

January 20, 2013  
*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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



Representatives from various St. John ministries paraded to the front of the church with banners proclaiming their particular ministry at the weekend Masses at the last Ministry Parade. At the Appreciation Picnic in March parishioners will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from the ministries and choose a ministry to join, if they desire, where they will be able to offer their **TIME, TALENT and TREASURE** back to God. (photos by Tom Middlemiss, EventPixar.com)

## Ministry Parade Will Showcase Stewardship Opportunities

The Stewardship Council will hold a Ministry Parade at all Masses Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27. Each ministry will carry their banner as they lead the procession of the Celebrant.

St. John the Evangelist is an active community serving all parishioners through the various ministries. As a Stewardship parish, St. John the Evangelist encourages all parishioners to return to the Lord their God given gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** with abundance.

“Many people have a misconception of the word stewardship. Many think it is solely about money. Many think it is about short term projects. It is not any of these. Stewardship is not a program. Stewardship is a way of life. Being a good steward is using the gifts God has given to each of us. When we receive these gifts we must nurture them and then share them with others. The object is to give back these gifts to God with abundance. Simply stated, stewardship is about using our **Time, Talent and Treasure** to the best of our ability in serving God,” said Bob Claussen, Stewardship Council president.

On Sunday, March 10, the parish will hold its annual appreciation picnic from Noon to 3:00 p.m. “We are excited that this year’s picnic will be more family-oriented with fun games for the children and, as always, great food prepared by the Men’s Club Ministry,” said Bob.

Along with the picnic activities, each ministry will be represented to tell more about what they do, when they meet and to answer questions.

Prior to the picnic, parishioners can pick up brochures from various ministries from the Ministry Wagon in the church narthex.



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 www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com • E-mail: info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com  
 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**

<b>January 19, 2013</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
8:00 AM +	Amir Nourkashemi	Paul & Alicia Ade	
	<b>Vigil Masses</b>		
3:00 PM +	Lambert & Louise Abell	Bob & Kathy Sims	
5:00 PM +	Elvin Tirado	Richard & Nosene Trapani	
	<i>Altar Flowers in Memory of Diane Esteves ~ Requested by Ann Mullally</i>		
<b>January 20, 2013</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		
7:00 AM +	Rita Perrotta	Tina Tambone	
9:00 AM +	Joan & Al Moser	Children	
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners		
1:15 PM +	Vincent Leone	Frank & Maria Arone	
5:00 PM +	Wendy Murphy Burke	Her Family	
	<i>Altar Flowers in Memory of Ben Folllese ~ Requested by Jim &amp; Darlene Folllese</i>		
<b>January 21, 2013</b>	<b>Monday</b>		
8:00 AM +	Anna Maria Rosenthal	Brian Rosenthal	
9:00 AM +	Wava Jean Bolero	Jesus Bolero	
<b>January 22, 2013</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>		
8:00 AM +	Dr. Harold Trapp	Loretta & Marty Sullivan	
9:00 AM +	Katherine Connors	Michael & Joan Curried	
<b>January 23, 2013</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		
8:00 AM +	Raymond Vasko, Jr. & Ray & Kenny	Peggy & Jack	
9:00 AM +	Nancy Lane	Carolyn Berg	
<b>January 24, 2013</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		
8:00 AM +	Catherine Belter	Jim & Lois Colgran	
9:00 AM +	Reuss & Page Families	Ronald Reuss	
<b>January 25, 2013</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
8:00 AM +	James Graska	Raymond F. Walenga	
9:00 AM +	Dan Kneip	Ann Mewshaw & Mathew Weblack	
<b>January 26, 2013</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
8:00 AM +	Vincent Lenoe	Mr. & Mrs. Alongi	
	<b>Vigil Masses</b>		
3:00 PM +	Rita Perrotta	Janet D'Addario	
5:00 PM	Randy & Melanie Harrison	Anniversary Mass	
	<i>Wine &amp; Host in Memory of James J. Mullally, Sr. ~ Requested by Ann Mullally</i>		
<b>January 27, 2013</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		
7:00 AM +	Robert Berg	Carolyn Berg	
9:00 AM +	Loretta Michel	Tennis Friends	
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners		
1:15 PM +	Mary Ann Morrison	Thomas & Rosalie Galvin	
5:00 PM +	Dan McMullen	Roberta & Henry Hobaica	
	<i>Flowers in Memory of Vincent Cinque ~ Requested By Eileen Cinque</i>		
	<i>Wine &amp; Host in Memory of Robert Berg ~ Requested by Carolyn Berg</i>		

**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, January 19, 2013**  
Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany);  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

**Vigil Masses**  
Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**Sunday, January 20, 2013**  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Inauguration Day  
Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**Monday, January 21, 2013**  
St. Agnes; Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday, January 22, 2013**  
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;  
Mk 2:23-28, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

**Wednesday, January 23, 2013**  
St. Vincent  
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday, January 24, 2013**  
St. Francis de Sales  
Heb 7:25 – 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday, January 25, 2013**  
The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle;  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends;  
Tu B'Shvat (Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset  
Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;  
Mk 16:15-18

**Saturday, January 26, 2013**  
Ss. Timothy and Titus  
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or  
Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21

**Vigil Masses**  
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Sunday, January 27, 2013**  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

# *Next Sunday Is Sanctity for Life Sunday*

*“I came that they may have life and have it to the full.”*

**J**esus calls the first disciples with two simple words: follow me. So they dropped their nets, left their old life and followed Him down the road. Little did they know where the road would lead or the final destination: the Cross and how they would be asked to proclaim that Cross and He who was crucified upon it for our salvation. It is the same message given to us. To repent. To turn away from darkness, selfishness and sin and to cling to Light, Love and Purity which we come to know in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

For there is much darkness, selfishness and sin in our world. Just 40 years ago today our country legalized the taking of innocent human life by abortion. Since that time, over fifty million children have lost their lives by abortion and that many or more mothers and families have been victimized physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Let us work for Justice, defend those whom everyone else forgets about and with courage of the first disciples proclaim to the world that the Kingdom of God is at hand!

***Please join us in praying the Rosary for Life after the 9:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, January 20 in the Memorial Garden.***

Check out the Respect Life Table January 19 and January 20. There will be information about all of the Pro-life organizations and how they can assist pregnant women and their babies and women who have had an abortion.

**Next week's bulletin will feature: Life Matters.**

*For more information about Respect Life, contact Rosemary Erickson at 597.3941 or 250.0432, or at [relife@aol.com](mailto:relife@aol.com)*

## ***Our Lady of Guadalupe, Intercessor of the Unborn***

To help stop the anti-life push in the U.S. the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

To help accomplish this, it was recommended that an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of one year.

**“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”**

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God, but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them.



*article submitted by Rosemary Erickson, Respect Life*

## ***Naples Pro-Life Council on 40th Anniversary of Legalized Abortion in United States***

*The Naples Pro-Life Council would like to make the following statement in reference to the 40th anniversary of legalized abortion in United States of America:*

“On Tuesday, January 22, we commemorate the legalization of the killing of the pre-born in the United States. Whereas there are abortions performed at Planned Parenthood in Naples on Mondays, the **Naples Pro-Life** Counsel, rather than commemorating just one day, January 22, requests that all participate in peaceful and prayerful witness to the

dignity of life at Planned Parenthood on Creech Road each Monday. It seems that once a year is not enough to protest the killing of the pre-born. Come and pray for an end to the scourge of abortion every Monday at Planned Parenthood located at the corner of Goodlette & Creech Road. Parking and shuttle service are available from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m.”

Fred Goduti  
[fgoduti@gmail.com](mailto:fgoduti@gmail.com)  
239.261.4810

## PARISH CLERGY



**Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor**

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

## SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. Classes are offered once a month and baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 1:15 p.m. Mass. Please call the parish office to register for a class. Upon completion of the class and fulfillment of the godparent requirements, parents may schedule a baptism date.

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

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

### **Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements**

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

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

**All Administrative Staff  
239.566.8740**

### **General Manager**

Scott Schlossberg: 566.1678

**Fax: 239.325.2100**

### **Administrative Assistant & Records**

Melanie Harrison: *Ext. 113*

### **Assistant to the Pastor**

Martha Oram: *Ext. 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](http://saintjohntheevangelist.com) Click on the **Welcome** tab on the top left side and scroll down to **Forms**. Return to office.

## St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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**[www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com](http://www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com)**

### **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](mailto:info@saintjohntheevangelist.com)  
Thank you!

## BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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

### **Mass Cards**

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

### **Mass Intentions**

We are currently accepting intentions for 2013.

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

We have 2014 Mass availability and 2013 wine and host and flowers availability. Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## PARISH INFORMATION...

SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH • [WWW.SAINTJOHNTHEEVANGELIST.COM](http://WWW.SAINTJOHNTHEEVANGELIST.COM)

## Hymns for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 19 & 20

Entrance Hymn: **387** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Preparation Hymn: **454** Eye Has Not Seen

Communion Hymn: **510** The Supper of the Lord

**428** Be Not Afraid

Closing Hymn: **365** Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

### Choral Anthems at the 9 & 11:15 AM Masses

Before the Mass **Sing to the Lord a New Song** Willis Barnett

At Communion **Taste and See** T. Oram

### Spotlight on Stewardship:

## Jamaica Outreach Program

### A note from Miss Denise Carter...

**My name is Miss Denise Carter.** I am a 28 years old student. I'm currently a Final Year Student at St. Joseph's Teachers College in Jamaica. I live with my mother, sister, brother and cousin; I'm the eldest. As the eldest, I assume most of the responsibility of the household. I try at my most best to assist my mother with everything. I'm currently working at St. Patrick's Primary School as a Grade One Teacher, teaching children who require a bit more attention due to varying degrees of learning disability. I love teaching and look forward to see and teach my students, and I do learn from them as they give different perspective to my teaching profession, which is usually fun.

I love to laugh; I find humor in most things. I love to sing, dance and watch movies. I'm a responsible lady who is involved in most aspects of my church, St. Peter Claver. I've been a member of my church since I was 5 years old. I'm currently the coordinator for the Youth and Young Adults Ministries. I'm also the secretary of the Parish Pastoral Advisory Council as well as a choir member.

As a member of these groups, I have had many encounters with God. My faith and belief in God is the foundation and my source of comfort on many days. As a young lady, I have faced many ordeals which my faith and belief in God has helped me to survive.

Many Sundays, I have to make the difficult choice of either going to church to worship or using the little I have to prepare a decent dinner at home. Many days, I have to make the choice of either going to work or college in the evenings or to have the little I have and have a decent lunch. Many days I have to make the choice of my lunch over my younger sibling's lunch. Some days the Lord provides and I give Him thanks. Some days He wants me to go hungry, and still give Him thanks. In all things, God has always "had my back" as He did by sending Jamaica Outreach Program to provide for my school fees without which I could not complete my teacher's training.

Sometimes I cry and ask why my life has to be so difficult, but a source of comfort comes to me in a line from a song based on the story of Lazarus' resurrection; "even though you are 4 days late, you are right on time". We have plans for our lives, but God has the blue print and at times we forget that. Prayers and my faith are my tools of labour. I pray and hope that God will

continue to give me the strength and firm foundation I need to continue to be a good Christian and steward and a productive labourer in his vineyard.

*Denise will be visiting St. John with the Jamaican Choir on the weekend of February 2-3.*

*article submitted by Jamaica Outreach Program*





## Mass of Remembrance February 11

Family members of parishioners who died in 2012 will be remembered at a Mass of Remembrance on Monday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Garden. A candlelight service in remembrance of the deceased will be part of the celebration.

If you wish to reserve a candle, please call Rita Spagnola at 514.1302.

When you come to the Memorial Mass on February 11 a candle will be given to you. When the name of your loved one is called, you will come forward to light the candle which will remain lit until the end of the service. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this memorial.

A reception will follow in the Parish Life Center for those attending the Mass.

## Annual Day of Renewal February 2

Come and be renewed at the annual Day of Renewal for Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Venice. Saturday, February 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Bob Hogan, BBD, is the featured speaker. Fr. Bob is an outstanding teacher and preacher. He currently serves as Chairman of the National Service Committee and as the Coordinator of Teaching and Outreach for the Catholic Center in San Antonio, TX. The theme for the renewal is "Living the Year of Faith."

The gathering will be held at Jesus the Worker Parish, 881 Nuna Ave, Fort Myers, FL. The cost is \$15.00 if registered by January 31, and \$22.00 after that date. To register, send checks to Stephanie Oefinger, at 716 Taplow Road, Venice FL 34293.

For additional information call Stephanie at 941.493.6354 or Lois and Gerry Mader at 239.267.2684

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

## Group Support Series Begins February 12

Support for anyone suffering the loss of a loved one will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Claussen Center on the following Tuesdays: February 12, February 19, February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26.

Sharing your story with others who are also grieving helps you to realize you are not alone.

For additional information, call Carol at 992.4190 or Dee at 594.7193.

## "Friday Night Fish Bake"

At St. John the Evangelist PLC during Lent

Dinner will be served from 5PM to 7 PM.

Please plan on attending

Dates are: February 13 (Ash Wednesday)

Friday Nights in Lent of

February 15<sup>nd</sup>, 22<sup>th</sup>; March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

\$12.00 Adults, \$5.00 under 10 yrs. old

Tickets at Door Only

St. Joseph Dinner/ Dance will be held on

Friday, March 22, 2013

(No Fish Bake on Good Friday)

### Menu

Baked Fish, Rice Pilaf, Mac. and Cheese

Coleslaw, String Beans Almandine,

New England Clam Chowder,

Bread & Butter,

Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade & Soda

Dessert

Hosted by The Knights of Columbus



## Catholic/Jewish Dialogue of Collier County

### 2013 PROGRAM

This season the topic of discussion will be

**"The Role of Women in  
Catholicism and Judaism"**

Presented by a Panel of Professional and Community Leaders

### Second Session

**Sunday, February 3, 2013 at 2:00PM**

**St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church**

**Seminar Room - Claussen Center**

**625 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue N, Naples**

Take this opportunity to come and learn more about your own faith as well as your neighbor's. The more we have in common, the more we are like one another.

**RSVP to Jewish Federation at 239-263-4205**

# St. John Youth Ministry

## *The Church Does Not Ask Us to Have Blind Faith*

This week, we'll continue our examination of the reasonableness of Christian faith. So far we discovered that God is the author of all truth; thus, there can be no contradiction between science and faith. Science has as its object empirical, natural truths: i.e., truths that are knowable through our senses. Faith has as its object non-empirical, supernatural truths: i.e., truths that are knowable only through revelation.



**Bill Maguire**  
Director  
of Youth Ministry

Even the atheist must admit that if there is a God and God has given us revelation, that revelation would necessarily be true. And we would be more certain about the truths God revealed than the truths we discover through science, because God would be infinitely more intelligent and knowledgeable than us. As creator of the universe, God's science would be a bit more sophisticated and accurate than ours.

We also discovered that the Church does not ask us to have blind faith. In fact, the Catechism clearly instructs us *not* to have blind faith: "faith is by no means a blind impulse of the mind" (CCC, 156). St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), Doctor of the Church, said: "I would not believe if I did not realize that it is reasonable to believe." God gave us reason for a reason: he expects us to use our brains to discover truth.

Because God respects our reason, he gives us credible evidence to believe what he has revealed. For example, if the Gospels are historically accurate and true, Jesus does not simply claim to be God — he backs up his claim with miracles: curing the blind, the deaf, the paralyzed, casting out demons, controlling the weather, raising people from the dead, and his own resurrection. If Jesus really did perform these miracles, it is reasonable to believe his claim to be God — and *unreasonable* to refuse belief.

Thus, the reasonableness of the Christian faith — at least in the first place — comes down to this: is it reasonable to believe the testimony of the New Testament writers? Bl. John Henry Cardinal Newman (1801-1890) once wrote: "Faith by its very nature is the

acceptance of a truth . . . simply and unconditionally on the basis of testimony."

This should not shock us! We accept the truth of any number of things based solely on the testimony of others. In fact, we are even comfortable determining a man's fate based on the testimony of others: in the courtroom, a man can be convicted or acquitted of murder based on credible eyewitness testimony. Moreover, our knowledge of almost any historical event — especially before audio and video recorders — is based almost exclusively on the testimony of others. How do you know Lincoln was assassinated?

In our next column, we will examine the testimony of the New Testament writers to see if they stand up to the tests historians use to determine the historical reliability of ancient texts. If we are willing to follow the evidence wherever it takes us, and the evidence confirms the historical reliability of the New Testament, we must reasonably conclude: Jesus' teachings are true; he is God; we must worship and obey him as Lord.

Bill Maguire, M.T.S

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

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

**Altar Servers:**

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Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

**Calling & Caring:**

Deacon Al Groh 566.8740 ext. 125

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**Homebound**

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**Greeters & Ushers:**

John Smith 598.2306

**Jamaica Mission:**

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**Lectors:**

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Linda Reilly 821.8982

**Respect Life:**

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

**Stewardship Council:**

Bob Claussen naplesrgc@gmail.com

**Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.**

Develops programs for adults to grow as Catholics through activities such as retreats, small groups meetings, lectures, seminars, social action and workshops. Stephanie Wardein: 289.5541; Perpetualimagesofnaples@gmail.com

**AGA (Alienated Grandparents**

**Anonymous).** Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. First Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the library and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the PLC ballroom. aga-fl.org

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

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

Ala-Teen. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. PLC.

**Arimatheans.** A group of caring parishioners who support parishioners by attending funerals as representation of our faith community. Virginia: 597.7687

**Bible Story Time.** Bible stories, crafts, prayer and fun Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m., in PLC preschool classroom. Parents and children ages 0-5 years old welcome. Jennifer Grenardo: grenardo@comcast.net

**Bible Teaching.** Lectors and friends convene Saturdays, 10 a.m., Claussen Center for relevant Bible teaching and retelling of the Scriptures. Join us in acquiring greater understanding of the weekly readings and growing in faith with us. Victor: 290.9090

**Choirs:****Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Residents and seasonals welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

**Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:25 p.m. Grades 1-5. Tom Oram: 566.8740

**Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

**Circle of Comfort.** 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 p.m. The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas and visitors welcome. Loretta Judy: 596.2291

**Divine Gift Boutique. WINTER HOURS:**

Saturday: 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Jackie Gibson: 325.2107

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

**Families Helping Families.** Mondays at 3 p.m. For families with a member who has a problem with alcohol &/or drugs. This is a small caring group to talk & answer questions. Bill: 732.5979

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

**Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.**

Last Monday of every month: St. John K of C Officers. First Monday of every month. Regular meetings begin at 7 p.m. Visiting Knights are welcome. Paul Barrus, Grand Knight: 609.741.4593

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

**Knitting & Crocheting.** Tuesdays from 10 - Noon: Want to learn? We are a service group that

knits & crochets to benefit those in need: blankets for soldiers, hats for cancer patients, baby hats & booties & prayer shawls. Anne Orem: 566.9636

**Ladies of Charity.** Meets the second Friday of every month, volunteers in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank and visits local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. For friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound, call Jan Sukay: 431.7376. If interested in joining, call Valerie Matulis: 390.3545

**Mah Jong.** Wednesday, Noon - 3 p.m. Beginners welcome. Joan Scariotti: 594.0994

**Men's Club.** Group of dedicated men (with the superb assistance from their ladies) who assist the Pastor and the parish. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month, 2-3 p.m.. New members welcome. Andy Sanfelippo: 949.7122

**Gospel Forum.** Group of men who join together to discuss the following Sunday's gospel and its application to everyday life. Prayer and casual discussion of various spiritual writings follows. Pizza and soft drinks offered. Meets Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in PLC. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

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

**Philothea.** Women ages 20-45 meet to support & encourage one another through the joys & struggles of life, work & motherhood in Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7 - 9 p.m. Martha Oram: 566.8740, ext. 177

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

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

**Sewing Group.** Meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in room 1 of the PLC. New members are invited. Nancy Cote: 514.0410

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

**Sing-A-Long** at Nursing Facilities. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at Harbor Memory Care, Naples; Tuesday, Feb. 5 at Emeritus Bonita Springs; both at 2 p.m. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

**Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites.**

Phyllis Gryskiewicz, 566.7307

**Women's Bible Study.** Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Library and Monday evenings in Room 3 and 4 in the PLC. We are currently studying the book "Come and See The Gospel of St. Mark" by Emmaus Road Publishing. You are welcome to join at any time. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

**PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...**



## PRAYER GROUPS

### Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

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

### Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

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

## THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

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

Anita Claire Anderson, Carl Edwards, Thomas Fahy and Barbara McLaughlin

*May they rest in eternal peace.*

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

Joan Abele	Dana Downs	Susan Koundalapis	Peter Nicoletta
Tom Abele	Michael Dunlop	Toni Kosak	Jordan Obrochta
Jacob Andrew	Ann Marie Esposito	Col. Al LaBarbara	Anne Orem
Ed Barber	Tiffany Feidler	Al LaRocco	Maryla Panagos
Agatha Barczynski	Thomas O. Flood	David Land	Michael Paul
Jerry Barton	Donna Flynn	Wayne Lee	Diana Pecaro
Makayla Basile	Bob Follese & Family	Mary Lenick	Patty Pilkington
Jennifer Basile	Tara Follese	William Line	Angela Preuss
A.J. Becker	Barbara Fuller	Victor & Marie	David Pupo
Rick Becker	Lauran Gaines	Louise Lisabeth	Linda & Tom Riley
Linda Berry	Randall Galt	Mr. & Mrs. George	Don Robinson
Mary Bessner	Rick Greenwood	Losure	Jesse Sanchez
John Brooks	Helen Gressers	Catherine Lusk	Maria Scarcella
Christine Canapari	Tim Hagan	Shari Lussier	Cathy Schloendorn
Tiffany Baumann	Kathleen Hall	Betty Maher	Carol Seiffert
Cantelupe	Charlotte Hallohan	Jeanne Majeske	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Kathleen Caputo	William & Linda Hart	F. Mansfield	Teresa Shengulet
Christine Cassara	Gerald Heyen	Richard Maynard	Liam Sjostrom
James Castaldi	Coleen Hill	Judy Mazza	Kathleen Skahill
Rosalia Castro	Mary Kay Hoban	Jean K. McCarthy	Jean Smith
Senise Clairmont	Karen Hohne	Sharon McCarthy	Jeff Smith
Members of the	Bob Homan	Bill McConnell	Ray Stankard
Claussen Family	Cheryl & Jeff Horkey	Bob McEvoy	Katie Sullivan
Paul Conte	Val Hunt	Carolyn McNichols	Kay Sullivan
Tuck Coon	Madeline Hurley	Melina Megaris	Pat Sutter
Nick Crnkovich	Mario Incatasciato	Nancy Meleo	Tara and Children
Edna D'Antuono	Florence John	John Miller	Rita Taranto
Roberta Dabronzo	Cade Joslin	Shirley Moran	Patricia Trapnell
Alice Daley	Yvonne Keenan	Ed Moriarty	Dolores Varone
Brian Davis	Sr. Margaret Ann Kelley	Rich Moriarty	Jim Vinton
Carol Dickeson	Marita Kelly	Rev. Richard Mueller	Maureen Wilkinson
Donna DiMaggio	Michael & Colleen	Sebastian Nagy	Tom Wright
Alexandria Dolkas	Kirkmaier	Louis Naumoff	Jeannie and Sara
Douglas Donaldson			Zaykowski

**To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740,**

**email: [info@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:info@saintjohntheevangelist.com),**

**or complete the form below and return it to the parish office.**

***Please add to the PRAYER LIST***

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print first and last name

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**LET US PRAY...**

JANUARY 20, 2013 ~ SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Just as advertised, we set three record high temperatures over the past week in Naples. Currently, as I write my column, it is snowing from Minneapolis to Chicago to Detroit to Pittsburgh with ice pellets in Boston. All of this while we are basking under sunny skies and

a temperature of 81 degrees. Believe it or not, the area of high pressure that has dominated our weather since the New Year will finally whittle away and we will have seasonal temperatures by this weekend. If you are confused about the abnormally warm weather, don't feel alone. Take a look at many of the flora and fauna and you will see that they are confused also. Orange blossoms are already present on many trees and you may have noticed the presence of yellow pollen on your vehicle. This could pose a problem if we happen to encounter a frost or freeze later this winter. Until then, enjoy the more seasonable weather. There is certainly a reason that they call Southwest Florida "paradise."

The annual ministry parade will take place next weekend at the beginning of every Mass. This is a great opportunity for our parishioners to see firsthand the numerous ministries that we have within the friendly confines of St. John the Evangelist. If you have not done so, please mark your calendars for the Parish Picnic and Ministry Fair to be held on March 10. This is a free event and will feature numerous activities for the entire family. It will also be an opportunity for you to visit with representatives from our ministries with the hope that you find one to join.

We have worked very hard to transform the Memorial Garden into a beautiful and spiritual space. After three rounds of landscape renovations, the garden is now looking better than ever. Over the holiday season, many families came to visit loved ones in the memorial garden. Along with these visits came large bouquets of flowers and other items placed on the graves to honor or memorialize loved ones. When re-landscaping the Memorial Garden, we installed countless flowering bushes and annuals. The idea is that rather than placing an obtrusive bouquet of flowers on the grave, visitors would instead pick one of these flowers and place it on the grave. By doing so, we keep the garden looking nice and don't have to deal with cleaning up dead arrangements or bouquets on a weekly basis. On your next trip to the memorial garden, please consider picking a Hibiscus or a Rose and placing it on the grave of your loved one. Let's keep our Memorial Garden looking nice for everyone. Thank you for your consideration.

Although the price of space in our memorial garden increased

on January 1, at \$1,500.00 this price is still a fraction of what you would pay at a cemetery. If you are interested in purchasing a plot, please contact me at 566.1678.

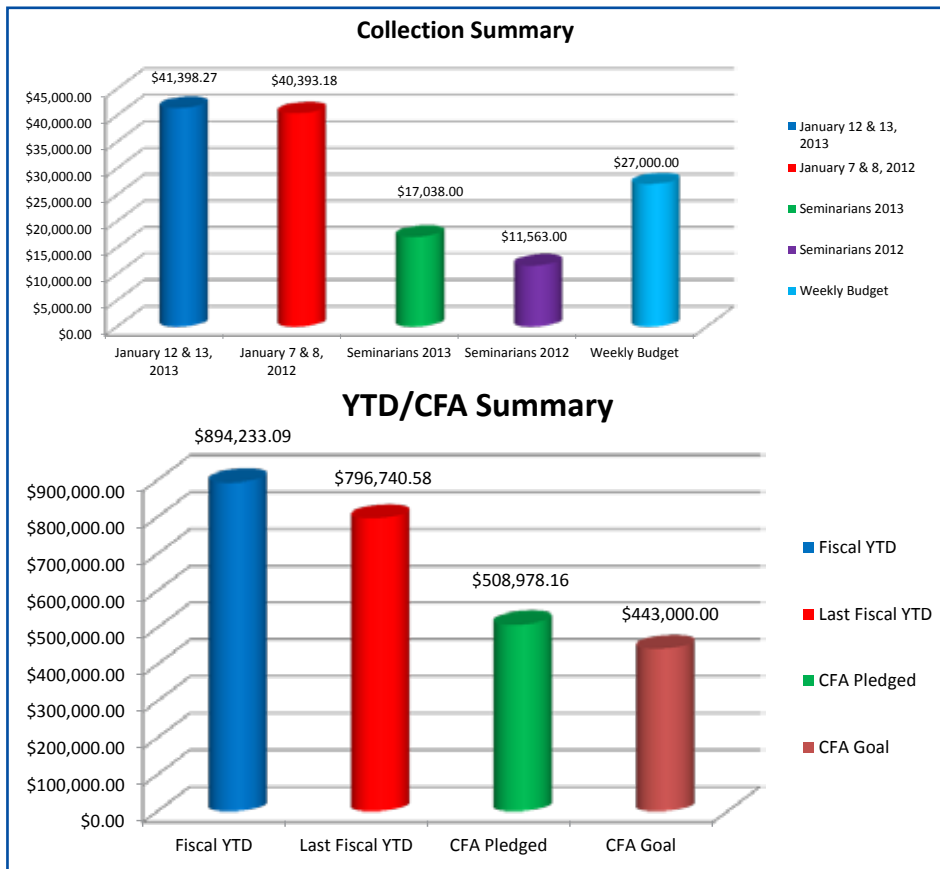
Thanks to a little extra advertising, we had a fantastic collection for the Seminarians last weekend. The collection totaled \$17,038.00, which is an increase of 47.35% over last year. As you know, it is very expensive to prepare these young men for the priesthood. Due to your generosity, we will be able to continue to turn out amazing priests in the Diocese of Venice.

Catholic Charities of Collier County will celebrate 45 years of service to the community on Wednesday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center Ballroom. This special event will recognize the significant and lasting effect Catholic Charities has on the lives of thousands of children, individuals and families in Collier County. The goal of the agency is to fight poverty, strengthen families, and build communities through a myriad of programs and services that ensure human dignity and enhance the quality of life for all persons. Anyone interested in attending the 45th Anniversary Celebration may call Catholic Charities of Collier County at 239.455.2655. There is no cost to attend.

As of this past Wednesday there were already 150 tickets sold for the 15th Annual Super Bowl party to be held on Sunday, February 3. Considering we do not yet know who will be playing in the big game (sadly it will not be my Redskins), this is a great turnout. Although the Packers squandered any opportunity of a team from the Midwest playing in the Super Bowl, there is a good chance that we will have a Northeast team which would be a bonus considering we have a large contingent of seasonal parishioners who spend their summer in this region. We do have a limit of 300 attendees for the party so if you are planning on attending, I suggest that you pick up your ticket very soon.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA  
General Manager



**Spotlight on Stewardship:**  
*Did you know?*

If you or some member of your family requires a gluten free Host, you should contact the parish Sacristan, Lorna Woonsam, at [lorna@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:lorna@saintjohntheevangelist.com).

### Ladies of St. John's Monthly Luncheon January 30 at Stonewood Restaurant

The Ladies of St. John's monthly luncheon will be on Wednesday, January 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the Stonewood Restaurant, 7935 Airport Road, Suite 20. We will order from the menu and pay with cash or credit card.

A free will offering for St. Vincent de Paul will be taken.

Call Barbara Fenn at 261.1894 by January 26 to reserve your spot.

### Development Director Position Available

St. John Neumann Catholic High School in Naples, Florida, is seeking a Director of Development. The Director oversees all fundraising activities for the school including major gifts, annual giving, capital campaigns and other school-related solicitations.

Successful candidate must have a bachelor's degree and a minimum of four years of proven leadership skills in managing a comprehensive development program.

Qualified candidates are invited to email a cover letter, outlining career major accomplishments, salary requirements and the name of their parish with an attached resume to: [humanresources@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:humanresources@dioceseofvenice.org)

## 11th Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal Continues Through End of January

The Christmas Appeal, which runs through January 2013, needs the support of everyone to provide assistance to the most vulnerable persons in your community. This Appeal goal is to raise \$478,000 for the many Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice programs and services available throughout Southwest Florida. A gift to the Christmas Appeal results

in a better way of life for the families and individuals who come to Catholic Charities seeking help to overcome their crisis. To donate, please visit [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org) or mail a check payable to Catholic Charities to 5824 Bee Ridge Road, PMB 409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065. For more information, please call 941.497.0930.

### Diocese of Venice in Florida Prayer for the Year of Faith



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, January 20, 2012: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Chorus

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

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

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

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Response (cf. Ps 96:7b)

Pro - claim his mar - vel-ous deeds to all \_\_\_ the na - tions.

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

Preparation Song How Great Is Our God Chris Tomlin © 2004 CCLI; Reprinted under License #2008891. All rights reserved.

v1) The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice

v2) Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead, Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son;  
The Lion and the Lamb; the Lion and the Lamb!

Chorus

How great \_\_\_ is our God! \_\_\_ Sing with me: \_\_\_ how great is our God!  
4 \_\_\_ And all \_\_\_ will see how great, how great \_\_\_ is our God! \_\_\_

*Bridge*) Name above all names, worthy of all praise, My heart will sing, 'How great is our God!' (*repeat*)

*Sanctus* • Memorial Acclamation (C) • Great Amen • *Agnus Dei*

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

**Spirit of the Living God**      Daniel Iverson

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God,      fall fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God,      fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God,      fall fresh on me.

# Sacred Music In Sacred Spaces

*Our free monthly concert series, now in its second year of great music for the glory of God!*

Next FREE Concert: **3 PM Sunday, January 27**, entitled



## *Arrivederci!*

Come see our Adult Choir off as we share the music we will soon fill five Italian basilicas with! Italian baritone **Dino Valle** join St. John's favorite soprano, **Ellie Roberts**, mezzo **Jennine Fuentes**, & **Tom Oram** to fill our church with soul-stirring sacred music from everything from Verdi operas to gospel music!

*This sacred program features selections from the works of Verdi, Mozart, Lauridsen, Oram, & more!*



Upcoming **Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**, at **7 PM** in the PLC Ballroom: **GOD & COUNTRY**,  
*an evening with the Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus*

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

# The Word & Life



## The Divine Drama Unfolds

### Reflection Questions

1. Why does the fourth evangelist refer to this miracle as a sign?
2. Why does Mary approach Jesus about the problem of the lack of wine?
3. What does Jesus' response mean?
4. What wisdom provoked Mary to tell the servants, "Do whatever he tells you?"
5. In what ways do I experience God's generosity?
6. How has God gifted me?
7. How can I reveal the fruits of God's presence in my life?
8. Who am I?
9. What am I called to become?

As we recall the event of the wedding feast at Cana, we can almost imagine ourselves there. Weddings are usually beautiful affairs. Cana was no exception. The music was playing. People had gathered to honor the love of a couple. The dancing and festival was underway and the wine was flowing — so much so that they ran out of it! On the surface, the wedding feast of Cana sounds like any other wedding. However, for the author of John's gospel, Cana sets the stage for a divine drama to unfold. The mother of Jesus approaches her son to tell him there is no more wine. It appears that Mary wants her son to do something about the lack of wine, saving her hosts from embarrassment. We can ask ourselves whether or not something stirred in Mary that day telling her that it was Jesus' time to reveal the power of God within him. The interchange between Jesus and Mary seems to be quite intense. Jesus inquires why this embarrassment should be of concern to him. Mary knows that her intercession with her son would ultimately lead him to provide. This intensity culminates in the powerful sign of changing water into wine. The abundance of wine points to the generosity of God through the ministry of Jesus. Jesus changes the water, used for Jewish ceremonial washings, into wine. Using the fruit of the vine, Jesus reveals God's bounty, through himself, as the essential purification. The knowledge that God provides for us inspires us to lead holy and pure lives.

This same generosity is gifted to us in our Christian experience. Jesus' ministry, recorded in the gospels and the scriptures, reveals God's great love for humanity. The miracles, parables, and teachings communicate that our God wants to enter into deeper relationship with all of us. Mary's words are just as important to us today as they were 2000 years ago — we must do whatever Jesus tells us to do and follow his example of

love and concern. God can bear fruit through us. We can experience God's generosity every time that we reach out to others in love. As Christians we must do what the Lord told us to do in the gospel and follow his example.

Our second reading points out that each of us have been given different gifts to express our love and concern. But it is the one Spirit and the one God who provides us with these realities. When we consider peoples of different Christian traditions and other faiths, we find that God's spirit of truth is immeasurable and quite abundant. We believe as Catholics that we have been given the fullness of God's truth through scripture and tradition, but we are called to recognize the presence of God in those who are not of our faith and strive for unity. Likewise, we are asked to bestow God's generosity on those who do not share the same faith that we do.

## Prayer

*Lord, as we journey through life, make us more aware of your presence among us. May we never fail to see the signs of your love in the reality of those around us. Help us to cherish your divine spirit that exists in all people of different faiths, cultures and ways of life. As we encounter those around us, may we always be attentive to the voice of your Son. Amen.*

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



*Image: Life of Christ, Marriage at Cana.*

*Source: Wikimedia Commons/Giotto di Bondone, Cappella Scrovegni a Padova*

## Voices of Faith

### A Wedding Feast

The veiled virgin waits at home  
To glimpse her groom with love in his eyes  
The guests wait in anticipation  
To witness the betrothal come to fulfillment  
The wine is ready for the feast of love  
The servants stand ready to serve

And so the shofar sounds  
Announcing the arrival of the groom  
Promises are exchanged between  
The groom and his bride  
And so they enter into a covenant with God  
That time cannot hinder nor man divide

The dance of love begins  
The melodic harp and seven stringed lyre  
The frame-drum and reed pipe with trumpet blasts  
Together offer the symphony in which this new union  
Finds its harmony and beat in which this couple set sail together

They knew not that God was their welcome guest  
A witness of their love and hospitality  
Feasting on choicest fare He looks on  
Enjoying the company of his family and friends  
Purification jars await the sign of his glory  
Empty vessels waiting to be filled

The sleepy town of Kafar Kana  
Hears the music begin to slow  
As guests recline to eat and drink  
But as the night sky appears and the stars fill the skies  
The wine runs dry  
And hospitality becomes compromised

Mother Mary looks on with loving concern  
Petitioning her Son she bids him save this wretched hour  
"My hour has not yet come!" so Jesus says  
Looking at his hosts in their despair  
"Do whatever he tells you" does Mary say  
Waiting in anticipation for his glory to be revealed

The mercy of God runs through the heart of the Nazarene  
As he orders the ceremonial jars be filled with water  
And so God stirs up the water  
"Draw from these waters," did Jesus say, "the head-waiter must taste"  
Oblivious to the reality of God's abundance  
He questions the bridegroom

In a moment of clarity the bridegroom receives the gift  
The glory of God's presence pours forth from Jesus  
Into water jars deep  
People drink and are satisfied  
The groom's dignity is secured  
And the disciples begin to believe

Such was the sign that continues to lead others to God  
Where the abundance of God is forever present  
Waiting to satisfy man's thirst  
Mother Mary's command to the servants  
Bids us on: "Do whatever he tells you!"  
As man heeds this call the glory of God awaits and so does the promise!

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

# Faith Formation



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## Mark Your Calendar

**February 13**

*Ash Wednesday*

*(NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES)*

**February 20**

*First Communion Parent Meeting*

**March 20**

*First Communion Activity Night*

**March 28-31**

*Easter Triduum*

## Faith Formation News

**Ash Wednesday...**is on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. No Faith Formation classes are scheduled. However, families are encouraged to receive their ashes at the 7 p.m. evening Mass to remind ourselves and our children to turn away from sin, to be faithful to the Gospel, and to proclaim our Catholic Christian identity to others.

**First Communion Parent Meeting...**will be on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the seminar room in the Claussen Center. All parents who have children making their First Eucharist in May 2013 need to attend this meeting. This is our last First Communion parent meeting.

**First Communion Activity Night...**will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom, seminar room and classrooms. Banners will be made that will be hung in the church for the First Holy Communion Ceremony. All sacramental students must participate.

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

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By Kathleen M. Carroll

We often think of our birthdays as a natural beginning, but as the miracle at Cana shows, weddings are where the real magic happens. One of the stories in my family is of a great-great-grandfather who had made a little money and decided it was time to find a wife. He took work on a barge heading down the Mississippi and disembarked in New Orleans, trusting that heaven would guide him to his future bride. He knew he'd succeeded when he met a charming young woman—and her last name already matched his own!

Had it not been for that bizarre train of events, I'd not be here today. Nor would my four children, my six siblings, or my fifty-six first cousins, to mention just a few. Weddings, whether grand events or hurried formalities, are where families start.

By beginning his public ministry at a wedding, Jesus emphasizes that he came to pave the way and issue the invitation for us to join his family. The Church asks us to reflect the wider family of Christianity in our own "domestic churches." How does your family live up to this challenge?

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## PRAYER

O God,  
in our celebration  
Of the Eucharist,  
may we experience  
the transforming power  
of your love  
and a joyful foretaste  
of the delights  
we hope to share  
in the eternal wedding feast  
of your kingdom.  
Amen.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

### GRADE 1

**Life Question:** How do you bring joy to others?

**Gospel Question:** How does Jesus show his love at the wedding feast?

### GRADES 2-3

**Life Question:** When do you celebrate in your family?

**Gospel Question:** How is Jesus with us at Mass?

### GRADES 4-5

**Life Question:** What signs do you see around you?

**Gospel Question:** How does Jesus gather with his followers and celebrate today?

### GRADES 6-8

**Life Question:** What do children need in order to grow and thrive?

**Gospel Question:** How does Jesus gather with his followers and celebrate today?

### GRADES 9-12

**Life Question:** What is love to you?

**Gospel Question:** In what sense is Jesus the life of the party?

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# Jamaica Outreach Program

## Jammin' for Jamaica Festival Very Casual Attire Dinner/Dance

**Friday January 25, 2013**

**5:30 p.m. St. John the Evangelist Ballroom**

**\$50 per person**

Complimentary Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing,  
Auctions and Treasure Chest



Call Jeanne Stamant 514-0290 for credit card and telephone orders .

**Tickets also available after Masses this weekend.**

Please let us know who you want to be seated with.



Teresa  
Tomeo

Men & Women Are Invited!  
Pre-Payment Strongly Encouraged  
SEATING IS LIMITED

### BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE

Teresa Tomeo is an author, syndicated Catholic talk show host, and motivational speaker with more than 30 years of experience in TV, radio, and newspaper. Her daily morning radio program, Catholic Connection, is heard on over 200 Catholic stations nationwide. In her eye-opening presentation, Bringing America Back to Life, Teresa points out how the corruptive campaign promoting abortion, birth control, euthanasia, and sexual promiscuity is insidious. The media have crept into virtually every area of the culture and our lives. Teresa shows us the depth of this problem and how we can engage rather than give in to the culture of death.

**Wednesday, February 20, 2013  
6:30pm to 8:30pm**

St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom  
625 11th Avenue North  
Naples, FL 34108

\$15/person Early Bird - \$20/person after 2/13/2013  
(includes a glass of wine or beer and light dinner)

Register & Pre-Pay at  
[www.faihandwine.com](http://www.faihandwine.com)  
OR

mail a check payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc."  
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Mary Beth M. Clary  
Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, LLP  
9132 Strada Place, 3rd Floor  
Naples, FL 34108

Hosted by: Faith and Wine & Faith and Ale Naples

## Catholic Charities Will Celebrate 45 Years in Collier County

Catholic Charities of Collier County, Diocese of Venice Inc. will celebrate 45 years of service to the community on Wednesday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Naples. This special event, which is free, will recognize the significant and lasting effect Catholic Charities has on the lives of thousands of children, individuals and families

in Collier County. The goal of the agency is to fight poverty, strengthen families and build communities through a myriad of programs and services that ensure human dignity and enhance the quality of life for all persons. Anyone interested in attending the 45th Anniversary Celebration may call Judy Sullivan at 261.3903 or email her at wilsonsullivan@comcast.net

## Women's Bible Study to Reflect on the Gospel of St. Mark

Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. or on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. to study the Gospel of St. Mark. One of the authors has just appeared on EWTN "Bookmark" with Doug Keck. The other author is the Cardinal of the Netherlands. For more information, call Linda Reilly at 821.8982 or Maggie Miller at 687.0687. Join the women for fun and friendship and learn a lot.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### *Understanding the Gospels*

*Presented by Deacon Hal Brenner*



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is conducting a course on **Understanding the Gospels** which continues on consecutive Tuesdays. Classes are held from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Parish Life Center. 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 3 - 1/22/13	<b>The Bible — What Is It? Mark: The Onion Approach!</b>	Class 9 - 3/5/13	<b>Tools for Biblical Interpretation Luke's Good News of Mercy</b>
Class 4 - 1/29/13	<b>The Bible — Inspiration, Revelation, and Gospels Solving the Mystery</b>	Class 10 - 3/12/13	<b>The Bible — Process and Understanding Luke's Grand Finale</b>
Class 5 - 2/5/13	<b>How Do You Know? Matthew: The Bridge</b>	Class 11 - 3/19/13	<b>How to Read the Bible The "Un-Synoptic" Gospel</b>
Class 6 - 2/12/13	<b>The Bible — How to Use It and Gospel Sources Matthew's Good News</b>	Class 12 - 3/26/13	<b>Review/Summary/ Images of God John's "Book of Signs"</b>
Class 7 - 2/19/13	<b>Gospel Summary Jesus the Teacher</b>	Class 13 - 4/2/13	<b>THE Relationship From Death to Life</b>
Class 8 - 2/26/13	<b>Key Biblical Dates Luke's Good News</b>		

## Save the Dates

### Women's Conference

The 2013 Diocese of Venice Women's Conference will be Saturday, February 16, at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. Celebrate the "Year of Faith" with other women.

The keynote speaker is Teresa Tomeo, author, syndicated Catholic talk show host and motivational speaker. Also speaking is Sister Mary Gabriel of the Sisters of Life and Dr. Jennifer Morse.

Announcements will be forthcoming regarding registration details.

### Men's Conference

The 2013 Diocese of Venice Men's Conference will be held Saturday, March 2, at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. Celebrate the "Year of Faith" with other men.

The keynote speaker will be Scott Hahn, author, theologian and Catholic apologist. Also speaking at the conference is Dr. Peter Kleponis and Gus Lloyd.

Announcements will be forthcoming regarding registration, conference details and the presenters.

**Remaining Big  
Band Dances**

**Tuesday,  
January 22**

**Thursday,  
February 7**

**Tuesday,  
February 19**

**Tuesday,  
March 5**

**Tuesday,  
March 19**

**Tuesday,  
April 2**

**To reserve a  
table of 8, call  
239-394-0470**

# BIG BAND DANCE

## Next Dance of the Season

**Tuesday, January 22, 2013**

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

*Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era*

*Featuring the Live Southwest Florida*

*16-piece Orchestra*



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

**Admission:**

\$10.00 cash  
only at the door  
~ includes snacks

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

- Beer ~ \$2.00  
per 12 oz. cup;  
\$7.00 per 60 oz.  
pitcher

- Wine and  
Mixed Drinks  
~ \$3.00

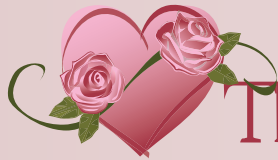
**Dress:** Country  
Club Casual  
(No shorts please.)

*Singles Welcome*

*Sponsored by  
the Men's Club*

The Knights of Columbus at St. John the Evangelist

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# The Valentine's Day Dance

Saturday, February 9

With Billy Dean and Dawn

6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

(Entertainment and dinner  
begin at 6:30 p.m.)

**OPEN BAR**

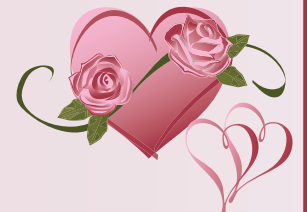
**Tickets: \$45 per person.**

**On sale after all weekend masses. No  
sales after February 3rd or at the door.**

Please make checks payable to:  
The Knights of Columbus.

For more information, please contact

**Jim McDonald at 598-3789**



**JACKETS  
REQUIRED.**

Last year's event supported  
the following charities:  
Guadeloupe Social Services,  
Immokalee Pregnancy  
Center, Providence House,  
St. Joseph Food Pantry, St.  
Mathews House, St. Vincent  
DePaul, and Sunlight Home.



## St. John the Evangelist *Getting To Know You* NAME TAGS

For a minimal investment of \$5.00 you can buy a St. John name tag which will include: Your name and hometown city and state. By wearing it to Mass and Church gatherings we will all get to know one another better. You can attach your payment with the order form below and drop it in the collection basket or you can make your payment when you pick up your tag.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Town City \_\_\_\_\_ Home Town State or Country \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE** for the backing: **MAGNET** or **PIN**

**NOTE: Those with a pacemaker/defibrillator should purchase the nametag with a pin backing.**

We will call you when your name tag arrives. You can pay for it when you pick it up if you have not already paid. Nametags will be in the Parish Office during regular staff hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*St. John the Evangelist, 625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108*

### St. John the Evangelist Men's Club

625 111th Ave No., Naples  
Presents

## SOCK HOP

Tickets \$15.00 per person available at the door,  
Includes five \$1.00 tickets to be used to purchase  
hot dogs, ice cream, cookies, beer, wine and soda.



Friday, February 1, 2013  
6:30 - 10:00 PM  
**MUSIC @ 7:00 featuring  
oldies of the 50's, 60's & 70's  
By Detroit Joe Turner**

#### **Join in the fun!**

Jitter Bug Contest

• Best Dressed Couple

50/50 Raffle

Enjoy free popcorn

#### **NOTE:**

If you wish to reserve a table  
for 8, call Andy @ 949-7122  
no later than January 18.

Payment must be made to  
hold your table.

### Bonita Village Band FREE Concert

*Director Al Dalton*

**Friday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m.  
in Parish Life Center**

*Donations accepted for music scholarships,  
elementary and high school students.*

*Questions - Call Pat Lampe 592-7845*

### ***Saint Ann Catholic School Open House Sunday, January 27***

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated nationally and locally the week of January 27 to February 2. Saint Ann Catholic School will kick off the week with an all-school Open House on Sunday, January 27. All parishioners are invited to the Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Library. Guests can enjoy refreshments, take a tour of the campus and meet the faculty. Saint Ann Catholic School is located at 542 Eighth Avenue South, Naples. For more information, contact Liz Simoes at 239.262.4110 ext. 300, or email her at [lsimoes@stann.net](mailto:lsimoes@stann.net)

### ***St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School Open House Sunday, January 27***

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School will host its Open House Sunday, January 27, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. There will be classroom tours, information and refreshments. New families receive \$100 off registration at Open House. St. Elizabeth Seton is located at 2730 53rd Terrace SW, Naples.

For more information, contact Mrs. Gina Groch, M.A., Assistant Principal at 239.455.2262. Visit the website at [www.saintelizabethseton.com](http://www.saintelizabethseton.com)

St. John's 15th Annual  
**SUPERBOWL PARTY**

**Sunday, February 3, 2013**

**Doors Open & Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.**

**Game Time - TBA**

**\$25 PER PERSON INCLUDES:**

**Pork Loin Sandwiches, Chicken Wings,  
Sausage, Salads, Cheese Trays, Chips,  
Popcorn and Cake**

**\*\*BEER & WINE INCLUDED AT NO EXTRA CHARGE**

**\*\*BYOB—MIXERS PROVIDED**

**WATCH THE GAME ON OUR  
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*(Ask those who have attended in the past  
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***Tickets are available in Parish Office***

***Reserved tables for parties of 8 or more***

***Games of Chance Available***

***BET A BUCK — WIN A BUNDLE***