windows that circumvent the upper level of the church have light fixtures at their

base. As part of the scope of work, all of these fixtures had to be replaced. Once the electrician reached the window level and was ready to work, he found that the installation of the original fixtures was very poorly done and each fixture housing had to be completely retro-fitted (properly) with new fixtures. In order to access the wooden girders above the altar, we then had to remove several rows of pews to navigate the turn at the end of the main aisle. We are now working around Masses to attempt to complete the project. When that will be I will not venture a guess. I am sure there are more obstacles waiting to be discovered. Thanks again for your patience while we complete the lighting installation.

When the Ladies of Charity initially told me of their plans for a bike drive, I was ecstatic. After hearing their goal was 200 bikes, I thought (to myself) that the goal was simply unattainable. I am glad that I did not verbalize my thoughts as it looks as though we may actually reach the goal. This past week, we made our second trip to Immokalee to unload a full truck of bicycles. The truck was so full for the second trip that there were at least another 10 bikes that would not fit on that load. Many of you heeded my advice as several of the bikes that were dropped off this past week included a lock. My thanks to all of our parishioners for your continued generosity! Christmas is going to very special this year for many deserving individuals in Immokalee.

Please see the letter of thanks from Fr. Dennis Farrall, Pastor of Resurrection Roman Catholic Church in Gerritsen Beach, NY (page 6). Resurrection parish was the recipient of our Hurricane Sandy collection. Thanks to our parishioners for making a difference in the lives of those in New York and beyond.

After numerous requests over the past several years, we are now in the process of bidding out the installation of a "Loop System" for the hearing impaired. Initially this was thought to be cost prohibitive due to the installation of extensive cable

throughout the church. There is now wireless technology which may solve our problems. A "Loop System" magnetically transmits sound to hearing aids and cochlear implants. Here is a brief overview of how it works: **Audio induction loop systems, also called audio-frequency induction loops (AFILs) or hearing loops, are an aid for the hard of hearing. They are a loop of cable (wireless in our case) around a designated area, usually a room or a building, which generates a magnetic field picked up by a hearing aid. The loops carry baseband audio-frequency currents; no carrier signal is used. The benefit is that it allows the sound source of interest —whether a musical performance or a ticket taker's side of the conversation — to be transmitted to the hearing-impaired listener clearly and free of other distracting noise in the environment. Typical installation sites would include concert halls, auditoriums, places of worship and homes.** I will keep you updated on the progress of this exciting future development.



As of this past Wednesday, we are only \$23,658.00 short of our goal with two weeks to go. As a point of interest, this is nearly the exact amount by which we fell short of our goal last year. I may be getting excited prematurely, but I really feel that we are going to meet with success this year. 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.

Time is running out! For those who may have missed my recent comments, 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.

In His work together,

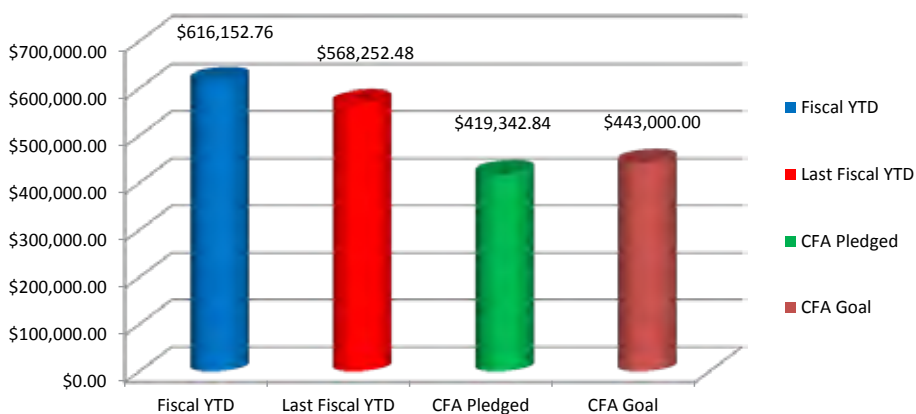
Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager

SCOTT'S CORNER...

Collection Summary



YTD/CFA Summary



Next Magnificat Breakfast Saturday, January 19 at HolidayInn Airport

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women.

The breakfast will be held Saturday, January 19, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. Our speaker is Fr. Stephen Asante Bakor, from Ghana in West Africa. Fr. Stephen is assisting in pastoral ministries at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. He loves the Blessed Virgin Mary and believes God is using her, through Magnificat, to make Pentecost happen in our own time.

Advanced registration is required by mail. Seating is limited; no walk-ins. Please send a \$20 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Joanne Tarantino, 3315 Bermuda Isle Circle, Unit 128, Naples, FL 34109, or Shirley Ruehl, 11451 Pembroke Run, Estero, FL 33928, 239-949-7015. Requests must be postmarked by January 11.

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.

Advent Penance Services at Local Area Churches

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

Diocese of Venice in Florida Prayer for the Year of Faith



YEAR OF FAITH 2012 2013

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 16, 2012: the Third Sunday of Advent

Opening Song

Trading My Sorrows

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I'm tra - ding my sor - rows, I'm tra - ding my shame,
I'm tra - ding my sick - ness, I'm tra - ding my pain,
I'm lay - ing them down for the joy of the Lord.
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord! Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord!
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, a - men!

Bridge) Oh, I am pressed, but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned, struck down, but not destroyed.
I am blessed beyond the curse for his promise will endure that his joy's gonna be my strength!
Though the sorrow may last for the night, his joy comes with the morning!

Kyrie • 4 (page 5 of the missalette)

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Response (cf. v.6)
Cry out with joy and glad - ness, for a - mong you is the great and ho - ly one of Is-ra-el!

Gospel Acclamation

Preparation Song

Overflow

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Verse 1) Your grace is power	Verse 2) Your Word, true presence	Verse 3) Our worship of you,
Your will, forever	Your Body, our recompense	It's your gift to us from you.
Your love is a river	Your Blood, salvation	No one could give this gift but you
Overflow in me! (to Chorus)	Overflow in me! (to Chorus)	Overflow in me! (to Chorus)

Chorus
Over - flow in me, my Lord, O-ver - flow in me, my Lord! Let your people bless you as your
Cup is poured, o-ver - flow in me, my Lord; o-ver - flow in me, my Lord!

Bridge) We lift up our hearts; we lift up our souls; we lift up our minds
And ev'ry good thing is yours, yeah, ev'ry good thing is yours, so overflow

Sanctus • 9 (page 14 of the missalette)

Memorial Acclamation (A) • 10 (page 16)

Great Amen • (page 26)

Agnus Dei • 14 (page 28)

Communion Songs 516 Taste and See Bob Hurd

Fragrance Prayer

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Refrain

Dear Je - sus, help me to spread your fra-grance ev - 'ry-where
that I go. Dear Je - sus,
flood my soul with your spir - it and your love.

v.1) Penetrate and possess my being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of you.

v.2) Shine through me and be so in me that ev'ry soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul.

v.3) Let them look up and see no longer me, but only you, my Jesus.

Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine so to shine as a light to all.



Closing Song 194 People, Look East

Trad. French carol

*prepare ye
the way of the Lord*

Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, gets its name from the first

word of its **Introit**, or Entrance Antiphon, for the day: **"Rejoice** in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (*Phil. 4:4-5, the second reading of the day*) Why do we rejoice? Because the 3rd Sunday of Advent always means that we are more than halfway to Christmas (*cf.* the modern 'celebration' of Wednesday as 'hump day' of the work week). Thus, the liturgical color of the day is **rose**, the color of joy, although more often observed on the Advent wreath than on your priest's chasuble (*cf. the less-common expression, "in the pink"*)! Interestingly, the 4th Sunday of Lent is **Laetare Sunday** (also "Rejoice!") for the same reason. These are the only two Sundays of the church year when the liturgical color is rose. (*You might not have known that, though, since there's no "Lent wreath"*. ☺)

The Word & Life

Zephaniah 3:14-18A

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

Expectation and Joy

John the Baptist appears a second time as we journey through advent and the year of Luke's gospel. We hear how people may prepare within their own specific way. In order to make straight the pathways for God, they are to share a cloak if they are blessed with more than one and to share food. The tax collectors are asked to be honest in their dealings as well as the soldiers. John the Baptist is reminding the people of his day that repentance was not just changing the mind but mending ways. Many wondered if John was the Anointed One. John tells them he is not the Messiah. In fact the people are told by John that he was unworthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. The Christ would be the one who would empower others with the baptism of the Spirit. When the Christ was to arrive, people would know that a mighty savior was in their midst. They would know Emmanuel, i.e. God with Us!

As we journey toward the celebration of Christmas, we are being reminded that our Christian calling is not just to give lip service to the gospel, but to allow that good news to penetrate our lives. The Word of God has to be alive and effective in our lives. The decisions that we make have to be imbued by the example of Christ. As we observe the world around us we can see that there is so much suffering and many needs. Our Christian community is asked to respond to those needs and support God's poor. Many organizations do great things to help needy families during this special season. There is a special grace that is experienced when we reach out in love to others. There is an inherent dignity in bringing happiness to others by supporting them with the blessings of our treasures. By the virtue of our baptism we are anointed by the same Spirit that Jesus bestowed upon the first community of disciples, to engage ourselves in charity.

Since the Incarnation took place the Lord is forever near us. Every time we gather in Jesus' Name, he is there. Whenever we listen closely to the gospel proclaimed, Jesus speaks to us. As the gifts are brought to the altar

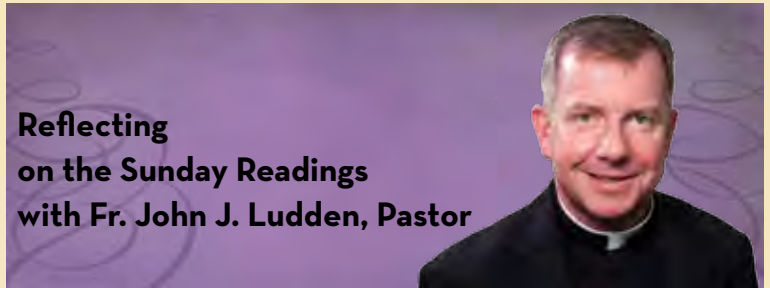
Reflection Questions

1. Do I live my life in the expectation of Jesus' coming?
2. How does the gospel impact my life?
3. Does my knowledge of God change my perspective and shape my decisions?
4. Am I transformed by the wisdom that the Lord is near?
5. Will I reach out to others during this season of grace?
6. What sacrifices am I going to make to witness to the gospel?
7. What does it mean to be baptized with the Holy Spirit?
8. How do you think John's baptism differs from the baptism that Jesus offers the world as the Christ?
9. The term "Christ" means "Anointed". What have you been anointed to do?

in our churches and the priest calls down the Holy Spirit in epiclesis, Jesus becomes truly present in the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. As we go forth from our churches to love and serve the Lord, He is near in the guise of the poor and the broken-hearted. We are baptized by a Holy Spirit that enables us to see life in a new way. Such knowledge instills joy in our hearts and hope for the dream of the soul. We now live in the expectation of the coming of the savior in our own individual lives, especially as we approach our journey's end. Preparing for Christmas ultimately reminds us that we must always be prepared to meet Christ for he is forever near.

Prayer

As we journey toward Christmas, may you find our hearts ready to receive you, O Lord. Empower us with that Spirit that will set the world on fire with the desire of your love. Let every step that we take walk more deeply in your ways. Joy and peace are the fruits of your presence. May our prayer and decisions fill others with those beautiful gifts. Amen.



Voices of Faith

Called from the Shadows into the Light

John the Baptist
Fearless preacher of the good news
A doer of God's Word
Solace for the sinner
Who steps into the Jordan River
Making a return to the Lord

"What should we do?"
The contrite of heart ask the Baptist
And so the prophet speaks
Share your food with the hungry
Clothe the naked with your spare coat
Take courage to do what is right and change your life

"What should we do?"
Ask the unlikely candidates
Whose lives have been lived in the dark shadows of sin
The prophet bids the unjust collector of taxes
To steal not and give what Caesar prescribes
And bids them to walk out of the darkness into God's wonderful light

"What should we do?"
The soldiers ask
Men corrupted by the power of their position
And so the prophet speaks
Remove the darkness of extortion and deceit
Be happy with the blessings of your life

"What should we do?"
The courageous Christian may ask
The message of the Baptist preacher lives on
Receive the anointing of your Christ
Feel the power of the Holy Spirit
Be ignited by the fire of His love

As companions on the journey
The disciples of Christ's Church forward on
Filled with longing and expectation
We prepare ourselves to receive Christ once again
Walking away from the shadows that obscure the light
The Christian rejoices in the light of God's love

And so we approach the feast
Of the Word made flesh
Knowing full well that God's luminosity
Not only changes heart and mind
But also a radical change of life
Which incarnates God's love left behind in the
footprints of life

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

Faith Formation



Mark Your Calendar

December 19 – January 2
*Christmas Break (no Faith Formation
Classes)*

December 21
The Christmas Story

January 6
Sunday Classes Resume

January 9
Wednesday Classes Resume

January 16
First Communion Parent Meeting

Faith Formation News

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."

Sunday Classes Resume...on January 6, 2013 after the Christmas break.

Wednesday Classes Resume...on January 9, 2013 after the Christmas break.

First Communion Parent Meeting...will be on Wednesday, January 16, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the seminar room in the Claussen Center. All parents who have children making their First Eucharist in May 2012 need to attend this meeting.

Faith Formation continues on page 17



By Kathleen M. Carroll

As today's Gospel shows, John the Baptist knew that spirituality was no one-size-fits-all affair. Each walk of life has its own temptations; each individual has his or her own weaknesses. While it is sometimes easier to see others' failings than our own, John's words give us a good starting point.

"Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none." Advent is the perfect time to sort through our excess belongs. Many of us are making room for the clutter that accompanies Christmas gifts. If we do so with a bit of foresight, we also might create a few much-appreciated gifts that could go to someone truly in need.

Sort through those less-loved, wrong-sized, or unflattering clothes, and make a gift of them to a local family, parish clothing drive, or charity. Buy a few extra grocery items when doing your holiday shopping and drop them off at a food pantry or make a gift basket for a neighbor or friend in need. While we're "making way" for the goodies we hope to find under the tree, we also can make way for the Lord in our hearts.

Bringing Home the Word, December 16, 2012, Franciscan Media

One Minute Meditations

Shepherd of the Poor

Among the first to receive Jesus into the world were shepherds. Today, the presence of the shepherds in the Nativity scene reminds us of the poor of the world and how close they are to Jesus' heart. In honor of the shepherds, perform some act of kindness for the poor.

Unborn Joy

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb..." (Luke 1:40). Even in the womb, John was filled with joy to serve God. During Advent look for ways to do God's will and then leap for joy as you fulfill his plan.

The Light of Advent

"What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:4-5)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: What are ways you share?

Gospel Question: During Advent how are you getting ready for Jesus' birth?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: What is a way to be generous with your belongings?

Gospel Question: What do you do with toys and clothes you have outgrown?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: Who in need has your family befriended?

Gospel Question: How can people with two coats and lots of food turn toward God?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: Where do you go for good advice?

Gospel Question: What should we do as Christians with our extra coats, food, and wealth?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: What is your best Christmas tradition that doesn't cost any money?

Gospel Question: What does the Gospel tell us about how to treat one another as we prepare for Christmas?

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Christmas Spiritual Bouquet



For the Intentions of

Living _____

Deceased _____

Your donation will furnish the Sanctuary with flowers during the Christmas season and your loved ones will be remembered in the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet during the Christmas Masses. **DROP THE FORM AND DONATION IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS.**

For your convenience, envelopes are also available in the Narthex.

Donor Name _____ \$ _____

“Lest We Forget” Miniature Statue Now Available for \$35.00

“Lest We Forget”, the life size bronze sculpture of Christ embracing a warrior home to His Kingdom that was dedicated November 10, is now available in miniature form.

The cost for purchasing the statue is \$35.00.

The three church statues of St. John the Evangelist, Blessed Virgin Mary, as well as our crucifix, are also available for purchase for \$35.00 per statue.



All miniature statues are for sale in the religious gift boutique during normal operating hours and in the parish office during regular office hours. Quantities of all statues are very limited.

“Any of these statues would make a very special Christmas gift,” said Jackie Gibson, Divine Gift Boutique manager.

Adult Faith Enrichment presents...

Catholicism for Catholics 1st Annual St. Nicholas Party

Wed., December 19
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
In the **Library**

Join us for a wine, cheese, finger-food & baked goodies POTLUCK celebration of Christmas.

Discussion of Various Christmas Traditions & How to Keep Christ in Christmas!

The Catholicism for Catholics weekly events include POTLUCK meal
Wed., Dec. 5th Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast:
Mary, the Mother of God
Wed., Dec. 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe – Discussion with Fr. Kelly
Wed., Dec. 19th 1st Annual St. Nicholas Potluck Party
Christmas Break until January 16th

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Understanding the Gospels

Presented by Deacon Hal Brenner

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 p.m. 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 8 - 2/26/13	Key Biblical Dates Luke's Good News
Class 2 - 1/15/13	Theology Mark's Good News	Class 9 - 3/5/13	Tools for Biblical Interpretation Luke's Good News of Mercy
Class 3 - 1/22/13	The Bible — What Is It? Mark: The Onion Approach!	Class 10 - 3/12/13	The Bible — Process and Understanding Luke's Grand Finale
Class 4 - 1/29/13	The Bible — Inspiration, Revelation, and Gospels Solving the Mystery	Class 11 - 3/19/13	How to Read the Bible The "Un-Synoptic" Gospel
Class 5 - 2/5/13	How Do You Know? Matthew: The Bridge	Class 12 - 3/26/13	Review/Summary/ Images of God John's "Book of Signs"
Class 6 - 2/12/13	The Bible — How to Use It and Gospel Sources Matthew's Good News	Class 13 - 4/2/13	THE Relationship From Death to Life
Class 7 - 2/19/13	Gospel Summary Jesus the Teacher		

2013 Mah Jongg Cards Orders Due by January 25

Orders for 2012 MAH JONGG CARDS (standard \$7.00/ large \$8.00) will be taken through January 25, 2013. A donation of \$1.25 (per card ordered) will be forwarded to St. John's Habitat for Humanity by the Mah Jongg League.

Place your name, address and telephone number, plus the number of cards you want to order, on a slip of paper. Enclose the paper with a CHECK (payable to Joan Scariati) or CASH in the total amount of order PLUS 45 cents (stamp or cash) per card in an envelope addressed to MAH JONGG. Drop off your order at the receptionist desk in the Parish Life Center.

Your order will be shipped directly from the Mah Jongg League to your designated address by April 1, 2013.

Martha's Guild Needs More Volunteers

Lorna Woonsam, head Sacristan, is looking for a couple ladies who are interested in volunteering for Martha's Guild, i.e. ladies interested in taking the linens used on the altar that need to be washed and ironed once per week (purificators, wash cloths and towels).

If interested, contact Lorna at 287.6536.

Additional Parking for Masses Available

Additional parking for weekend and daily Masses is available by the Parish Life Center, behind the Claussen Center and at the Naples Park Elementary School by the tennis courts.

SVDP Thanksgiving Food Drive



The November 17-18 St. Vincent de Paul food drive was a huge success. “The generosity of the parishioners of St. John filled a 1 ½ ton truck from floor to ceiling with Publix and Sweet Bay’s grocery bags stuffed with essential food items. When the truck arrived at SVDP’s pantry, the people unloading it thought they would never see the front of the truck!! Many people in need in Naples during this holiday season are grateful for your compassion. The value of the food donated is only approximate.



We handed out 1,400 grocery bags and collected roughly \$50,000 worth of food — an awesome sum.”
— Bill Smart, St. Vincent de Paul President

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)



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*

John T. Conroy, Ph.D.

Andrea Molinari, Ph.D.

Eric Sammons, M.A.

AND SPECIAL GUESTS...

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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