


January 6, 2013
The Epiphany of the Lord



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SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Christmas Story



Sacred Music in Sacred Spaces presented *The Christmas Story* — the timeless tale of the Nativity — as retold by Fr. John, Friday, December 21. The program featured the three choirs: Children's, Contemporary and Adult, as well as several soloists. (Photos by Fr. John)



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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

January 5, 2013	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Bill Jorgenson	Glavanovits Family
		Vigil Masses	
3:00 PM	+	Lambert & Louise Abell	Kathy & Bob Sims
5:00 PM	+	Ann Mulvey	Her Family
		<i>Flowers in Memory of Charles (Chuck) Sanclemente</i>	
January 6, 2013	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Bruno Francioli	Joe & Kate Schmitz
9:00 AM	+	Al & Joan Moser	Children
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Dr. Francis Healey	Lois Wellman
5:00 PM	+	Rose Ann Ferrick	Bill & Eileen Carr
January 7, 2013	Monday		
8:00 AM	+	Richard Adams	Lynn & Jerry Grace
9:00 AM	+	Thomas Mirisola	Ann Macaulay
January 8, 2013	Tuesday		
8:00 AM	+	Maxine Smith	Dolores Kernochan
9:00 AM	+	Blanche Bouvy	Jack & Madeline Gaffey
January 9, 2013	Wednesday		
8:00 AM	+	Loretta Donovan	Tom & Helen McDonagh
9:00 AM	+	Richard Adams	Lynn & Jerry Grace
January 10, 2013	Thursday		
8:00 AM	+	Richard Adams	Lynn & Jerry Grace
9:00 AM	+	Dorothy Piccolo	William Pease
January 11, 2013	Friday		
8:00 AM	+	Patricia Sullivan	Madeline & Jack Gaffey
9:00 AM	+	Richard Adams	Lynn & Jerry Grace
January 12, 2013	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Blanche Bouvy	Ned & Mary Lou Leibig
		Vigil Masses	
3:00 PM	+	Emma Geoffray	Dolores Kernochan
5:00 PM	+	Keith Kurnath	Ken & Marianne Kurnath
January 13, 2013	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Rita Perrotta	Susie & Steve Linzalone
9:00 AM	+	Rita Perrotta	N. & G. Lattarulo
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Vincent Leone	Settimo & Lorraine Leave
5:00 PM	+	Florence Setlak	Deanne Czapple

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.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 5, 2013
St. John Neumann; First Saturday
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Vigil Masses
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Sunday, January 6, 2013
The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 7, 2013
St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas
1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 8, 2013
1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 9, 2013
1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 10, 2013
1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 11, 2013
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 12, 2013
1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Vigil Masses
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Sunday, January 13, 2013
Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Homebound: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at any time to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Contact Maureen Wurtz 593.0475

THIS WEEK'S MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE...

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Hymns for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 5 & 6

Entrance Hymn:	228	We Three Kings
Preparation Hymn:	227	The First Nowell
Communion Hymn:	495	Bread of Life (<i>starting with the Christmas verses</i>)
	230	What Child Is This
Closing Hymn:	231	Angels, From the Realms of Glory

Choral Anthems at the 9 & 11:15 AM Masses

Before the Mass	Come, Follow That Star	<i>Don Besig & Nancy Price</i>
At Communion	Panis Angelicus	<i>Cesar Franck</i>



The Catholic Community of
St. John the Evangelist,
along with our Clergy and Baptism Team,
will celebrate our newest baptized members
at the 11:15 a.m. Mass on January 13, 2013, the
special Feast Day of The Baptism of the Lord.
All are welcomed to attend.

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.

Winners of the Middle Schoolers' "Snowman" Building Contest (with toilet paper)

*Winners (left) and
runners-up (bottom)*

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 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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Diocese of Venice in Florida Prayer for the Year of Faith



YEAR OF FAITH 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.



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Venice continues to be blessed with vocations to the priesthood, evidenced by the four new priests ordained this past year, two recently ordained Transitional Deacons and 13 seminarians. Your support of the Annual Collection for Seminarian Education and Vocations is crucial, as it will allow for the education of our seminarians, increase vocation recruitment and ensure priests for the future of the Diocese of Venice.

Pope Benedict XVI stated recently, *"Every specific vocation is in fact born of the initiative of God; it is a gift of the Love of God! He is the One who takes the "first step", and not because he has found something good in us, but because of the presence of his own love "poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom 5:5)."*

I kindly ask you to pray for our seminarians and for an increase in priestly and religious vocations in the Church. Further, I ask that you give to the financial support of the education of our future priests.

The Annual Collection, on behalf of vocations and seminarian education, will be taken up in all parishes of the Diocese the weekend of January 12-13, 2013. This is a unique opportunity to act as good stewards in support of the future of our Church. Thank you for your generosity and your prayers for these seminarians.

I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurance of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Coming Events for the Jamaica Outreach Program

The next six weeks will be a busy time for the JOP, and we welcome anyone who would like to climb aboard our volunteer wagon or join us in our efforts to make a difference in Kingston, Jamaica.

January 25: Jamaica Festival: "We Be Jammin' Mon!"

The Festival provides an evening of dancing and dining with a silent auction to add to the fun. This is a great opportunity to fill a table with friends and neighbors from the North who have just arrived back in town. For ticket information check elsewhere in the bulletin or call Jeanne Stamant at 514.0290.

February 1-4: Jamaica Choir visits St. John the Evangelist

Hosting opportunities are still available for anyone who would like to get up close and personal with choir members from Jamaica. This is a rare opportunity to welcome into your home some wonderful representatives from our sister parishes in Jamaica. Martha Mador can fill you in on all the particulars. Call her at 992.2646 if you feel inclined to widen your comfort zone and reach out to some amazing people.

February 16 -17: Annual Food Drive for the St. Pius Food Pantry

Now is the time to take advantage of the "Buy One Get One Free" at our local supermarkets. Our Annual Food Drive will be held on February 16-17. The food pantry at St. Pius is nearly empty and the need to fill the shelves is greater than ever. This year's challenge is to fill the 20 foot ocean bound container with canned vegetables, fruit and juice; dry pasta and beans; that's something we have never had to do before. It will be a formidable task that will depend on everyone's participation and good will. Can we count on you to help? Call Martha and Jean Mador at 992.2646 if you have any questions or ideas on how to make this our most productive food drive ever!

— JOP



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.

AND SPECIAL GUESTS... Andrea Molinari, Ph.D.

Eric Sammons, M.A.

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

SCHEDULE

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

4:00pm: Closing Prayer/ Departure

TOPICS

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

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

Sponsored by the Blessed Edmund Rice School



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.

Additional Parking for Weekend and Daily 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.

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
This program will be presented in two separate locations on different dates for the benefit of the entire community

Sunday, January 6, 2013 at 2:00PM

San Marco Catholic Church
851 San Marco Road, Marco Island

OR

Sunday, February 3, 2013 at 2:00PM

St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church
Seminar Room - Claussen Center
625 111th 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

God Is Author of All Truth — Truths of Faith and Truths of Science

In our previous column, we looked at how our culture believes there is a conflict between faith and reason, religion and science. Science is believed to produce “real” knowledge, while faith is believed to produce mere “opinion.” The Catholic Church, on the other hand, sees no conflict between faith and science. In fact, Catholics believe that because God is the author of all truth — the truths of faith and the truths of science — there can be no conflict

between these two orders of knowledge because God cannot contradict himself.



Bill Maguire
Director
of Youth Ministry

The *YouCat* gave us a hint on how to understand the knowledge that comes from faith by giving the example of a parachuter. In the first example, he asks an attendant whether his parachute has been packed properly. The attendant responds, saying: “I think so.” Thus, the parachuter does not have a sure knowledge about whether the parachute is packed safely. In the second example, however, the parachuter’s friend assures

him, “Yes, the parachute is packed properly. I packed it myself.” In the second case, the parachuter has sure knowledge that his parachute has been packed safely.

This example gives us a key to understanding the kind of knowledge that comes through faith. Unlike science, which gives empirical knowledge that can be repeated through experimentation, the knowledge accessible through faith is known through a relationship with the one who has the knowledge. In the case of the parachuter, he knows his parachute has been packed safely not based on experimentation, but through his relationship with his friend who has given him the knowledge. His knowledge is no less certain, however, than the knowledge a scientist has regarding the fact that water freezes at 32 degrees.

The knowledge that comes through faith, then, is knowledge of non-empirical truths. Take the example of love: love has no weight, color, taste, etc. Science, then, has no capacity to address questions of love, because love is not empirical. We can, however, have sure knowledge of love when we are in a relationship with someone who loves us. I cannot, for example, design a scientific experiment to determine whether my mom loves me. However, over the course of the past 42 years my mom has given me ample evidence that she does in fact love me. Thus, I know with certitude that my mom’s love for me is real.

The knowledge of faith, then, is different than the knowledge of science because of their objects: science gives us access to empirical truths; faith gives us access to non-empirical truths, like love, beauty, truth and goodness. They also differ according to method: science proceeds by experimentation; faith proceeds by relationship. The evidence provided by faith is based on whether the person giving us the information is qualified, knowledgeable and trustworthy.

In the case of theistic faith, the truths revealed are supernatural: in other words, these truths are above our nature and we would have no access to them unless God revealed them to us. An example will illustrate: you would not know my favorite baseball team unless I revealed this to you. Similarly, there are truths about God we could never know simply through the use of our reason. Rather, we can know them only if God chooses to reveal them to us. The fact that God is a Trinity — and eternal communion of love between Father, Son and Holy Spirit — is something we could never know unless revealed to us from above. The question, then, is whether Jesus was qualified, knowledgeable and trustworthy when it comes to questions of God.

While there is not space to examine in depth the question of Jesus’ reliability on questions related to God, Jesus did provide adequate evidence for us to trust the revelations he gave us. If a person claims to be God and backs up this claim through countless miracles, including his own resurrection, we can have sure knowledge about God by believing what he taught. Jesus, as God, is uniquely qualified and trustworthy when it comes to teaching us about God and God’s plan for us. This knowledge is more certain than any knowledge we could possibly attain through science, because it has been revealed to us by greatest expert imaginable: God himself.

Upcoming Events:

High School will resume on January 6.

Middle School will resume on January 9 and onward from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Bill Maguire, M.T.S

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(mobile) 239.330.5955



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

Middle School Youth meets from 5:30 to 7:00 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

Divine Gift Boutique. WINTER HOURS:

Saturday: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 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

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

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, Jan. 22 at Harbor Memory Care, Naples, at 2:00 p.m. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites. Phyllis Grysiewicz, 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	Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	Lt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army
Sgt. Michael Flood U.S. Army	1Lt. Robert Pedrigo U.S. Army
Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines	Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army
Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	Lt. Gregory Spencer U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)
Cpl. Dylan Granza (Serving in Afghanistan)	Houng Tran U.S. Army
	IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN) Deployed on U.S.S. Boxer

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:

Raymond Duquette

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

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

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...

JANUARY 6, 2013 ~ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



On behalf of the clergy and staff of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. 2012 was a year of many changes and many great accomplishments! 2013 looks to be even better. Are you glad the holidays

are over? Although the Christmas Season recognizes a very important occurrence in the birth of Jesus Christ, it is difficult to maintain any type of normalcy during this time with all of the extracurricular activities taking place. For those who have been traveling (and possibly stranded) over this hectic period and for those who may be arriving in Naples for the first time this season, welcome back. We look forward to an incredibly fun and spiritual filled 2013 at St. John the Evangelist.

I am always eager to convey positive news to our parish family. Well do I have some great news for you! As of December 27, we had exceeded our 2012 Catholic Faith Appeal goal. In addition, we had in excess of \$10,000.00 yet to be recorded, which will come directly back to the parish free of assessment. This is the earliest we have ever reached goal. As a matter of fact, in the years we were successful, there was plenty of scrambling at the last minute to reach goal. At this same point last year, we were still \$55,000.00 shy of our goal. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the 2012 Catholic Faith Appeal. Whether it was a \$5.00 or 5,000.00 gift, the power of volume worked in our favor. Let us hope that we have begun a new streak that will have no end. This is the last you will hear from me regarding the CFA until February.

Have you seen the engraved brick pavers at the foot of the "Lest we Forget" Veterans Memorial? The first batch of pavers was installed prior to Christmas and look great. If you are interested in purchasing one to honor or memorialize a loved one, please contact me at your earliest convenience. The cost is \$150.00 per brick paver. The granite benches will hopefully have been completed by the time you read my column. We were waiting for the final donor to return from up north in order to engrave. Thank you for your patience.

Have you taken a trip to the "Horse Races" at Gulfstream Park with our parish? Bob Valentine (parishioner and horse racing aficionado) has been coordinating these outings for the past four years. This is a great way to spend the day away from home and an even better chance to win a buck or two hundred. This is also a great opportunity to meet and socialize with your fellow parishioners. The first trip of the season will take place in late January (exact date not yet confirmed.) The bus leaves the Parish Life Center promptly at 10:30 a.m. and Bob

asks that you be onsite by 10:00 a.m. After you enjoy juice and snacks on the trip over, you will be treated to a full buffet in the clubhouse, a complimentary program and a \$2 betting voucher. The last race is at approximately 5:00 p.m. which should put you back at St. John at approximately 7:30 p.m. Kathy Valentine will serve cocktails on the return trip, while Bob assists in tending bar. The maximum number of seats available on the bus is 50. Please see the advertisement in next week's bulletin for further details.

The Super Bowl is fast approaching. On February 3 we will host the 15th Annual Super Bowl Party in the PLC Ballroom. The cost remains \$25 per person and includes an all you can eat buffet, beer, wine and soda. There will also be numerous games of chance available during the game. For those who attended last year, you can attest that the viewing experience on our new AV system was second to none. Please see the ad in this week's bulletin. Tickets will be available this coming Monday, January 7 in the parish office.

Speaking of our new (one year old) AV system in the ballroom; did you know that this \$55,000.00 state of the art system was gifted to St. John the Evangelist by the NCWA (Naples Council on World Affairs?) The NCWA hosts eight speaking engagements annually in our ballroom. The only caveat with their gift is that the system be available for their use on these eight dates. Thank you to the NCWA for your very generous gift.

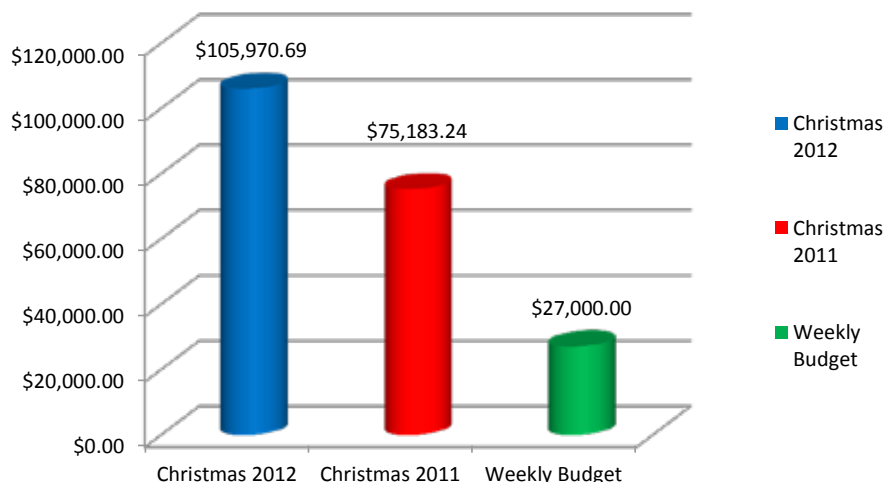
Lighting update:

The lighting saga continues as we tweak the installation. We are in the process of installing dimmer packs to control all of the lighting via our Ipad. This was not included on the initial proposal, however, it was determined that to effectively control all fixtures, this was a necessary addition. We hope to have the dimmer packs installed next week and the project should finally be completed.

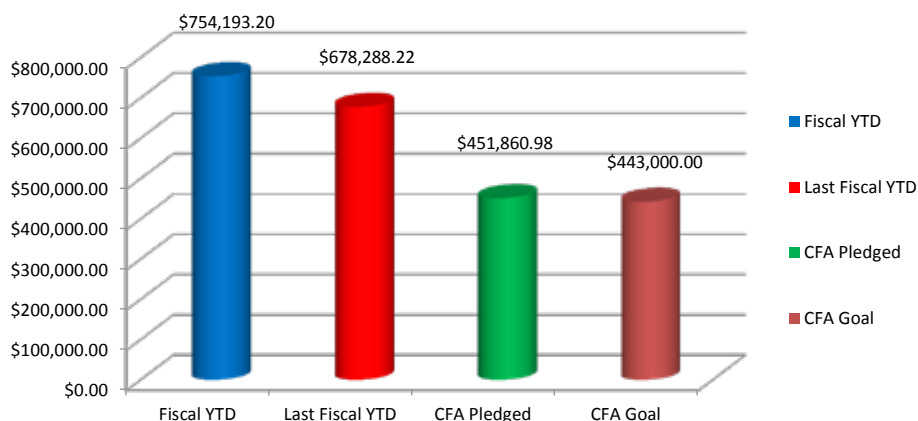
In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager

Collection Summary



YTD/CFA Summary



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.

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.

11th Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal

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 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.

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:

**all you can eat buffet,
beer, wine and soda**

WATCH THE GAME ON OUR FOUR 12' SCREENS

while enjoying the best Superbowl deal in town

(Ask those who have attended in the past and understand why this is true.)

Games of Chance Available

BET A BUCK

— WIN A BUNDLE

Tickets are available

in Parish Office

Reserved tables for parties of 8 or more

Communion Songs

This Is Jesus

Jim Cowan

This is Je - sus, Em - man - u - el; God is
with us in this sac - ra - ment. Come re - ceive Him, a -
dore Him; This is Je - sus, our Lord.

Verse 1) Bright Star of David, Radiance of God
now become the Living Bread, the Body of the Lord!
Come in adoration, receive with trembling hands
the Sacrament most holy, the Banquet of the Lamb!
Verse 2) Drink of living waters flowing from the Lord,
Taste the Cup of blessing, partake of Precious Blood!
River of salvation, holy cleansing tide,
Fountain of redemption flowing from the Savior's side!

Verse 3) Priest of highest honor,
King and Sov'reign Lord,
Unblemished Lamb of sacrifice,
your very life outpoured!
Royal Paschal victim, true begotten Son
Offered as our ransom by the Holy One!

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GREENSLEEVES / traditional; Scott Soper

Closing Song **In the Light**

Charlie Peacock

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Verse 1) I keep trying to find a life
on my own apart from you
I am the king of excuses:
I've got one for every selfish thing I do

Verse 2) The disease of "self" runs through my blood
It's a cancer fatal to my soul
Every attempt on my behalf has failed
to bring this sickness under control

Tell me, what's go-ing on in - side of me? I des - pise my own be - hav -
- ior. This on-ly serves to con-firm my sus-pic-ions that I'm still some-one in need of a
sav-ior. I want to be in the light, as you are in the light. I want to shine like the stars in the
hea - vens. O Lord, be my light, and be my sal-va-tion, 'cause all I want is to be in the
light. All I want is to be in the light.

The Word & Life

The Fourth Gift of the Magi

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word “Epiphany” literally translated means “manifestation of the Lord”. We recall on this day how Jesus was revealed to the world through the visit of the magi. Much has been written about the arrival of the magi. We know that they came from countries from the east. Some say they were kings, others astrologers. It is more likely that they were astrologers because kings of that time could not simply enter the Kingdom of another monarch. It would have been considered an intrusion and a threat against the king. In the account of the gospel, we find that Herod was troubled at the announcement of the birth

of the newborn king of the Jews. He, after all, was the king. However, Herod is frightened by the fact that what these men had observed was the fulfillment of prophecy. His request made to the magi of sending word of where Jesus was so he could do Him homage was not a gesture to bless Jesus’ presence in the world, but to destroy it! Listening to a dream, these men avoid Herod and return using another route.

The magi offer their homage to Jesus and offer their gifts. They also followed their dreams and learned to discern signs. These people recognized how creation heralded the coming of Christ by using a star and how it led them to the place where the Holy Family was staying. The magi not only offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, but also the gift of tolerance. The magi were strangers in a foreign land who sought out a newborn king so they could offer their homage and respect. These discerners recognized that the world could celebrate the positive events of cosmic time. The wise men were familiar with scripture – together they reflected on the Word and acted upon it. They welcomed the great sign in the cosmos in which was brought forth a great light. They followed that light that led them to

Reflection Questions

1. How has God manifested himself in my life?
2. What experiences of life have led me to God?
3. What gifts can I offer to Jesus Christ?
4. How do I cherish the gift of tolerance within my own life?
5. Where do I see myself going in life?
6. What is my purpose?
7. What is my ultimate goal?
8. How will I achieve this goal and purpose?
9. How do I regard people of different faith?
10. How is God manifesting his presence in the world today?

Christ and they freely offered their gifts. Most of all, the wise men, like Simeon, recognized Jesus for who he was – they just knew.

The Epiphany of the Lord is a reminder to us that the Christ event is for the whole world. It calls us to question how we welcome Christ into our own lives and how we give of ourselves. The gift of tolerance that the magi embraced also prompts countries of the world to celebrate the gift of diversity and to come to unity.

The problem with our world is that people have a desire to make a particular faith absolute to the point that it excludes and even tries to destroy others. We only have to look at the Muslim extremists and the terrorist attacks in recent years to see how people use differences to create a chasm between one another. Within Christianity we also find fundamentalism which creates division rather than unity. The witness of the magi urges us to celebrate the gift of faith holding onto our similarities rather than our differences. As Catholics, we have been given the fullness of faith and we are asked to give witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. The magisterium of the Church recognizes that all faiths possess something of the spirit of truth. We are called, therefore, to open and honest dialogue.

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



Prayer

*Lord we present to you four gifts.
We offer you gold – it is the treasure
found within our faith and the
way that we love. We offer you
frankincense – the sweet aroma of
Christ working through us. We offer
you myrrh – the anointing of our very
baptism calling us to bring the truth
of the gospel alive. Finally, we offer
you the gift of tolerance, the unspoken
fourth gift of the magi, so that we can
recognize the riches of faith in all
peoples. Amen.*

Voices of Faith

The Magi

Gazing upon the heavens
The magi are the seekers
They patiently watch the night skies
Waiting to see the light of promise
That prophets hoped and longed for

Then all of creation celebrates
The manifestation of God's love
The constellations witness the birth
Of a great shining star that leads
To the Light of Life

Caravans set out on a journey
The seekers pursue this star of wonder
Heading out to a far and distant land
Their destination is filled with promise
But first they must follow the light

The star leads them to a journey's end
In which they find a new beginning
Wrapped up in swaddling clothes
They find a new born king
Illuminated by heaven's light

The seekers offer their gold
For the majesty of God born here below
Frankincense is gifted for fitting worship
Myrrh, the costly perfumed ointment,
Is place before the Christ-child as a reminder of
his journey's end

Homage the magi pay
To this infant king
Light of the world sends them forth
In the world of dream does God thus speak
Sending them home to share this tale of promise

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



Image: The visit of the Magi as portrayed in a stained-glass window at St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto. Source: Catholic News Service/Nancy Wiechec



Faith Formation

Mark Your Calendar

December 19 – January 2

Christmas Break
(No Faith Formation)

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.

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, 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.

Faith Formation continues on page 17



**And those he predestined he also called;
And those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.
– Romans 8:30**

REFLECTION

Matthew 2:1-12 Visit of the Magi

We are in year C, yet today's gospel on the epiphany is from Matthew. Matthew's gospel gives us the best account on the magi paying homage to Jesus and Herod's evil, murderous search for the newborn king. However, Luke's gospel gives us a better account of how the magi found out about the birth of Jesus. Luke tells us that an angel appeared to shepherds who were living in the fields and keeping a night watch over their flock. The angel told them the "good news" that "in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." In Matthew's Gospel, the magi followed the star to find Jesus born in Bethlehem.

Regardless, the magi came from far away seeking the king of the Jews, a savior who was the Messiah and Lord. Doesn't God want to reveal himself to those who honestly seek him? Don't those who seek God always find him? We too are like the magi! Most of our faith journeys are long, and we too can find Jesus Christ if we honestly look. In Jesus' public ministry, he shows us repeatedly that he will heal those who seek him. If we honestly search, we too, can have an epiphany of Jesus Christ.

Margie Lynch, Director of Faith Formation, St. John the Evangelist



By Kathleen M. Carroll

In my childhood home, the Christmas tree stayed up until the Feast of the Epiphany. It was "the Catholic thing to do," my mother assured me. Sadly, it is a tradition with which my own family has parted ways. We get a live tree every year and the city will only collect discarded Christmas trees during the first week of the year. I stubbornly resisted this assault on my Catholic heritage until the year I caught myself instructing my oldest to drag the tree out to the back yard, to be dealt with "later." Our yard is small and he sensibly asked, "Where should I put it?" When I heard myself saying, "Next to the other one," I had an epiphany of my own.

The New Year is a good time to ask ourselves which traditions are worth keeping and which have lost their meaning or practicality. As we try to find a place to stash all those treasured (and trashy) Christmas gifts, we might find that we have too much to store, which usually means we have more than enough to share. Start the New Year resolving to let go of what you don't need, what doesn't work, and what just doesn't fit anymore.

Bringing Home the Word, January 6, 2013, Franciscan Media

First Reconciliation



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: Who does your family welcome in your home?

Gospel Question: Who do we welcome in Church?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: When have you made a long trip?

Gospel Question: Why do the Magi make such a long journey to find Jesus?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: What is the best gift you have ever received and why?

Gospel Question: Why do the Magi bring gifts to Jesus?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: What is the longest journey you have made? What was good about it?

Gospel Question: What does the star tell us about who Jesus is?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: What in your experience most convinces you God exists and cares for you?

Gospel Question: Where do you seek God?

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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		

Parish Registration Forms Available in Several Locations

St. John the Evangelist welcomes all guests. If you would like to become a parishioner here, please fill out a registration form.

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: saintjohntheevangelist.com

When on the website, a link to the form is the home page on the bottom left side under Parish Office. Download the form, complete it and return completed form to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

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.



Faith and Wine

Pam Stenzel

Girlz Gone Right:

**Make a Difference in the Lives of Your Daughters, Granddaughters and Nieces
Wednesday, January 9, 2013**

Please join us as we welcome Pam Stenzel on **Wednesday, January 9th** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom (625 111th Avenue North, Naples). Pam travels the world speaking each year to over 500,000 teens, as well as parents and educators regarding issues of teen sex, consequences, and the "abstinence advantage." She was the first female invited to address the Faith and Ale men last year and they gave her a standing ovation!"



We encourage you to pre-pay for this event before January 4th by going to www.faithandwine.com and clicking on "Registration for Events". Or you can drop off (before January 4) your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." to Mary Beth Clary, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur (in The Mercato) 9132 Strada Place, 3rd Floor, Naples, Florida 34108 (**note that you can no longer sign up at the SJE Parish office**). The cost is \$10 before January 4th and \$15 at the door (this includes a light dinner, a glass of wine or other beverage, and the speaker).

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

The Twelve Days of Christmas: The Meaning Behind The Song

The twelve days of Christmas are the twelve days between Christmas Day, Dec. 25th, the birth of Jesus, and the Epiphany, Jan. 6th, the day Christians celebrate the arrival of the Magi (Wise Men) and the revelation of Christ as the light of the world.

The Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" may sound silly and contrived to many of us. But it actually had its origins in religious symbolism - and with a serious purpose.

It dates from a time of religious persecution. The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," was written as a kind of secret catechism that could sing in public without fear of arrest - a learning or memory aid to Christians in fact.

The song can be taken at two levels of interpretation - the surface meaning, or the hidden meaning known only to the Christians involved. Each element is a code word for a religious truth.

1. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus.
2. The two turtledoves are the Old and New Testaments.
3. Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love.
4. The four calling birds are the four Gospels.
5. The five gold rings recall the Hebrew Torah (Law), or the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament.

6. The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation.
7. The seven swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.
8. The eight maids a-milking are the eight Beatitudes.
9. Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.
10. The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.
11. Eleven pipers piping represent the eleven faithful Apostles.
12. Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed.

If you think Jesus being symbolized as a partridge in a pear tree sounds blasphemous, remember:

"Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but thou wouldst not have it so." (Luke 13:34 and Matthew 23:34)

The "true love" in the song refers to God Himself.

The "me" receiving the gifts is every Christian.

So that "silly" song we sing at Christmas time has more meaning than we thought.

source: <http://holyltrinitynewrochelle.org/yourti102896.html>

BIG BAND DANCE

First Dance of the Season

Thursday, January 10, 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*

Big Band
Dance
Schedule

Thursday,
January 10

Tuesday,
January 22

Thursday,
February 7

Tuesday,
February 19

Tuesday,
March 5

Tuesday,
March 19

Tuesday,
April 2

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*

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



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

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

Order forms and envelopes are in the office, mail or give sealed envelopes to receptionist.

Telephone and mail ordered tickets will be mailed to you .

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

SAVE THE DATE
Bonita Village Band
FREE Concert
Friday, February 8
7:30 p.m.
in Parish Life Center

Diocesan Marriage Tribunal Info Evening January 15

The Marriage Tribunal, in association with the Office of Evangelization, will host an information evening at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 15, at St. Agnes Parish in Naples. The evening is for those who have experienced a civil divorce/dissolution and wish to consider

reestablishing their freedom for a new marriage in the Catholic Church.

Members of the Diocese Tribunal will make a presentation and be available for questions. No reservation required. For information please call Mariana Bartolillo at 941.484.9543.

Open Houses

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

All parishioners are invited to the Saint Ann Catholic School Open House Sunday, January 27 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

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

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.