

July 7, 2013

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*Remembering Those Who Helped Bring Us Freedom*



*(Clockwise) Presentation and posting of our colors by the Golden Gate High School Junior ROTC Color Guard. Honorees: (L-R) Kara Scialdo, Sgt. Anthony D'Antuono and Sgt. Doug Roth. Remembrance Table. Bill Janes, Master of Ceremonies.*

— For more photos and text, please turn to page 5.



625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108 • Phone 239.566.8740 • Fax 239.566.9117  
www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com • E-mail: info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com  
Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m.; Saturday Mass: 8 a.m.  
Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3 & 5 p.m. — Sunday: 7, 9, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 & 5 p.m.

Scan this tag with your smartphone to view our mobile website.

**Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by**

<b>July 6, 2013</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Joe Bernetich	Pat (Wife)
		<b>Vigil Mass</b>	
3:00 PM	+	Joseph Manes	Tony (Son)
5:00 PM		Joshua & Maria Bernardo	Joshua & Maria Bernardo
<b>July 7, 2013</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		
7:00 AM	+	Dana Brandt	Paul & June Bilardo
9:00 AM	+	Joan & Al Moser	Children
11:00 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Judy Garot	Barbara Swattler
5:00 PM	+	Maurice E. Glennon	Veronica & Family
<b>July 8, 2013</b>	<b>Monday</b>		
8:30 AM	+	Maurice E. Glennon	Veronica & Family
<b>July 9, 2013</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>		
8:30 AM	+	Carol Van Voorhis	Paula Cohen & Edwina Binder
<b>July 10, 2013</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		
8:30 AM	+	Russ Goudeau	Dolores Kernochan
<b>July 11, 2013</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		
8:30 AM	+	Emily & Charles Mule	Catherine Trupiano
<b>July 12, 2013</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
8:30 AM	+	Emily & Charles Mule	Jack & Josephine Favazza
<b>July 13, 2013</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Dana Brandt	Paul & June Bilardo
		<b>Vigil Mass</b>	
3:00 PM	+	Enid Gauthier	Peggy Buckley
5:00 PM	+	Antonino Saitta	Family
<b>July 14, 2013</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		
7:00 AM	+	Jerry Oxx	Joe Oxx
9:00 AM	+	William Lennon	Judith Riordan
11:00 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Enid Gauthier	Sal & Jo Bonnici
5:00 PM		The Scherzer Family	Vic & Kathy Sterne

*Wine and Host in Memory of Bob Bolster ~ Requested by Family*

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, July 6, 2013**

St. Maria Goretti; Blessed Virgin Mary;  
First Saturday  
Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17

**Vigil Mass**

Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;  
Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

**Sunday, July 7, 2013**

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;  
Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

**Monday, July 8, 2013**

*World Youth Day*

Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday, July 9, 2013**

St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions;  
*Ramadan (Islamic observance) begins*  
Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15;  
Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday, July 10, 2013**

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday, July 11, 2013**

St. Benedict

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21;  
Mt 10:7-15

**Friday, July 12, 2013**

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,  
39-40; Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday, July 13, 2013**

St. Henry; Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7;  
Mt 10:24-33

**Vigil Mass**

Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,  
36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

**Sunday, July 14, 2013**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,  
36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

**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 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 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

**MASS INTENTIONS...**

## Hymns for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 6 & 7

Entrance Hymn:	<b>557</b> God of Our Fathers
Preparation Hymn:	<b>524</b> The Summons
Communion Hymn:	<b>114</b> Taste and See
	<b>529</b> Servant Song
Closing Hymn:	<b>292</b> Lift High the Cross

### *Next Magnificat Breakfast Saturday, August 10 at Gulf Coast Town Center Holiday Inn Airport*

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women. The breakfast will be held Saturday, August 10, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers.

The speaker is Felice Gerwitz, a self-published author with award winning books, who owns the company Media Angels®, Inc. She has a ministry to moms, especially non-catholics, and hosts an online webinar, “Mommy Jammies Night.” As an education major, she planned to rise in the ranks and someday be a principal, but the Lord had other plans. After being blessed with a special needs child, she quickly learned to be resourceful and homeschooling became the only option for her. Raising children taught her many things, especially the Lord’s love, and providence in times of need. A life-changing decision brought her back to the truth that God will provide. One of her favorite verses is “...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

Advanced registration 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; phone: 887.0060 or Iris Diaz, 10410 Strike Lane, Bonita Springs, FL 34135; phone:498.7204. Requests must be postmarked by Friday, August 2.

### **Ladies of St. John’s Monthly Luncheon Wednesday, July 24 at Plantation Club in the Dunes**

The Ladies of St. John’s monthly luncheon will be on Wednesday, July 24 at 11:30 a.m. at the Plantation Club. The restaurant is located in the Dunes on Vanderbilt Dr. Drive west on 111th Ave. and turn right onto Vanderbilt Dr. Entrance into the Dunes is on the right.

The cost of the luncheon is \$17.00 all inclusive. For reservations, please contact Marianne Brooks at 591.4668 and mail your \$17.00 check to Marianne Brooks, 10140 Regent Circle, Naples, FL 34109 to secure your reservation.

### **Upcoming Grief Support Sessions**

Support for those suffering the loss of a loved one will be held in the Parish Life Center on Tuesdays, July 9 and July 23 and August 13 and August 27. The Support Group will meet at 10:00 a.m. in room 1 of the Parish Life Center. For more information, call Dee at 594.7193.

## *Life Matters*



It’s always nice to know that what we believe has been backed up by some solid science. Recently, I found an article at [LifeNews.com](http://LifeNews.com) about a paper published in the *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons*. The authors studied trends in maternal health and abortion over 40 years in Great Britain where abortion is legal and Ireland, where it is not. The authors found that the overall maternal mortality rate in Ireland is HALF that of England, Wales and Scotland. Additionally, having nearby access to abortion does not necessarily mean that women are fleeing Ireland in massive numbers to have abortions. The abortion rate is still 4 times higher in England than in Ireland and 6.5 times higher than in Northern Ireland. Finally there is a 36% increased risk of pre-term births and accompanying birth defects in future births following abortion. The paper’s authors conclude that abortion provides absolutely no benefits to the overall health of women. You can go to



[LifeNews.com](http://LifeNews.com) to read the full article and find lots of great Life affirming information.

At the risk of being labeled an opinionated old(er) lady, I am pleading that everyone continues to pray for our freedoms. The deadline for what Cardinal Dolan has referred to as the “year to decide to violate our conscience” is almost upon us. As of this writing, there has yet to be any meaningful signs of change from the administration. Perhaps this is what we are called to do. Perhaps the current attacks on Christian morality and teachings are just what we need to take stock of our faith and either embrace it or leave it. I fear we will have to make that choice sooner than we think. Keep praying. Keep the faith and God bless all of you.

*article submitted by Loretta Judy, Respect Life*

## PARISH CLERGY



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

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Rob Chalhoub	
Deacon Frank Paniccia	
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 1:00 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**

Tricia Schwarz: *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. 134*

### *email staff members at:*

**info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com**

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: [saintjohntheevangelist.com](http://saintjohntheevangelist.com) Click on the **Welcome** tab on the top left side and scroll down to **Forms**. Return to office.

## St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

625 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Naples, FL 34108

*Phone:* 239.566.8740

*Fax:* 239.566.9117

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

### **Administrative Office Hours are:**

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)*

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

*(until all are heard)*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Daily Mass:**

*Monday-Friday*

8:30 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.,

11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

## FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the front office at 239.566.8740 or email: [info@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:info@saintjohntheevangelist.com)  
Thank you!

## BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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

### **Mass Cards**

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

### **Mass Intentions**

We are currently accepting intentions for 2014.

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

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

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## PARISH INFORMATION...

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

# Knights of Columbus Independence Party

Over 250 guests celebrated our Independence and honored our veterans at the St. John Parish Life Center on Saturday evening, June 29th.

Sponsored by the Arthur J. Corr Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, a patriotism theme permeated the evening with the presentation and posting of our colors by the Golden Gate High School Junior ROTC Color Guard, followed by a 10 minute video of how our National Anthem came to be written by Francis Scott Key during the battle of Baltimore at Ft. McHenry in September of 1814.

When the video finished, everyone stood and sang The Star Spangled Banner with such vigor and emotion that the room seemed to shake. WW II veteran, Sgt. Robert McDonald then played taps for our fallen heroes. "It was truly a somber moment" said Marianne Middlemiss, with tears in her eyes when Sgt. McDonald had finished.

Before saying grace, Fr. John quipped, "After watching that video, I am happy to say that I am now an American Citizen." Fr. John was born in England of Irish parents.

Tony Avalon entertained the guests with "Sounds of Sinatra" songs. One woman said, "If I did not see him (Avalon) singing, I'd swear it was Frank Sinatra." Eileen Fuller also entertained everyone by singing the songs of each branch of the Armed Forces, accompanied by Tom Oram.

Frisco's catering served up a delicious meal. Highlighting the evening was the presentation of awards to three of our treasured veterans. WW II Sgt. Anthony D'Antuono, who landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, and was severely wounded. After spending several months recuperating, Anthony was sent back into battle with the 101st "Screaming Eagles" Division to defend Bastogne. He was severely wounded again and spent 11 months in a Paris hospital before being shipped home and honorably discharged with a 100 percent disability. For his heroic deeds, Sgt. D'Antuono was awarded the Bronze Star, two purple hearts, the Expert Combat Infantryman's Badge and the European Ribbon.

The second honoree was Sgt. Douglass Roth, a veteran of the Vietnam War, who was drafted into the United States Army in 1964. After completing basic training at Ft. Dix, New Jersey and paratrooper training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, Doug was shipped to the war zone in Southeast Asia where he was assigned to the 101st "Screaming Eagles" Division, as a door gunner aboard a Falcon Helicopter Gunship.



Sgt. Roth logged over 1,400 combat hours in the air, receiving 42 Air Medals as well as the jump Medal and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. After contacting Agent Orange, Sgt. Roth returned home and was honorably discharged with a 100 percent disability in 1966.

The Knights third honoree was Staff Sgt. Marc Scialdo. Sgt. Scialdo was killed on March 11 of this year when his Black Hawk helicopter crashed in Kandahar City, Afghanistan. It was his 16th month wedding anniversary. The 31 year old graduate of St. John Neumann High School joined the United States Army following the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our country. In his homily at Sgt. Scialdo's funeral, Fr. John said, "Today we honor the courage that Marc has shown," adding, "He gave us the greatest gift of love, laying down his life for others." He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star.

All the honorees were given plaques by outgoing Faithful Navigator John Fazackerley and incoming Faithful Navigator Bill Wright. Each plaque was engraved with the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Logo and thanked them for their service. They were also presented with American flags that had flown over the United States Capitol along with a certificate attesting to that fact.

Receiving the Posthumous award for Sgt. Scialdo was his grieving widow, Kara.

Master of ceremony Knight Bill Janes gave a vivid description of "The POW MIA Remembrance Table." It is a small table in a place of honor and is set for one. The table is our way of symbolizing the fact that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly called POWs or MIAs. We call them "Brothers." They are unable to be with this evening, so we remember them. S/K Janes asked everyone to make a promise to remember those who have given

so much and remember through the symbolism of The White Table.

The Arthur J. Corr Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus wish to thank everyone who made this tribute to our nation and to our veterans a wonderful success. God Bless America.

*(Top to Bottom) Sgt. McDonald plays taps. Fr. John says grace. Sgt. Anthony D'Antuono receives his award from S/K Bill Wright and S/K John Fazackerley.*

*text and photos by Tom Middlemiss, EventPixer.com*

— For more photos, please turn to page 18.

**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

**Pastoral Council:**

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.** SUSPENDED UNTIL MID SEPTEMBER. Lectors and friends convene Saturdays, 10 a.m. in the 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). **SUMMER HOURS:** Saturday: 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed Monday through Friday. Jackie Gibson: 325.2107

**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.** Sessions will be on the following Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in room 13 of the Claussen Center: April 23, May 14 and May 28. Dec: 594.7193

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

Last Monday of every month: St. John K of C Social. First Monday of every month: Officers - 6 p.m.; 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.

**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 Dianne Pesce at 630.571.0707. If interested in joining, call Marie Elaina Mullin: 273.1702.

**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. Joseph DeJesus: 598.9865

**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. Group will resume in October. 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. 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

## 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. Tuesday Evening Centering Prayer has paused for the summer and will resume the first Tuesday in January. Wednesday Morning Centering Prayer will resume following the morning Mass on the first Wednesday in September.

### **THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT**

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

<b>Lt. Francisco Alvarenga</b> U.S. Marines	<b>Specialist Douglas Hennessy</b> U.S. Army
<b>Sp. Petrus Botha</b> U.S. Army	<b>Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett</b> U.S. Marine Corp
<b>S. Isaiah Brutus</b> U.S. Air Force	<b>Lt. John Meyers</b> U.S. Army
<b>Ensign Stuart Campbell</b> U.S. Navy	<b>LCpl. Randy A. Novak</b> (USMC)
<b>Bradley N. Chartier</b> U.S. Army	<b>LCpl. Ryan D. Novak</b> (USMC)
<b>BM2 Charley Davidson</b> U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	<b>Ryan D. Novak</b> (USMC)
<b>Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante</b> U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)	<b>Cpt. Daniel Palmer</b> U.S. Army
<b>Joshua Emmons</b> U.S. Air Force	<b>Cpt. John Palmer</b> U.S. Army
<b>Lt. Colin Flood</b> U.S. Army, Special Forces	<b>Cpt. Martin Palmer</b> U.S. Army
<b>Lt. Bernardo Garcia</b> U.S. Marines	<b>1Lt. Robert Pedrigi</b> U.S. Army
<b>Lt. Joseph Gilig</b> 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	<b>Lt. Joseph Schafer</b> U.S. Army
<b>Cpl. Dylan Granza</b> U.S. Army Ranger	<b>Lt. Gregory Spencer</b> U.S. Army, (Serving in Afghanistan)
<b>Specialist Shelby Granza</b> U.S. Army	<b>Lt. Kelly Spencer</b> U.S. Air Force
<b>Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer</b> U.S. Marine Corp * LAV Recon	<b>Houng Tran</b> U.S. Army
	<b>IT2 Jason E. Tydingco</b> (USN)
	<b>Co. Glenn Yeck</b> 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 8:30 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:*

Nancy Rae McKowen and Duran Perino

*May they rest in eternal peace.*

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

Carmela Abbate	Ann Early	Josh & Carl Locke	Renee Rake
Joan Abele	Ann Marie Esposito	Kevin Locke	Berta Rojo
Tom Abele	Troy Feidler	Mr. & Mrs. Louser	Jesse Sanchez
Deacon Al	Thomas O. Flood	Betty Mahoney	Cathy Schloendorn
Jacob Andrew	Donna Flynn	Edward Malloy	Joanne Scimone
Mike Arnold	Andrew Fournier	Carol Maingot	Claire Scott
Jerry Barton	Edward Gaynor	Barbara Mantler	Douglas Scott
Linda Berry	John & Julia Giblin	Kim Marino	Carol Seiffert
Mary Bessner	Joan Gleason	Judy Mazza	Philip Severs
Connie Bimucce	Lisa Granger	Sharon McCarthy	Judy Shea
Loretta Brown	Tim Hagan	Bill McConnell	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Dorothy Brozoza	Judy Haggerty	Margaret McGinness	Teresa Shengulet
Imelda Bruney	Kathleen Hall	John J. McGuire	Bill Sjostrom
Joyce Bryant & Family	Ray Hanna	Basil & Ann McHarris	Frances E. Smith
Christopher Buckley	Ann Harsh	McKee Family	Jean Smith
Kathleen Caputo	Luci Leibig Hartert	Chris McKibben	Jeff Smith
Joseph Carchia	Gerard Heyen	Carolyn McNichols	Norah Smith
Anna Cassara	Colleen Hill	Terence McShane	Jeanne Stoll
Christine Cassara	Karen Hohne	Michael	Pat Sutter
Art & Sheira Cavanagh	Charlotte Hollohan	Sheila Macken	Tara & Family
Joanna Clark	Betty Horkey	Susie Marceau	Rita Taranto
Members of the Claussen Family	Val Hunt	Marianne Middlemiss	Patricia Trapnell
Paul Conte	Jeff, Lisa Andrews & Children	Carmela Mondella	Peter Tunucci
Nancy Corboy	Jimmy	Raghav Moorhead	Robert Ullen
Edna D'Antuono	Dora Jones	Mildred Morrison	Dolores Varone
Alice Daley	Charleen Brennan Kasabian	Thomas Murphy	Pat & Heloisa Velasquez
Shawn Danu	Mary Kelly	Louis Naumoff	Camilla Wakeman
Barbara DeCuir	Kevin Kincaid	Peter Nicoletta	Larry Watson
Joseph DeFrancisco	Colleen Kirkmier	Linda Oblinski	Tom Wernes
James Diamante	Agness Kosloski	Tyler Ostos	Gradie James Winstead
Connie Dimucci	Brooke Krohley	Maryla Panagos	
Alexandria Dolkas	Ed & Frances Lenart	James Patton	
Dana Downs	Mary Lenick	Tom Peterson	
	William Line	Irene Pires	
		Joe Pohrer	
		Kimberly Porter	

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740, or email: [info@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:info@saintjohntheevangelist.com)

## LET US PRAY...

JULY 7, 2013 ~ FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



As most of you know by now, my fascination for weather has been with me since childhood, so much so that I decided to major in Meteorology in college. This fascination especially includes severe weather which we have had our fair share of recently. When I was much younger, the implications of these severe weather events really didn't affect me as I was only responsible for myself and owned no tangible property. Now that I am becoming an old man and not only own property but am responsible for the safe keeping of our buildings on campus I have had to keep my priorities straight. Now as I see a massive thunderstorm cell developing or a tropical system forming, while marveling at their power and beauty, I only hope that they keep their distance and the ramifications are minimal.

Following up on my opening paragraph, what a crazy couple of weeks we have had at St. John the Evangelist. On Tuesday evening, June 25, the campus was struck by lightning during a severe thunderstorm. What was initially thought to have only affected the telephone system has since spread far and wide. We were finally able to pinpoint the main strike to the Claussen Center. As is often the case with lightning, after striking the building, the electricity found its way into the electrical system and was able to travel underground into the Parish Life Center. If there is a bright spot in any of this it would be that the damage was contained to the CFC and the PLC and the church was left free from incident. Thus far, our phone system was completely destroyed and as of Monday of this past week, voice mail was still inoperable which is causing numerous headaches. Our fire panel in the Claussen Center was hit destroying one of the circuit boards. Also our security system was affected, to what extent we are still not sure. Several computers, printers and other office equipment in the PLC and CFC were destroyed. We found out this past weekend that the new AV system in the PLC Ballroom was also compromised. Although this has been a painstaking process, we are well covered by insurance and will be able to replace the damaged components, once we figure out what those damaged components include. I would like to thank everyone for their patience as we work our way through this process.

We are beginning a new ministry for job seekers. Carol Marlow, a parishioner, professional trainer and business consultant will facilitate the meetings entitled "Successful Job Search Strategies." This FREE on-going training will take place every Monday evening from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the library beginning on August 19. Each week will be a combination of job search strategies and discussion leading to increased confidence and reduced stress. Call Carol at 239.948.0050 with any questions or to register and NO cost.

On behalf of the clergy and staff at St. John the Evangelist, I hope that everyone enjoyed a very safe and happy **Independence Day** holiday. Every year at this time, I always ponder our recognition of Independence Day and I always include the following in my column because I believe it is important.

The Fourth of July is a holiday that most Americans celebrate for various reasons. The festivity may involve family, friends and, of course, a fireworks display. Popular culture would have you believe that the gala is a birthday party for the country. Flags wave, bands march and bystanders cheer. The parades are pageants, visible spectacles for all to applaud and enjoy. After the confetti blows away, what is the meaning of the day? Commemoration of the Declaration of Independence should be the primary reason for the remembrance. Other than historically conscious traditionalists that understand the nature of the Republic, very few perceive the real purpose of the founding of America.

***We hold these truths to be self-evident,  
that all men are created equal,  
that they are endowed by their Creator  
with certain unalienable Rights,  
that among these are Life, Liberty and  
the pursuit of Happiness.***

Above are the famous words written by Thomas Jefferson that laid the cornerstone of the United States of America. The Declaration of Independence was drafted by Thomas Jefferson with only minor participation by a committee that included John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert Livingston, pursuant to a resolution of the Second Continental Congress. It was adopted by Congress on July 4, 1776.

Looking to John Adams' famous letter of July 3, 1776, to his wife Abigail will put the celebration into perspective

"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epoch, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will

**SCOTT'S CORNER...** *continues on page 9*



**SCOTT'S CORNER...**

*continued from page 8*

triumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not.” (*The Book of Abigail and John: Selected Letters of the Adams Family, 1762-1784, Harvard University Press, 1975, 142*)

The intention of the remembrance is to memorialize the Declaration of Independence. But the meaning of the word and certainly the idea of independence is routinely ignored and often purged from the gala. A party for the sake of enjoyment snubs the solemn legacy of the founders. Yet, those who rally their attention on patriotic fervor, make an even more profound error.

The basic distinction between establishing independence, which is a prime essential to live out liberty and nationalistic allegiance, risks a fundamental disconnect in the purpose of a consensual union. The American Revolution was fought against a monarchy that prohibited basic rights of all

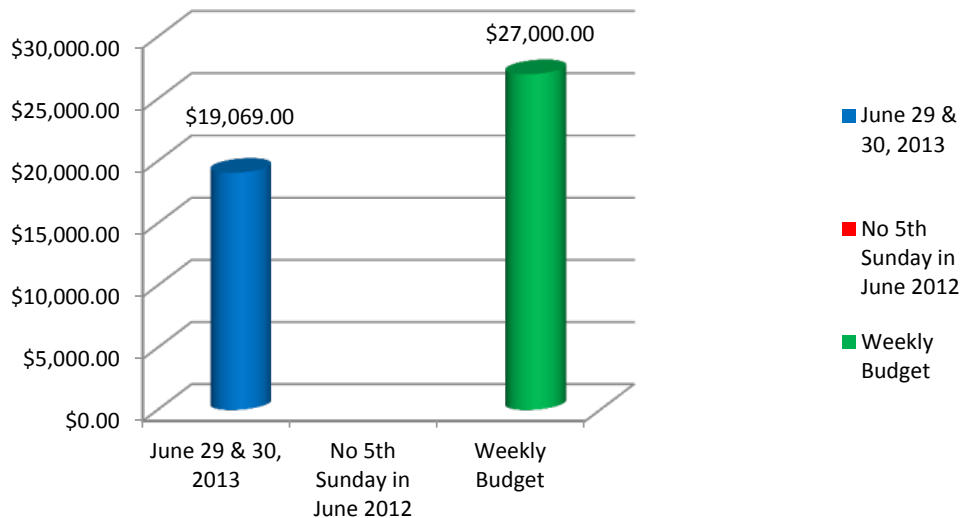
Englishmen. The original thirteen colonies sought to become independent states, no longer under the boot of George III and the British Crown. The goal for the rebellion was to gain self-government, for each colony and to establish a state sovereignty for each commonwealth. The union that evolved and formed after the Paris Peace Treaty of 1783, into the country known as the United States was a process separate from the crucial principle established in that accord.

We are truly blessed to live in this great country and without the sacrifice of our forefathers, we would not be celebrating the 4th of July.

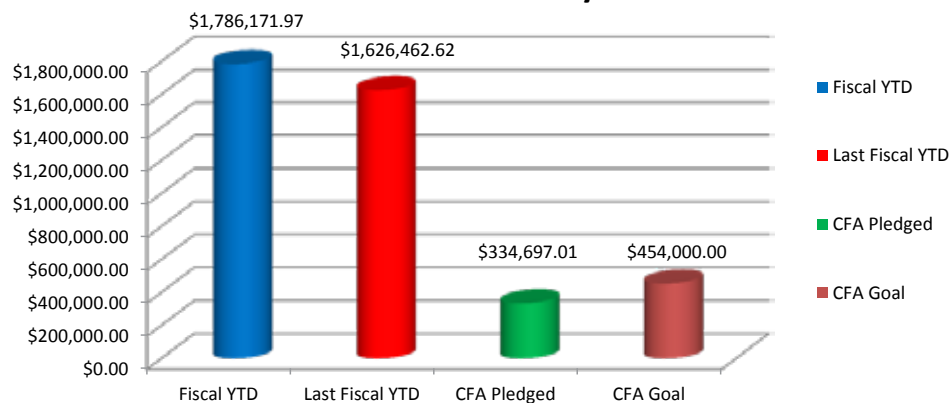
In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA  
General Manager

**Collection Summary**



**Fiscal YTD (7/1/2012-6/30/2013) & CFA Summary**



***Happily Married Couples***

Do you tune up your vehicle? You can't expect your marriage to run year after year, mile after mile without a tune up. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is the best proactive positive "pit stop" you can give to your marriage.

For more information about taking a private time away, and for upcoming weekend dates, check out [www.metampabay.org](http://www.metampabay.org) or call 813.270.7832.

The next WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend is July 26-28 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Tampa.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**We are no longer accepting clothing or household items at our parish office.**

# 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

## Sunday, July 7, 2013: the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Opening Song**

**Holy Is the Lord**

CHRIS TOMLIN CCLI Song #4158039. ©2003 WORSHIPTOGETHER.COM SONGS /

SISTERS MUSIC. FOR USE SOLELY WITH THE SONGSELECT TERMS OF USE. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. CCLI License #2008891.

*Verse*) We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.

We bow down and worship him now; how great, how awesome is he! And together we sing, everyone sing:

Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y. The earth  
 is filled with His glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord  
 God Al - might - y. The earth is filled with His glo -  
 - ry. The earth is filled with His glo - ry.

**KYRIE \* spoken**

**GLORIA \* The Glendalough Mass** (please see worship aid in pew)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 66)** Music by Tom Oram. © 2011, A Chasing After Wind Music (BMI). All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Response

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy,  
 Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

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

**Preparation Song**

**529 SERVANT SONG** Donna Marie McGargill

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

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

**Communion Songs 114 Taste and See** James E. Moore

# Hungry

KATHERYN SCOTT

CCLI Song No. 2650364 © 1999 Vineyard Songs (UK/Ire) (Admin. by

Vineyard Music UK), KATHERYN SCOTT. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. REPRINTED UNDER CCLI LICENSE NO. 2008891.

## Verse 1

**Hungry I come to you for I know you satisfy  
I am empty but I know your love does not run dry  
And so I wait for you; so I wait for you (Chorus)**

## Verse 2

**Broken I run to you for your arms are open wide  
I am weary, but I know your touch restores my life  
And so I wait for you; so I wait for you (Chorus)**

I'm fall - ing on my knees, of - fer - ing all of me.  
Je - sus, You're all this heart is liv - ing for.

## Closing Songs

### You Are the Lord

Mat Maxer

CCLI Song No. 4512974. © 2001 spiritandsong.com. Mat Maxer. For use solely

with the SongSelect terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com. CCLI License No. 2008891 and LicenSngOnline.Net #U19759.

**Y.1) You gave me a title, although I didn't know you. You called my name, and blessed me with life.  
Now I've squandered the fortunes of my childhood, given in to a world of lies...  
But I can't hide forever from what I know is true; Jesus, I surrender my life to you— (to Chorus)**

**Y.2) The mountains, they move at the sound of your holy name; the lame will walk and the blind will see.  
I know you want my heart, I know that I am nothing; you are the source of everything...  
And I can't live forever, unless I live in you; Jesus I surrender my life to you— (to Chorus)**

Chorus  
'Cause YOU ARE THE LORD and there is no oth-er, You're my God and I'm not a - shamed,  
I'll stand for you when the whole world fal-ters, I will bear your name And I won't be the same.

### **U.S. Bishops Issue Statement on Supreme Court Decisions on Marriage; Florida Bishops Will Continue to Uphold and Defend Marriage as the Union of One Man and One Woman**

“The Supreme Court has dealt a profound injustice to the American people by striking down in part the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA),” said the U.S. Bishops in a statement\* on the June 26 U.S. Supreme Court decisions on marriage. “The Court got it wrong. The federal government ought to respect the truth that marriage is the union of one man and one woman, even where states fail to do so. The preservation of liberty and justice requires that all laws, federal and state, respect the truth, including the truth about marriage. It is also unfortunate that the Court did not take the opportunity to uphold California’s Proposition 8 but instead decided not to rule on the matter.”

The U.S. Bishops also expressed, “Now that the Supreme Court has issued its decisions, with renewed purpose we call upon all of our leaders and the people of this good nation to stand steadfastly together in promoting and defending the unique meaning of marriage:

one man, one woman, for life. We also ask for prayers as the Court’s decisions are reviewed and their implications further clarified.”

While the U.S. Supreme Court’s decisions will have profound consequences on marriage and society as a whole, neither of the two rulings directly affect Article 1, Section 27 of Florida’s Constitution approved by 62% of voters in 2008, which defines marriage as the legal union of only one man and one woman as husband and wife. In particular, the limited ruling on DOMA did not strike the portion of the law that protects states from being forced to recognize same-sex marriage, and the Prop 8 ruling is limited to California.

The Bishops of Florida will continue to uphold and defend the true nature and meaning of marriage as an exclusive, lifelong communion between a man and a woman. It is within this union of husband and wife that children are received and nurtured. The common good and the future of our society are best served by ensuring that a child’s right to a mother and a father, who bring unique gifts to the education and rearing of children, is protected.

\*The whole statement from the U.S. Bishops can be found on their website at: <http://www.usccb.org/news/2013/13-126.cfm>

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C*

*Isaiah 66:10-14C*

*Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20*

*Galatians 6:14-18*

*Luke 10:1-12, 17-20*

# The Word & Life

## *An Abundant Harvest – Laborers Needed*

*D*uring the past few weeks, the theme of call and mission has been very prominent in the readings and gospel. Jesus informs his disciples there is much work to be done in proclaiming the good news but very few to offer themselves for this venture. The harvest that Jesus refers to is the message of the kingdom. The laborers are the people who are given the task to take the message of the kingdom and make it a reality for others. Jesus sends his appointed seventy-two in pairs to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus commands them to heal the sick and to bring the good news of salvation to any town they enter. Jesus advises the disciples to accept the hospitality offered them and to bestow peace on every household along the way. If the disciples encounter indifference and opposition, Jesus advises them to shake the dust from their feet. We hear at the end of the gospel that the seventy-two rejoice that the Lord's work is accomplished through them.

### **Reflection Questions**

1. How did Jesus want the disciples to proclaim the kingdom?
2. How can you proclaim the kingdom?
3. Define the areas of your life that are in need of healing.
4. How does the world need to be healed?
5. What part are you going to play in the world's transformation?
6. What does harvest of the Lord represent for you?
7. Do you consider yourself to be a laborer for the Lord? Why or why not?
8. How are you challenged to incarnate the gospel through your personal discipleship?
9. How can you use your personal gifts to proclaim the kingdom?
10. What have you accomplished for the Lord?
11. What does God want you to accomplish in your lifetime?

The gospel today is often used to promote vocations for the priesthood and religious life. However, to limit this gospel event to this context would be a tremendous mistake. The work of the kingdom of God is not given to those who dedicate their lives to the priesthood or religious life alone. All those marked out in baptism share the divine calling to be a laborer for the harvest of the good news! All baptized Christians are asked to share in the ministry of the gospel. Everyone is asked in his or her given way to bring healing to society. On the surface it would appear to exorcise demons or bring full restoration to the sick is far out of reach for us as individuals. However, some of us can bring healing by simply extending a hand

of friendship or by blessing someone with our presence. When life is troubling for someone we know, we may be encountered with a situation where someone is not at peace because they suffer from a dis-ease of the spirit. In those situations we are called to bring calm and solace through our words and support.

We are all asked to witness to the truth as it is given by Christ and his Church. Together we must face the difficult issues facing society and the Church by gently persuading others to seek the wisdom of God in every given situation. We are asked to promote the kingdom of God by promoting the dignity of life itself – by speaking out against abortion, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research. Equally, we are invited to promote the kingdom by accompanying young women with their difficult pregnancies, by visiting those who are sick and aiding their recovery with our time and treasure. It is in such simple acts that the reality of the kingdom is made known. If people refuse our efforts, we are simply reminded to move on and take our efforts elsewhere.

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



### Prayer

*Lord, may more and more people be inspired to follow your call to serve you. May those who seek the kingdom of heaven find it through our work as a community of faith. Once people become aware of the message of the kingdom within their lives, may they have the courage to share that message with others through their words and actions. Amen.*

## Voices of Faith

### Laborers

The Itinerant Preacher sends the disciples out  
To proclaim a kingdom where restoration is promised  
Laborers for the harvest ripe venture out  
Where restless souls seek solace and peace

The world is waiting for God  
As if groaning in labor pains  
Hearts are broken, souls are crippled  
As man seeks his mission and destiny

Disciples journey down the byways of grace  
With no provisions but love beyond all telling  
They preach God's intention  
To restore what is broken and reject temptation

Their Christ sends them out to promote his peace  
Where longing is no more and separations cease  
If rejected they must move on  
To find other seekers looking for heaven's Son

The world accepts and rejects the laborers sent  
Some hearts are changed whilst others decay  
Wounds are healed and hope restored  
Others remain unchanged and cling to the sword

Through the passing of time  
The seasons rise and fall  
The harvest is rich and plentiful  
Laborers work tirelessly for the Savior of all

The call goes out to every Christian alike  
To save man lost and broken from his plight  
The fields are open with wheat golden bright  
We must work together to reap heaven's harvest

Fear not the ones with hearts of stone  
Embrace the heart of the One who continues to live  
For the Christ of God lives in every woman and man  
Who dare to work for God's saving plan

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



Karpati Gabor/Wikimedia Commons

# Marriage Enrichment

*Creating a successful marriage doesn't end on the wedding day; it is a lifelong process.*

Eric Sammons, Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Venice, has authored the “Principles of Catholic Evangelization”. Excerpts from this four-part process can be found on these two pages. For the whole presentation, please visit: <http://vimeo.com/39199736>

## **Marriage is Voluntary**

*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh (Genesis 2:24).*

In our culture the idea that marriage is voluntary is self-evident; after all, what is it called when a man asks his beloved for her hand in marriage? A “proposal.” One cannot force another into marriage, for love must be voluntarily given. This “proposing” nature of marriage reflects our relationship with God. He wants more than anything to have a deep communion with each one of us — yet He never imposes Himself upon us. It is up to each person to decide whether to accept or reject God’s love.

## **Marriage is Total**

*So they are no longer two but one flesh (Matthew 19:4-6).*

What would the bride’s reaction be if a groom on his wedding day said to her, “I will give most, but not all, of myself to you. I plan to keep back some of myself for other interests-and I don’t want you to be involved in them.” Not very romantic, is it? (And not very likely to go over well, either). When a person enters into marriage, he or she is giving a total commitment to the spouse, with nothing held back. This is a reflection of God’s love, which was so total that He gave His Son up to death for our salvation.

This complete giving of self in marriage involves the whole person: body and soul. A husband who hides a special bank account that he uses to spend on things his wife might not approve of has not given his whole life over to his spouse. A wife who remains emotionally attached to an old boyfriend and keeps in intimate contact with him after marriage has failed to give herself completely to her husband.

The total commitment of marriage also includes our sexuality, which is why the use of artificial contraception violates the marriage bond. Contraception makes impossible the total gift of self, because it withholds a dimension of the self from the spouse: one’s procreative abilities. In marriage, spouses give everything they are-even the ability to co-create children-to the other. To hold this gift back is to hold back an essential part of who God created us to be, and to reject that gift from one’s spouse is to reject a fundamental part of who he or she is.

*Marriage Enrichment... continues on page 15*

The Diocese of Venice offers a number of opportunities for marriage enrichment. Contact the Diocese at 941.484.9543 for details about upcoming programs. Additionally, you may visit the website at [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org)

# Marriage Enrichment

*Continued from page 14*

## **Marriage is Faithful**

*What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder (Matthew 19:6).*

Marriage-inherently-is an exclusive, life-long relationship between a man and a woman. Why is marriage by definition life-long? For one, like all aspects of marriage, it reflects God's love. God's love for us can never waver and can never end-He will be faithful to us even if we are unfaithful to Him.

But marriage is also to be life-long as a protection for both the married parties as well as any children that are produced in that marriage. Children deserve to be attached to their mother and father, and a life-long marriage does just this: it protects children from losing their father or mother due to divorce. Today's culture has seen the terrible effects that easy divorce has wrought: broken homes in which children are the primary victims.

Adultery is also incompatible with true marriage. The sixth commandment explicitly states that "You shall not commit adultery," thus recognizing the grave evil of extra-marital relationships. In adultery, a person rejects the life-long bond formed in marriage by forming a false union with another person. In the Old Testament, idolatry-unfaithfulness to God-was often compared to adultery. Marriage is meant to reflect the faithful love of God for us.

## **Marriage is Fruitful**

*God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth" (Genesis 1:28).*

Sometimes people are struck by the third question of intention in the marriage rite: "Will you accept children lovingly from God and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?" Many young couples are not yet thinking about children and see them as an option in the far-off future. Why is this subject being brought up now?

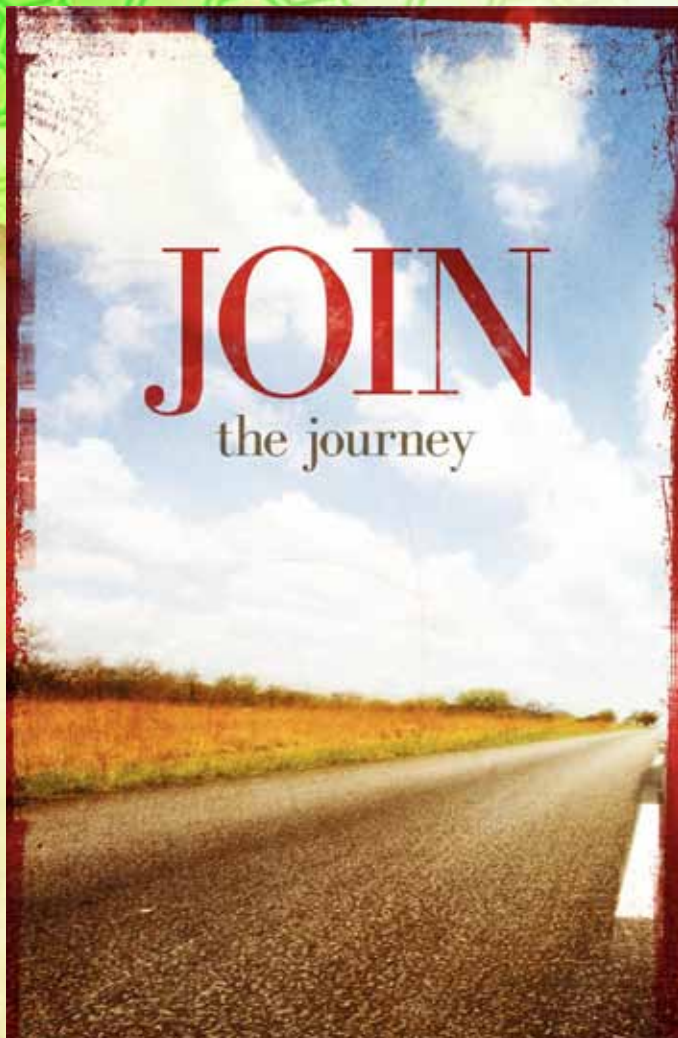
The fact is that children are integrally linked to marriage. Although not every marriage produces children, every child deserves to be connected to his or her mother and father. Marriage is the institution that protects children, for when children are surrounded by their mother and father, they have the best chance to grow up in a loving environment that has their best interests at heart.

The link between children and marriage goes even deeper. After a wedding ceremony, the Church teaches that the marriage is not yet complete: it is not a valid marriage until it has been consummated by the conjugal act. So, the act which has as its natural end the procreation of children is what makes complete what was begun at the wedding ceremony. Without consummation a union can not be considered a marriage. This is one reason why a same-sex union can never be considered a "marriage," for the conjugal act is simply impossible for those involved.

But what about infertile couples or couples who marry after childbearing years? Does this mean that they are not able to truly marry? Not at all. In such cases, the conjugal act is still possible, even if procreation appears impossible. The actions of the couple are still directed towards procreation and open to life, regardless of whether life is actually created.

# Faith Formation

**HAPPY SUMMER**



## RCIA

Is something lacking in your life?

Do you want true happiness?

Are you ready to put Christ in your life?

Do you need spiritual growth?

Do you want to renew your faith journey?

Are you returning to the church?

Are you seeking the Sacraments of Initiation?

Do you know your faith?

**CLASSES START OCT. 3, 2013**

For more information please contact Margie Lynch at 239-514-2927 or email us at [RCIA@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:RCIA@saintjohntheevangelist.com).

### YOU ARE CALLED TO GET INVOLVED

Faith Formation needs catechists, teacher aides, and clerical support for the 2013-2014 school year. Please contact Margie Lynch, Director of Faith Formation, if you desire to become more involved in your church.

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,  
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"  
Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

*Isaiah 6:8*

Faith Formation Office

625 111<sup>th</sup> Ave. North

Naples, FL 34108-1825

Phone: 239-514-2927 ext. 124

Fax: 239-566-9117

Email:

[faithformation@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:faithformation@saintjohntheevangelist.com)

Website:

[www.saintjohntheevangelist.com](http://www.saintjohntheevangelist.com)



# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH, NAPLES, FL

The Very Rev. John J. Ludden, pastor

Thomas Oram, pastoral musician

Ellie Roberts, choir director

& the St. John the Evangelist Adult Choir

## PILGRIMAGE AND PERFORMANCE TOUR TO

# Ireland

From \$4,099. Interested?  
Call Corporate Travel Service to  
book today! 313-565-8888, ext. 121\*

\*\$350 deposit due, with no further  
payment until April, 2014. Land-only trip  
also available (subtract \$1100). Single  
rooms available for \$500.

## September 9-18, 2014

### Your 10 Day Pilgrimage Includes:

- Eight (8) nights accommodations: 2 nights in Galway, 3 nights in Killarney, 3 nights in Dublin
- Performances per the itinerary (subject to confirmation):
- Eight (8) full Irish breakfasts, and six (6) dinners, including Knappogue Castle Medieval Banquet and an authentic Irish Hooley
- Luxury motor coach for airport transfers in Ireland and specified sightseeing
- Pilgrimage sights in Ireland: Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, St. Brigid's Well, Rock of Cashel, Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Catholic Tour escort while in Ireland
- Batt Burn's performance entitled, "Whisperings of Ireland"
- Entrance fees to all sites per itinerary
- Daily Mass at unique and historic sites
- Hotel taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage per person
- Gratuities payable to guides, drivers and local service personnel
- Round trip air from Fort Myers, FL to Dublin, Ireland including fuel surcharges and government imposed fees of \$550 as of 04/09/13; final amount subject to change.

For more information and the full itinerary, email Tom Oram at [tom@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:tom@saintjohntheevangelist.com)



# Knights of Columbus Independence Party



Sgt. Douglas Roth receives his award from S/L Bill Wright and S/K John Fazackerley.



Kara Scialdo, widow of Sgt. Scialdo, receives his award from S/K Bill Wright & S/K John Fazackerley.



Fr. John with Kara Scialdo, widow of the soldier killed in Afghanistan this past March.



Tony Avalon sings.



(Top) Eileen Fuller sings the songs of the five branches of the Armed Forces.  
(Left) Tom Oram accompanying Eileen Fuller.



(Top) Couples dancing to the music sung by Tony Avalon. (Left) Marian and Marty Welzmuller.

photos by Tom Middlemiss, EventPixer.com