

March 31, 2013

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

the
EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr. John Offers Blessings and Thanks For Living Out Our Faith

Dear Friends,

The Blessings of the Risen Lord be with you and those you love this Easter! We celebrate this year's observance of the resurrection in the Year of Faith in which the Former Pope, Benedict XVI, has called us to contemplate the significance of Jesus' teaching in our individual experience. The election of our new Pope, Francis I, is a reminder that the experience of the Risen Jesus moves on, calling each one of us into greater relationship with us. Easter reminds each one of us that death has no victory over us. No matter how painful the experience of death is when we lose a loved one, we are reminded that it is not the end. The empty tomb represents endless possibilities as we recall the many eye witness accounts that Jesus of Nazareth is truly alive, truly risen. With this knowledge the grave, in which we stand and recall to sacred memory those who have touched our lives, becomes a place in which hope shines forth!

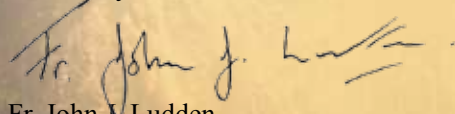
Even though this winter/spring season has been short, many have managed to live out their faith with great energy and generosity. The parish buildings are used morning, noon and night for all the various ministry, social and support groups. A testament to the commitment of all of you who have said "yes" to Christ and "yes" to ministry within the Church. The Men's Club, The Ladies of Charity, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Knights of Columbus, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Choir, Arts & Liturgical Environments Committee, Sewing Groups, Prayer Groups, Respect Life, Finance Committee, various Commissions, Buildings & Grounds, Altar Servers, Ushers, Altar & Sacristan Guild, have collaborated beautifully together in allowing the ministry of St. John to prosper. I offer my thanks for everything that has accomplished! I also extend my gratitude for the paid staff and the many unpaid volunteers who spend countless hours making sure that people's questions and concerns can be addressed.

During this past year, you have all shown your great commitment to the parish by coming to the various social and pastoral events. You have been extremely generous in contributing financially which has helped us to increase ministerial opportunities, social outreach, and help maintain the buildings of grounds of our wonderful parish. Thank you for your generosity!

As we continue to journey through the Easter Season, I will pray for God's continued blessings in your lives and the lives of your families. I pray that the mystery and hope of the resurrection will bring peace and comfort for you all now and always.

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you always!

I remain, yours in Christ,



Fr. John J. Ludden



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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

March 30, 2013 Saturday

No Mass/Morning Prayer

Vigil Mass

8:00 PM For Our Parishioners

March 31, 2013 Easter Sunday

7:00 AM + Katherine DeFrancesca Peter DeFrancesca

9:00 AM + Britton Gibson Jackie Gibson

(Mass in Church and the PLC)

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

(Mass in Church and the PLC)

1:15 PM + Alfred Ossino Pat & Kathy Monachino

5:00 PM + Daniel Cistone Delina Tumolo & Family

Flowers in Memory of Frank X. Price ~ Requested by Ann Mullally

April 1, 2013 Monday

8:00 AM + Bernard Hannigan John & Maureen

9:00 AM + Mario Magistro Frank & Lena Gambino

April 2, 2013 Tuesday

8:00 AM + Mario Magistro Mr. & Mrs. Cesare Guglielmetti

9:00 AM Pat & Joanie K. Chuck W.

April 3, 2013 Wednesday

8:00 AM Dennis Kelleher Alice & Joe Giordano

9:00 AM Chucky & Bonnie W. Chuck W.

April 4, 2013 Thursday

8:00 AM Jim & Val Cecciello Son & Family

9:00 AM + Karen Bazany

April 5, 2013 Friday

8:00 AM + Pat Sullivan Dick Sullivan

9:00 AM Jack & Karen Chuck W.

April 6, 2013 Saturday

8:00 AM + Karen Herrington William & Kathleen Jennings

Vigil Mass

3:00 PM + George O'Donnell Gloria O'Donnell

5:00 PM + Michael Francis Powers Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Monachino

Host and Wine in Memory of Paul J. Marinelli ~ Requested by The Family

April 7, 2013 Sunday

7:00 AM + L. Kinasz Maria Jablonski

9:00 AM + Cecila & William Schultz Joanie Schultz

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + J. Robert Brown Rene & Jackie Lacoste

5:00 PM + Thomas & Maggie Sisk Terry Sisk

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 30, 2013

Holy Saturday; The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Vigil Mass

a) Gn 1:1 – 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,

12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 – 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4; Ps

19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom

6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday, March 31, 2013

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-

4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Monday, April 1, 2013

Monday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 4, 2013

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 5, 2013

Friday within the Octave of Easter; First Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 6, 2013

Saturday within the Octave of Easter;

First Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Vigil Mass

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a,

12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Sunday, April 7, 2013

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a,

12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5 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 PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.

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

THIS WEEK'S MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE...

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Please join us for
a special Mass
to celebrate



Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Church.

This feast of Divine Mercy, as recorded in the diary of Saint Faustina, receives from Jesus himself the biggest promises of Grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy. In specific, Jesus states that the soul that goes to Sacramental Confession (the confession may take place some days before) and receives Holy Eucharistic Communion on that day shall obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Additionally, the Roman Catholic Church grants a plenary indulgence (observing the usual rules) with the recitation of some simple prayers.

Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, reported visions and visitations from Jesus and conversations with Him. He asked her to paint the vision of his Merciful Divinity being poured from his sacred heart and specifically asked for a feast of Divine Mercy to be established on the first Sunday after Easter so mankind would take refuge in Him.

“I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it.” (Jesus’ words, *Diary* 341)

On Mercy Sunday, April 10, 1991, two years prior to the beatification of Saint Faustina, Pope John Paul II spoke about Saint Faustina, relating her to his encyclical and emphasising her role in bringing the message of mercy to the world, “The words of the encyclical on Divine Mercy (*Dives in Misericordia*) are particularly close to us. They recall the figure of the Servant of God, Saint Faustina Kowalska. This simple woman religious particularly brought the Easter message of the merciful Christ closer to the whole world”.

St. Faustina was beatified on April 18, 1993, and canonized on April 30, 2000.

info taken from: www.Marian.org and www.divinemercy.org

The Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday,

April 7, 2013

3:00 p.m.

The singing of the Chaplet will begin at 3:00 p.m. followed by Mass. One does not have to be present at the liturgy to obtain the indulgence. (*Note: this Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation.*)

Plenary indulgence from: <http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/summary.htm>

The usual conditions for every plenary indulgence:

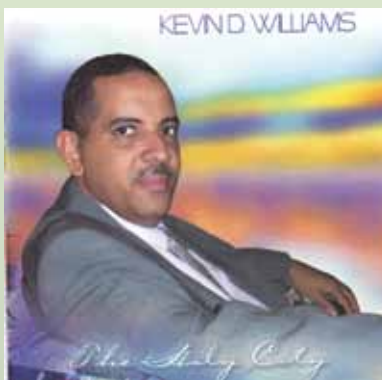
- sacramental confession [according to previously issued norms, within about 20 days before or after]
- Eucharistic communion [according to previously issued norms, preferably on the day, or the days before or after]
- prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff [certain prayers are not specified]

Jamaica Outreach Program

Kevin Williams to Visit St. John on April 6 and 7

Next weekend will be the regularly scheduled second collection for our sister parish, St Pius X in Kingston, Jamaica. To mark the occasion, Kevin Williams will be with us to celebrate the liturgies at the Saturday Masses and the 9:00 , and 11:15 a.m. Masses on Sunday. Kevin represents a living thank you note from the people of St. Pius who depend so much on our good will and support .

From the very beginning of the sister- parish relationship between St. John the Evangelist and St Pius X, four special collections are scheduled at St. John the Evangelist each year. The revenue from those collections keeps the doors of St. Pius X open for an



entire year. Uses of funds include: liturgical supplies, salaries, maintenance of the parish compound (including health clinics), education programs, food pantry, eye, dental and medical care. Other fund raisers throughout the year supplement the funding of these needs. Our second collections contribute to the spiritual and corporal needs of that parish. The people of St. John have nurtured this ministry for many years, and the Jamaica Outreach Program, which facilitates the sister-parish covenant , extends heartfelt gratitude to all who answer the call.

— submitted by Jamaica Outreach Program

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. 123*

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 a.m., 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.

PARISH INFORMATION...

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Hymns for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, March 31

Entrance Hymn: **261** Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today

Preparation Hymn: **272** Alleluia No. 1

Communion Hymn: **487** Table of Plenty

426 We Remember

Closing Hymn: **263** Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choral Anthems at the 9 & 11:15 AM Masses

Before the Mass **Hallelujah (Messiah)** Georg Frederic Händel

During Preparation **Agnus Dei / Lamb of God** M.W. Smith / Twila Paris **9 only**

At Communion **No More Night** Walt Harrah

Sixth Annual Catholic Bioethics Seminar Saturday, April 13

Everyone is invited to the annual Catholic Bioethics Seminar on Saturday, April 13 at Resurrection Parish in Fort Myers. This seminar is designed for physicians, healthcare workers, clergy and students, but anyone with an interest in these topics is welcome. Seating is limited.

World-renowned speakers Rev. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Rev. Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D., Nikolas Nikas J.D. and Wes Ely, M.D. will present bioethical topics from the Catholic perspective.

For more information or to register, visit www.floridacma.org and link to the bioethics seminar. For general questions, call Dr. Steve Hannan at 239.849.6908.

The Arimatheans in Need of More Volunteers

The **Arimatheans** are a group of parishioners who attend funeral Masses to provide support and compassion from the St. John the Evangelist parish community.

The Arimatheans would love to have more volunteers join their ministry. To join or for more information contact Virginia D'Agostino at 597.7687

A Quick Journey Through the Bible

Adult Faith Enrichment
Presents a New Sack
Lunch Opportunity!

Introduction to the Bible

Thursday, April 11th at

11:00AM to 1:30PM

IN THE PLC BALLROOM @ ST. JOHN'S—BRING A SACK LUNCH!



This Bible Study is a FOUNDATION course for any adult bible study group.

Do You Want to Read the Bible, But Don't Know How to Begin?
The Bible is Not Just any Story—It is Your Story. Discover How To Read It.
Has Your Bible Been Collecting Dust? Discover a Practical Plan for Reading it.

RSVP to Stephanie Wardein, 239-289-5541

PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE

A Hero Comes Home

Staff Sgt. Marc Scialdo joined the United States Army following the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the fight for freedom. He paid the ultimate sacrifice on March 11, 2013, when the Black Hawk helicopter he was riding in crashed in Kandahar City, Afghanistan. It was his 16th month wedding anniversary.

Over 800 family, friends and many who never knew the 31 year old hero, attended the 10:00 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection at St. John on March 22 to pay their respects and say goodbye to the man who died upholding the true spirit of America.

In his homily, Fr. John eulogized the 1999 St. John Neuman High School graduate saying, "Today we honor the courage that Marc has shown...He gave us the greatest gift of love, laying down his life for others."

Fr. John, assisted by Fr. Tom of St. Agnes, gathered family members around the flag draped casket as he sang the Irish Blessing.

Following the Mass, Marc was buried with full military honors at Palm Royale Cemetery in Naples.



Fr. John incenses the body of SSgt Scialdo's casket (left) and he prays with family members around the casket (right).



Following the Mass of the Resurrection, SSgt Scialdo's body is carried from the church to the waiting Shikany Funeral Home hearse.

— Text and photos by Tom Middlemiss, EventPixer.com

MARKET BAZAAR MARKET

WHEN

Saturday, April 6th
8am – 2pm

WHERE

**St. John Neumann
High School**

3000 53rd Street SW • Naples, FL 34116

FEATURING · Farmer's Market · Jewelry · Garage Sale ·
Sports Collectables · Crafts · Antiques · Independent
Retailers · Relay for Life Merchandise

**ALL AGES
EVENT**

**NO
ADMISSION
FEES**

ON THE SPOT

We will have another event going on in conjunction... first come, first serve parking spots!

VENDORS

To reserve your spot as a vendor or more information, please contact Connie Jo Dimond

1 Spot = \$25
2 Spots = \$40

CONTACT

Connie Jo Dimond
(239) 641-1998
SINCEltics@gmail.com



Jamaica Outreach Program

April 20-21 Is Pocket Change Weekend for JOP

Our motto is "making a difference" in the lives of the poor in Jamaica, Jamaica.

Pocket change from the youngest to the oldest in our parish goes towards providing decent, basic housing for the dispossessed in Jamaica. We ask that you start saving your loose change and bring it to Mass during the weekend of April 20-21. The pocket change from many will put into action our motto and commitment to improve housing conditions in a place where a locked door and a sturdy roof are considered luxuries. As always, everything we do in Jamaica is done in His name and yours.



St. John Youth Ministry

A Snorkeling Adventure

Our high school students participated in our first annual Spring Break Snorkeling Trip to John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park in Key Largo on Saturday, March 16. Attending were 21 high school students and adult leaders.



Anthony, Carley and Jonathan.



Emily and Tiana.



Front (top to bottom): Jill and Natalie. Back: Kristina, Austen, Natalie, Renate and Stephen.



Zack, Michael, Natalie and Nick.



Anthony and Carley.



Tiana, Renate Rose, Renate and Stephen.



Jonathan, Will, Zoe and Maddie.



Michael.



Nick, Austen and Kristina.



Natalie and Jill.

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

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

Altar Servers:

Bill Maguire 566.8740, Ext. 177

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

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Jack Kindsvater jkinds@me.com

Prayer Group:

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 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 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Circle of Comfort. If you have cancer, or are taking care of someone who does, you may be facing challenges that may leave you feeling overwhelmed, frightened, alone and in need of comfort. Let us share our experience of faith, strength and prayer with you. We help each other live one day at a time through encouragement, prayer, laughter or whatever it takes to bring comfort to each other. 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 (located across from the ladies restroom). 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. 123

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, April 2 at Imperial Healthcare, Naples; 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:

Lcpl. Francisco Alvarenga U.S. Marines	LAV Recon Specialist Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army
Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army	Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett U.S. Marine Corp
S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force	David Jensen
Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy	Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army
Bradley N. Chartier U.S. Army	LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)
BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	LCpl. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)	Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force	Lt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	ILt. 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)	Lt. Kelly Spencer U.S. Air Force
Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer U.S. Marine Corp *	Houng Tran U.S. Army
	IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)
	Co. Glenn Yeck U.S. Navy (Serving in Afghanistan)

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:

Mary Crane, Kieran Devery, Mary Hutten, Florence John, Sebastian Nagy and Kathryn Rybinski Prūs

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

Joan Abele	Nancy Dineen	Lozano de Martinez	Timothy Ray
Tom Abele	Alexandria Dolkas	Richard Maynard	Mike Raymond
Deidre Anne Alyward	Ann Marie Esposito	Judy Mazza	Peter Renucci
Jacob Andrew	Tiffany Feidler	Sharon McCarthy	Linda & Tom Riley
Mike Arnold	Troy Feidler	Chris McKibben	Marie-Helene Robertazzi
Ed Barber	Thomas O. Flood	Bill McConnell	Tony Ross
Agatha Barczynski	Donna Flynn	Catherine & John McCugker	Anthony Russo
Jerry Barton	Jim Follse	Bob McEvoy	Jesse Sanchez
Makayla Basile	David Gates	Margaret McGinness	Maria Scarcella
Jennifer Basile	John & Julia Giblin	Carolyn McNichols	Cathy Schloendorn
John Beatrice	Rick Greenwood	Melina Megaris	Claire Scott
Linda Berry	Tim Hagan	Nancy Meleo	Carol Seiffert
Mary Bessner	Kathleen Hall	Carlos Metz	Joanne Semonetti
John Brooks	Leslie Haywood	Shirley Moran	Judy Shea
Tiffany Baumann Cantelupe	Gerald Heyen	Ed Moriarty	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Kathleen Caputo	Coleen Hill	Rich Moriarty	Teresa Shengulet
Christine Cassara	Karen Hohne	Rev. Richard Mueller	Annette Sholette
James Castaldi	Cheryl & Jeff Horkey	Josephine Nagy	Jack Skoviak
Members of the Claussen Family	Val Hunt	Louis Naumoff	Jean Smith
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Paul Conte	Cade Joslin	Peter Nicoletta	Kay Sullivan
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Nick Crnkovich	Colleen Kirkmaier	Maryla Panagos	Tara and Children
Edna D'Antuono	Agness Kosloski	Barbara Parada	Rita Taranto
Connie D'Mucci	David Land	James Patton	Patricia Trapnell
Brian Davis	John C. Lee	Michael Paul	Marge Traver
Jim Diamante	Mary Lenick	Joan Peters	Stephen Tuleja
Carol Dickeson	William Line	Patty Pilkington	Peter Tunucci
Joseph DiFrancisco	Shari Lussier	Thomas Pimlott	Dolores Varone
Msgr. Coll	Jeanne Majeske	Joe Pohorer	Pat & Heloisa Velasquez
Shawn Danu	Edward Malloy	Kathleen Preston	Tom Wernes
Millie DiMarcella	Ann Maniuszko	Angela Preuss	Eileen Wharburton
	F. Mansfield	David Pupo	Maureen Wilkinson
	Kim Marino		
	Dr. Enrique and Teresa		

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740,
or email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com

LET US PRAY...

MARCH 31, 2013 ~ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



On behalf of the Clergy and Staff at St. John the Evangelist, it is my sincere pleasure to wish everyone a very blessed and spiritual Easter weekend. I cannot wait to see the sight as thousands are attending Mass this weekend in the church and overflowing into the Parish Life Center. Because Easter arrives very

early this year, we are expecting substantial crowds at all Masses. It is true that a handful of our visitors have departed; however, there are many seasonal residents and visitors remaining in town as well as those who satisfy their annual requirement for Mass by attending only on Easter Sunday.

It seems that for most of the country, March has come “in like a lion” and doesn’t look to go “out like a lamb.” We have experienced very unseasonably cool weather almost the entire month of March. For those up north, the situation has been much more dire as they have been hit by one storm after another producing snow, ice and conditions much more typical of January than March. As a matter of fact, as I write my column, it is currently snowing in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York City. All of this mess is spreading northeastward toward New England. The cool weather locally looks to remain in place all the way through Easter weekend, culminating with sunny skies on Easter Sunday and a high temperature of 79 degrees. As a point of reference, the average high temperature for March 31 is 81 degrees. Let us enjoy this amazing weather and realize that we are living (or wintering) in paradise for a reason.

As you read my column, we are less than three weeks out from the Reverse Raffle. We have sold less than one third (100) of the 300 tickets necessary for the event to take place. I certainly do not want to resort to begging; however, I have learned that this strategy is effective at times. **We MUST sell all 300 tickets for the raffle to take place.** I was hesitant to host the raffle again this year due to the stress in selling tickets. Due to the prodding of several parishioners, I agreed to do so with their assurance that we would have no problems selling all 300 tickets. Here are a couple of suggestions to entice those of you who have not yet purchased a ticket. First and foremost, all of the proceeds from this event will be used to offset our CFA assessment. At last year’s raffle, \$15,000.00 was raised for the CFA. As you know, with the assistance of the Reverse Raffle proceeds, we exceeded our goal by nearly \$60,000.00. With the proceeds from the raffle we will have a much better chance of exceeding our CFA goal for 2013. You have the chance of winning \$10,000.00 or possibly splitting the grand prize with some of your fellow parishioners. Every 25th ticket drawn (including the first ticket) will win \$100 so twelve lucky parishioners will enjoy a night “on the house.”

With the purchase of each ticket, you will enjoy dinner for

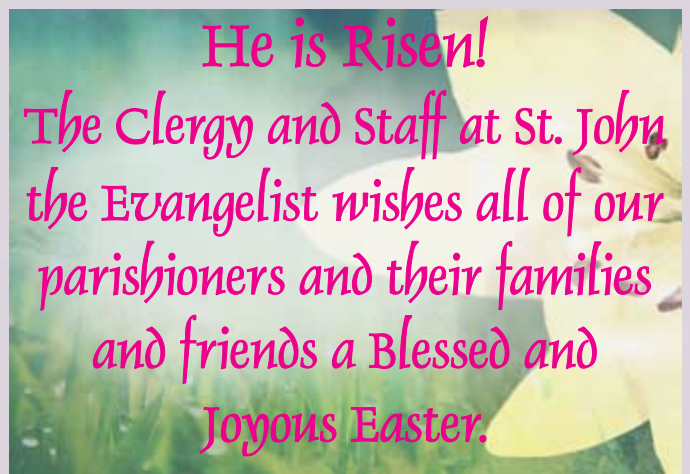
two catered by Frisco’s, an open bar and entertainment by Tom Oram. Tom has an amazing repertoire and can play most of our parishioner’s requests. For those struggling with the \$100.00 price tag, please consider grouping your funds to purchase a ticket. Five parishioners can go in together for \$20 each. To win a share of \$10,000.00 for a \$20 investment is a pretty good return. Also, you need not be present to win. Therefore, if you are headed back north for the late spring/summer, please consider purchasing a ticket with the understanding that you may win without attending the event.

There will also be “side boards” available for \$5 or \$10 at the event. This is basically a side bet or a hedge. If your number is one of the first drawn on the big board and you are out of the game, by purchasing a different number on the side board, you will still have the opportunity to win. The side boards mimic the big board with the winner of the \$5 board taking home \$750.00 and the winner of the \$10 board taking home \$1,500.00. In summary, I truly want to see the Reverse Raffle take place. That being said, this is an impossibility without your support! Please put my mind at ease and purchase a ticket to this amazing event. I promise that you will not be disappointed.

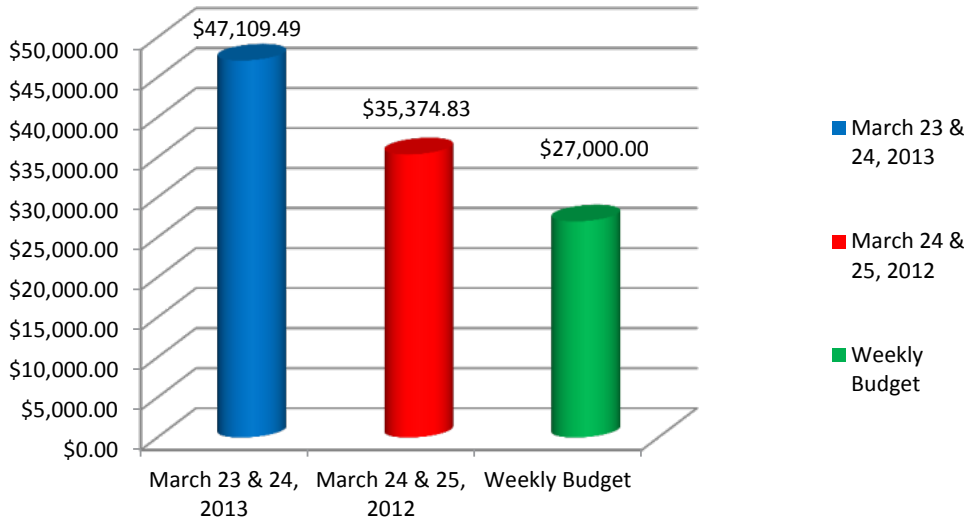
You may have noticed that the color on the bulletin this past week was a little darker than usual. Messner Publications is currently working with a new press that in the next few weeks will produce an amazing bulletin for us. The new bulletin will look very similar to a magazine with a nice quality matte coated paper. We are confident that you will be pleased with the finished product.

In His work together,

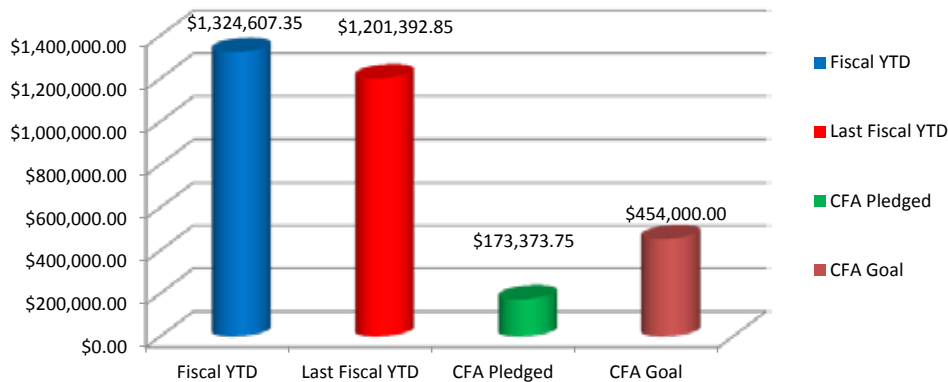
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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Understanding the Gospels

Presented by Deacon Hal Brenner

Classes are held from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Parish Life Center. To register please call Deacon Hal Brenner at 566.8740, extension 174 and leave a message.

Final Class:

Class 13 - 4/2/13 ~ THE Relationship From Death to Life

Teachers Needed for 2013-2014 School Year at Saint Ann

Saint Ann Catholic School has announced the following faculty positions available for next year: Middle School Science, Elementary Teacher, Guidance Counselor (part-time). Teachers must be certified by the State of Florida.

Please submit resumés to Principal Tommy Bridges, tbridges@stann.net, fax 239.262.3991 or mail to: Saint Ann Catholic School, 542 Eighth Avenue South, Naples, FL 34102.

Call the school for more information at 239.262.4110.



St. John the Evangelist Reverse Raffle

Benefiting the Catholic Faith Appeal

Friday, April 19, 2013

6:30 p.m.

St. John Parish Life Center

\$100.00 per ticket

(need not be present to win)

First Prize: \$10,000.00

Tickets

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in Parish

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Dinner for 2

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Entertainment by Tom Oram

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, March 31, 2013:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Opening Song **261 Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today** EASTER HYMN

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

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Response (v. 24)

This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.

9 This is the day—the Lord has made; Al-le-lu-ia.

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

Preparation Song **Christ Is Risen** Matt Maher CCLI Song # 5242683. Matt Maher | Mia Fieldes © 2009

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Verse 1) Let no one caught in sin remain
inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
and run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us—freely you've bled for us

Verse 2) Beneath the weight of all our sins,
You bowed to none but Heaven's will
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,
No burden great can hold you down
In strength you reign—forever let your Church proclaim

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling o-ver death by death, come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave,
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with him a gain, come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave!

Bridge) O, death, where is your sting? O, hell, where is your victory?
O, Church, come stand in the light—the glory of God has defeated the night!
Singing, O, death, where is your sting? O, hell, where is your victory?
O, Church come stand in the light—Our God is not dead—he's alive! He's alive!!!

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

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

Great Amen • *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

The Lord's Prayer • *chanted*

Agnus Dei • *The Glendalough Mass*

How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin CCLI Song # 4348399. Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

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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!
___ 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*)

Closing Song

Mighty To Save

Morgan / Fielding

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Verse 1) Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations:

Verse 2) So take me as you find me,
All my fears and failures; fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in, now I surrender: (*to Chorus*)



Sav - iour, He can move the ___ moun - tains. My God is might - y to save. ___ He is
might - y to save. ___ For - ev - er, Au - thor of Sal - va - tion. He rose and
con - quered the grave. ___ Je - sus con - quered the grave. ___

Bridge) Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King!



*Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord: Year C*

Acts 10:34A, 37-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

(Alternative:

1 Corinthians 5:6B-8)

John 20:1-9

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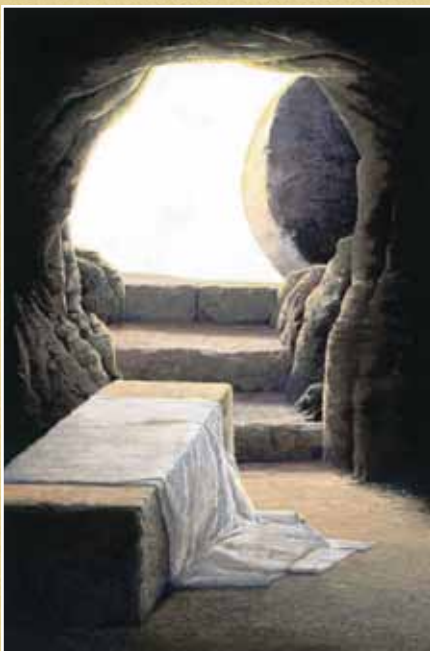
Luke 24:1-12;

or Luke 24:13-15

The Word & Life

The Gift of the Endless Possibilities

A couple of years ago I went out to lunch with a friend of mine to a Chinese restaurant. Of course at the end of the meal we picked up our fortune cookies and mine read: What is in an empty box? Strange! My friend responded, “There’s nothing in an empty box!” I jokingly told my friend that the optimist would probably say that there are *endless possibilities* in that empty box. The skeptics could draw many conclusions about the story of the tomb, but people of faith and hope can definitely open themselves to the endless possibilities witnessed at the Resurrection. The empty tomb does not just represent a vacant space, but realizes a promise of Jesus Christ – namely, that he would die and in three days rise again. The empty tomb releases us from sin and death and offers transformation to each one of us. The experience of resurrection celebrated today brings hope to all of us. Once we start to trust in the message of the Easter, it is then that we can be assured that we can rise above our experiences of pain and death. Many of us have faced the pain and reality of death as we stand at a grave of a loved one. The empty tomb reassures us of God’s promise of life with him in heaven. The empty tomb reminds us that “the grave becomes the sign of hope that even promised us resurrection” (Order of Christian Funerals).



When we look at ourselves as a people in Church we look around and see many faces – each face has a story. Sometimes people come to the Mass with a sense of joy and thanksgiving. Unfortunately, many carry the burdens of disappointment and the pain of fractured relationships. Parents sometimes struggle with their young ones or even go through the pain of losing them through illness and tragic death. There are those among us who sit by themselves in the pew because their spouse has gone to God. Unless you are in their position, you cannot imagine how painful that experience is. The young and the old among us struggle with faith sometimes asking what life is all about. Yes, these are the people sitting with you in the Church on this Easter Sunday and every Sunday – we all have our story. This day of resurrection secures the hopes and dreams of every individual in our congregation and peoples all over the world. Each individual story finds itself intertwined in salvation history as we discern the endless possibilities of the empty tomb.

The story of Easter brings us all together, reminding us that Jesus suffered greatly in order to understand us and the human condition. He died for our sins making it a once and for all sacrifice. Jesus’ rising means that we too can rise above the immediate concerns and eventually to eternal life.

Reflection Questions

1. Explore what death means to you.
2. Do you fear death? Why/why not?
3. Why do you think that Jesus' resurrection is significant?
4. What do you think happened on that day?
5. What did it mean for Christ to open the gates of heaven?
6. What does it mean for you to rise again?
7. During our baptism we are immersed into the paschal mystery, i.e. life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. How will this knowledge shape your understanding of life and its purpose?
8. How does the promise of eternal life change your life today?

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



Prayer

Risen Lord, may your light shine on us always. Take away the darkness that can bring us sorrow and pain. May we know that within the empty tomb come the endless possibilities of everlasting life. Amen.

Voices of Faith

The Empty Tomb

The garden of tears sits in sleep
Waiting for the dawn to open its flowers
All creatures are cast into sleep
The morning song of the bird yet to be heard

Tombs stand stark and cold
Death shrouded in darkness
Corpse upon corpse waits the triumphal day
When God shall speak and all will arise

The body of his Son lies in death's sleep
Wrapped in linen, torn and bruised
Crucified, rejected, and scorned
The Christ awaits resurrection and life

And so the divine plan moves on
The breath of God resuscitates death's decay
The Christ awakes before the break of day
The one who dared to love lives on

He leaves behind death's dark tomb
Void of the Anointed – its emptiness filled with endless possibilities
Burial cloths left behind
A sign of death cast aside

Mary of Magdala makes her way
The darkness of morning her unwelcomed companion
Leads her on to the place where her heart
Yearns to stand and weep

The empty tomb greets a broken heart
The stone moved aside
She runs along
To the place where companions dwell in fear

“They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
And we don't know where they put him.”
She desperately reports on
As disciples in haste journey along

The Beloved of Christ arrives first
To bend and stoop into empty tomb
He sees death's linens and dark veil cast aside
Awaiting Peter he waits to venture in

And so the Rock which crumbled
Enters forth to see his Sacred Friend gone
His fragile faith confused by the emptiness of death's dark tomb
The Beloved sees and believes in its endless possibilities

And so the dawn awakes
To the melody of birds sitting in the Tree of Life
The garden of tears no more
Sees the beauty of its flowers and smiles on

—“Peaceful Moments” by Fr. John J. Ludden

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Faith Formation



Jesus Christ's empty tomb

Mark Your Calendar

May 3

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

May 4

First Holy Communion Ceremony

Faith Formation News

First Holy Communion Rehearsal...will be on Friday, May 3, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom and the church. This will be the only rehearsal. Attendance is mandatory for all children receiving the sacrament.

First Holy Communion Ceremony...will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the church. Sacramental students should report to their teachers in the ballroom at 9:00 a.m. for pictures and final preparations. Cake and refreshments will be served afterwards outside the main entrance of the church.

Prayer

On this Easter day, Christ became our paschal sacrifice.
He made us children of the light, rising to new and everlasting life.
He has opened the gates of heaven to receive his faithful people.
His resurrection is our rising to life.
The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world.
Alleluia!

- from the Easter Preface

Faith Formation continues on page 17



By Kathleen M. Carroll

Even though retailers might not believe it, Easter—not Christmas—is the holiest day on the Church’s calendar. We often welcome our children into our families at wonder for the “miracle” of birth, but birth is no miracle. It is just about the most natural thing in the world. Resurrection: Now *that’s* a miracle!

In its emphasis on Easter, the Church reminds us that, though we live in the world, we were not made for it. Our destination, our true home, is someplace very different. When we grow tired of things which get old, wear out, and run down, our faith reminds us that there are some things that will never fail or disappoint us. When we are beleaguered by the unceasing ordinariness of life, our faith reminds us that we can still be surprised. And in our darkest moments, those long walks through death’s shadow, our faith promises us new life.

Celebrate this season by helping to bring a little Easter into the lives of those you love. Offer a word of confidence to the shaken or of comfort to the sad. Sharing the joy Christ brings us only enhances our own happiness and honors the founder of this great feast.

Bringing Home the Word, March 31, 2013, Franciscan Media

Scripture LESSON

John 20:1-9 The Resurrection of Jesus

In John’s account of the first Easter morning, Mary Magdalene discovered the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, spoke with the angels, and raced back to the apostles and told them what she knew.

Electrified by the news, John and Peter ran to the tomb. John was younger and arrived first, but he waited for Peter, the head of the apostles. When they entered the tomb, John described the arrangements of the cloths in which Jesus was buried. Instantly, John “saw and believed.” Perhaps something in the way the cloths were folded and arranged may have seemed familiar, spoken of Jesus’ habits and convinced John that Jesus was alive again. The Resurrection proved that Jesus was who he said he was. Jesus rose from the dead so we would know that our faith in him is justified.

What can a parent do? Help children to know and love Jesus. A close relationship with Our Lord will reveal to youngsters who Jesus truly is.

Partners in Faith, March 2013, Success Publishing & Media, LLC

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: What do you see happening outside in nature?

Gospel Question: Why do Jesus’ friends come to the tomb?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: What do you see happening in nature this spring?

Gospel Question: How does Mary Magdalene feel on the way to the tomb? How does the beloved disciple feel, seeing the tomb is empty?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: What signs of new life do you see in nature?

Gospel Question: Which of Jesus’ disciples do you most feel like – Mary Magdalene, or the beloved disciple, Peter?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: What do you believe happens to people when they die?

Gospel Question: What leads the beloved disciple to believe? What does he believe?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: What do you value about being baptized?

Gospel Question: In your faith who are you most like—the beloved disciple? Mary Magdalene? The fearful community? Doubting Thomas?

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St. Patrick's Day Celebration

March 16 and 17, 2013

On a beautiful Saturday morning, March 16, the annual St. Patrick Day Mass was celebrated by our pastor, Fr. John. Before Mass the adult choir and Fr. John serenaded the congregation with Irish songs, including the hauntingly beautiful "Danny Boy." In addition, Dr. Al Kearns recited from memory "The Breastplate of St. Patrick."

Due to the Naples St. Patrick's parade, the church was comfortably filled with approximately 500 attendees all dressed in many shades of green. Looking out from the altar, one was reminded of the green hills of Ireland.

The offertory collection from this Mass, which was for our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society, will help those in need. In appreciation, SVdP hosted a breakfast in the Parish Life Center, consisting of juice, pastries and delicious Irish coffee.

Over 400 people gathered in the PLC ballroom for breakfast and entertainment by Tom Oram and Irish dancing by Fr. John. Hope to see you next St. Patrick's Day.



text by Bill Smart, president of St. Vincent de Paul; photos (from both pages) by Tom Middlemiss, EventPixer.com; Bill Smart and Mary Beth Clary

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

March 16 and 17, 2013

Bill Smart, president of our St. Vincent de Paul Society, gave the following reflection in Celebration of St. Patrick's Day at the March 16 Mass.

"I saw a commercial about the heart. The first slide showed an electrocardiogram of a beating heart with the statement that the heart beats about 100,000 times a day. As a recent triple by-pass survivor I paid attention. Then the next slide showed a slower beating heart and then it stopped. I thought I knew the punch line — Stop smoking — watch your diet and exercise. But the punch line was different. It was not so much about how many beats the heart takes in a lifetime but who does it beat for. Is it always about me or does it beat for others?"



I reflected on the heart of the SVdP member who visited a gentleman in a trailer park having trouble paying his rent and helped him.

I reflected on the heart of the SVdP member who visited the family in a gated community not able to pay their water bill — the water was turned on.

I reflected on the hearts of the SVdP volunteers who deliver food to the lonely, disabled and elderly through the SVdP Meals on Wheels program in Collier County. Are you aware that the Catholic community in Naples does this work?

I reflected on the hearts of our parishioners who call SVdP to donate their used furniture, clothing, knick knacks to our thrift shops and those parishioners who keep our poor boxes full.

So when our hearts give out and we meet our Lord and He says: "Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the kingdom of God," don't act surprised, don't be shocked and don't interrupt. Because I'm sure He is going to say, "I was there in that Naples trailer park. I was there in that gated community. I was there when you brought all those meals. I was there in the thrift shops, and I am always in church with the poor boxes."

"Don't you remember: 'Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Did you forget?"

My favorite Irish song is "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." The last verse is, "For when Irish eyes are smiling, they will steal your heart away."

I'm hopeful that we have stolen your hearts away for the ministry of St. John the Evangelist St. Vincent de Paul Society.

— Bill Smart, president of St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Dance



Between the St. Patrick's Day party and the collection at Mass, Saint John the Evangelist raised over \$18,000.00 for our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center Retreat Opportunities

Come to the Water - Day of Prayer

The last two sessions before the "Season Break" are April 10 and May 8. Schedule includes continental breakfast, lunch, two conferences and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Retreat concludes with Mass in the St. Joseph Chapel. Time: 9:30 a.m. continental breakfast. Retreat is 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Mass immediately following in the St. Joseph Chapel. Cost is \$25.00 per person.

Please contact OLPH, at 941.486.0233 for additional information or visit their website; www.olph-retreat.org for registration forms.

Eucharist Adoration

Held on the first Thursday of the month, until May 2012, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Adoration concludes with Benediction followed by Mass. All are invited to come and spend time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. For more information, call 941.486.0233.

The Retreat Center is located at 3989 South Moon Drive, Venice FL 34292.

Save the Date for Venice Diocese Council of Catholic Women 2-Day Conference

The Venice Diocese Council of Catholic Women invites everyone to the Diocese of Venice two-day convention on April 27 and April 28 at Embassy Suites Hotel, 10450 Corkscrew Common Drive, Estero. Free on-site parking and complimentary breakfast daily.

This year's theme is "Joy in Christ....Joy in Each Other."

Online registration is now open. Please go to: <http://fs21.formsite.com/2013VDCCWConvention/Form1/> for easy to follow instructions on registering.

For more information, please contact Anna or Brenda at rnr33936@embarqmail.com, bren2090@gmail.com or call 239.303.2512; or visit <http://nccwfriendsofwucwo.catholicweb.com>.

Hygienists and Dental Assistants Needed for Series of Mission Trips to Jamaica

The Jamaica Outreach Program is planning a series of dental missions this year to The Van Domelen Dental clinic on the grounds of our sister Parish St. Pius X in Kingston, Jamaica. Seven dentists have agreed to join the mission trips, but we are having difficulty in securing dental hygienists and dental assistants to complete the mission teams.

A generous donor has agreed to subsidize the traveling expenses of any licensed dental assistant or hygienist who wishes to join the dentists in their service to the poor in Kingston. The clinic is nearly new and is considered a state of the art facility by dental professionals here and in Jamaica.

Interested parties should contact Roger Plante for further information at 239.948.2145 or by e-mailing rogerpsold@gmail.com

Grief Support sessions will be held in the Parish Life Center on Tuesdays, April 9, April 23, May 14 and May 28 at 10:00 a.m. For more information, call Dee at 594.7193.

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Call Roger at (239) 948-2145 for tickets & information.

Tickets also on sale at all Masses except the 5 p.m. Mass on Sunday.



Faith and Wine

Father John Ludden

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Please join us on April 11, as we welcome Father John Ludden, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist, who will be speaking to us on "The Sacraments: Signs of the Sacred in our Lives"



6:30-8:30 p.m.
St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom
(625 111th Avenue North, Naples)

As part of this presentation, Mary Beth Clary will be interviewing Father John regarding the Sacraments. Your questions can be included in the interview if you send them to Mary Beth at mbclary@porterwright.com or to the address provided below. Difficult questions are encouraged!

\$15 prepay/\$25 at the door
(includes dinner, a glass of wine or other beverage, and the speaker)

Please pre-pay for this event no later than April 9th by going to www.faithandwine.com and clicking on "Registration for Events". Or you can mail (post-marked before April 5th) or drop off (no later than April 9th) your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." to Mary Beth Clary, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP (in The Mercato) 9132 Strada Place, 3rd Floor, Naples, Florida 34108.

BIG BAND DANCE FINAL Dance of This Season Tuesday, April 2

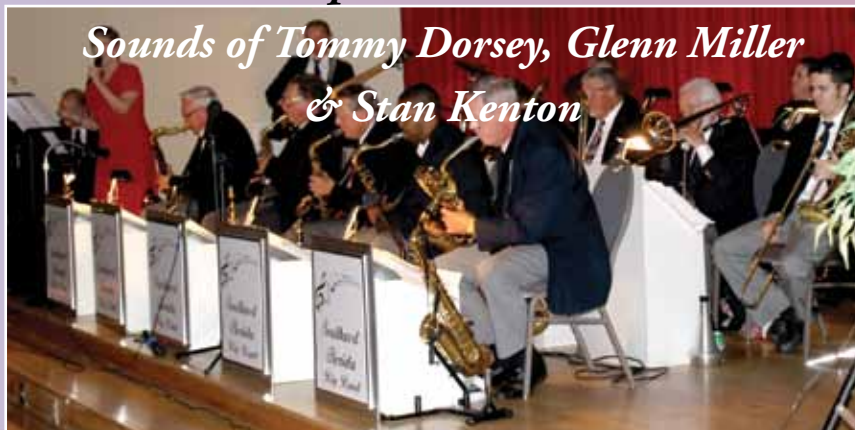
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21	Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas	8am	5pm
22	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	8am	5pm
23	At Sea	~	~
24	At Sea	~	~
25	Miami, FL	7am	

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