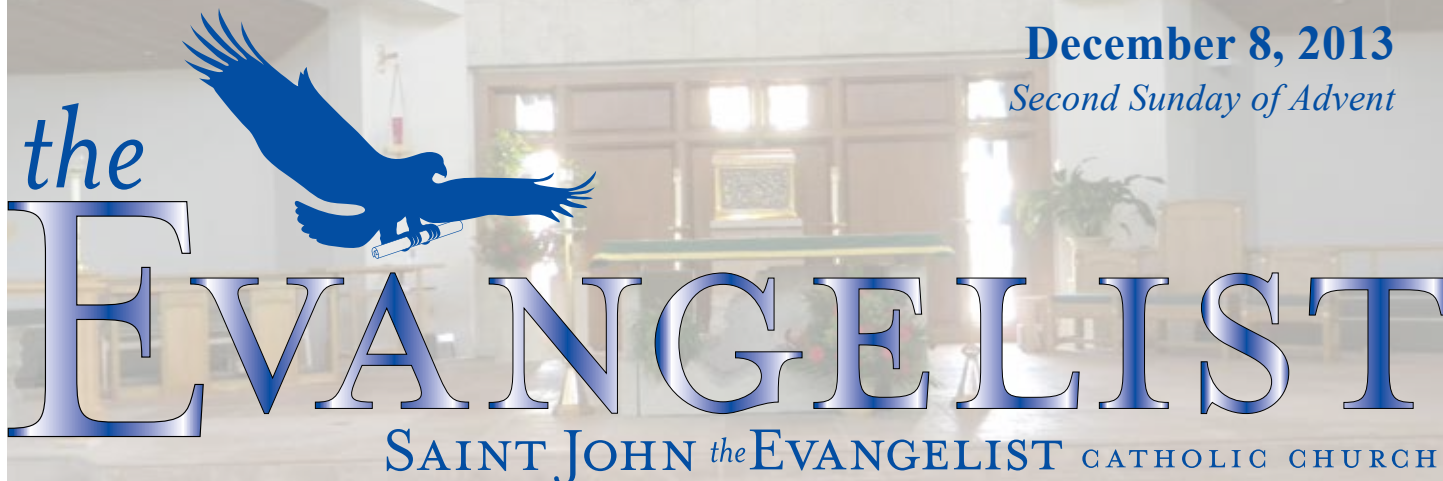


December 8, 2013

Second Sunday of Advent



Pope Francis Seeks Input from the Faithful

Dear Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish,

The Synod of Bishops will be convening a meeting in the Fall of 2014 to discuss the pastoral challenges to the family in the context of the new evangelization. Pope Francis has called on the bishops of the Church to listen to the faithful in regard to the challenges they face when living out their faith in today's society. St. John the Evangelist Parish will be holding a listening session on Wednesday, December 11th, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. to facilitate the Holy Father's request. During this meeting, people will have time to offer comments and considerations on the questions outlined on pages 5 - 7. These questions have been sent to the conferences of bishops across the globe. It may be helpful for some to visit our parish website at: www.saintjohtheevangelist.com to view background information on the questions that are being asked.

During the listening session, notes will be taken and a summary of the meeting will be sent to the diocese. Once all of the parishes of the Diocese of Venice submit their summaries, Bishop Frank J. Dewane will then submit these findings to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, who in turn will then submit their data to the Vatican during the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops.

I would like to encourage you as members of the Body of Christ to participate in this pastoral endeavor in which the pastoral dimensions of the local Church may shed light on some of the pastoral challenges facing the Church universal. It is my hope that people of various ages will come to this important meeting.

Let us prayerfully reflect upon and consider the questions. I look forward to seeing you at this important event.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John J. Ludden

SEE VATICAN QUESTIONNAIRE

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Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. — Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5:00 p.m.

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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by

December 7, 2013	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Elsa Everstijn	Darlene & Jim Follese
		Vigil Mass	
3:00 PM	+	Ernest Hutter	Janet D'Addario
5:00 PM	+	Linnae Eddy	Parents
December 8, 2013	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Martha DeFrancesca	Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM	+	Nicholas Senatore	Rosalie, Debbie & Jodi
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Joseph Trupiano	Catherine Trupiano
5:00 PM	+	John Spagnola	Rita & Family
December 9, 2013	Monday		
8:00 AM	+	Anthony (Tut) DeFrancisco	Dot & Larry Biondo
9:00 AM	+	Al Moser	Robert & Jane Moser
December 10, 2013	Tuesday		
8:00 AM	+	Joan Moran	Elsa & James Cattano
9:00 AM	+	Bridget & Dennis O'Keefe	Joanne Ryan
December 11, 2013	Wednesday		
8:00 AM		Intentions of Mike Zewalk	Marty & Loretta Sullivan
9:00 AM	+	John Fitzpatrick	Mimi LeBeau
December 12, 2013	Thursday		
8:00 AM	+	Shea Maurer	Coffers Family
9:00 AM	+	Al Moser	William Kelly
December 13, 2013	Friday		
8:00 AM	+	Ramy Garrido	Elida Gil
9:00 AM	+	Elsa Everstijn	Ladies of Charity
December 14, 2013	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Lester Gurdin	Joseph & Sandy DeJesus
		Vigil Mass	
3:00 PM	+	Jim Belzer	Phyllis Belzer
5:00 PM	+	Lillian DeJesus	Joseph & Sandy DeJesus
December 15, 2013	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Kathleen Houlihan	Mimi LeBeau
9:00 AM	+	Enid L. Gauthier	Bob, Nancy & Ted Shannon
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Joseph Pisarra	Mary & Ed Haynes
5:00 PM	+	Arnold Anderson	Peter DeFrancesca
		<i>Altar Flowers in Memory of Nazira Dina -requested by the Dina Family</i>	

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 7, 2013

St. Ambrose; First Saturday;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 – 10:1

Vigil Mass

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Sunday, December 8, 2013

Second Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday, December 9, 2013

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

International Human Rights Day
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

St. Damasus I
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcd, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
or any readings from the Common of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Friday, December 13, 2013

St. Lucy
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 14, 2013

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

Vigil Mass

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Sunday, December 15, 2013

Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Homebound: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at any time to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Contact the office: 566.8740

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 p.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.

MASS INTENTIONS...

Hymns for the Second Sunday of Advent, December 7 & 8

Readings:	612	Year A
Entrance Hymn:	77	The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns
Preparation Hymn:	370	Christ, Be Our Light
Communion Hymn:	230	One Bread, One Body
	75	Jesus, Come To Us
Closing Hymn:	461	The Church's One Foundation

Choral Anthems at the 9:00 & 11:15 Masses

Before the Mass	Like a Rose	Ruth Elaine Schram
Communion	How Beautiful	Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, December 9: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Is 61: 10*

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM R. (1) Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

Tuesday, December 10: Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him; and on that day there will be a great light.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM R. *(see Isaiah 40:10ab)*

The Lord our God comes with power.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. 2 Tm 4: 8*

The Just Judge will bestow a crown of righteousness on those who eagerly await his coming.

Wednesday, December 11: Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Hb 2: 3; 1 Cor 4: 5*

The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is hidden in darkness and reveal himself to all the nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (1) O bless the Lord, my soul!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Is 40: 10; 35: 5*

Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

Thursday, December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Rev 12:1* A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM R. *(15:9d)*

You are the highest honor of our race.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Lk 1:52*

The Lord has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

Friday, December 13: Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM R. *(15:9d)*

You are the highest honor of our race.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Rev. 7:17*

The Lamb who is at the center of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life.

Saturday, December 14: Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Gal 6: 14*

May I never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM R. (4) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Mt 16: 24*

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

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 1:15 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
Assistant to the Pastor
Tricia Schwarz

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Tom Oram
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Ellie Roberts

Sacristan

Lorna Woonsam

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Kathy Sims

Memorial Garden

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Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

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Margie Lynch: 228.3904/3909

Director of Youth Ministry

Call the Office: 566.8740

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Family Ministry

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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 2014.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2015 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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Vatican Questionnaire

The following series of questions allows the particular Churches to participate actively in the preparation of the Extraordinary Synod, whose purpose is to proclaim the Gospel in the context of the pastoral challenges facing the family today.

1. The Diffusion of the Teachings on the Family in Sacred Scripture and the Church's Magisterium

- a) Describe how the Catholic Church's teachings on the value of the family contained in the Bible, *Gaudium et spes*, *Familiaris consortio* and other documents of the post-conciliar Magisterium is understood by people today? What formation is given to our people on the Church's teaching on family life?
- b) In those cases where the Church's teaching is known, is it accepted fully or are there difficulties in putting it into practice? If so, what are they?
- c) How widespread is the Church's teaching in pastoral programmes at the national, diocesan and parish levels? What catechesis is done on the family?
- d) To what extent — and what aspects in particular — is this teaching actually known, accepted, rejected and/or criticized in areas outside the Church? What are the cultural factors which hinder the full reception of the Church's teaching on the family?

2. Marriage According to the Natural Law

- a) What place does the idea of the natural law have in the cultural areas of society: in institutions, education, academic circles and among the people at large? What anthropological ideas underlie the discussion on the natural basis of the family?
- b) Is the idea of the natural law in the union between a man and a woman commonly accepted as such by the baptized in general?

c) How is the theory and practice of natural law in the union between man and woman challenged in light of the formation of a family? How is it proposed and developed in civil and Church institutions?

d) In cases where non-practicing Catholics or declared non-believers request the celebration of marriage, describe how this pastoral challenge is dealt with?

3. The Pastoral Care of the Family in Evangelization

- a) What experiences have emerged in recent decades regarding marriage preparation? What efforts are there to stimulate the task of evangelization of the couple and of the family? How can an awareness of the family as the "domestic Church" be promoted?
- b) How successful have you been in proposing a manner of praying within the family which can withstand life's complexities and today's culture?
- c) In the current generational crisis, how have Christian families been able to fulfill their vocation of transmitting the faith?
- d) In what way have the local Churches and movements on family spirituality been able to create ways of acting which are exemplary?
- e) What specific contribution can couples and families make to spreading a credible and holistic idea of the couple and the Christian family today?
- f) What pastoral care has the Church provided in supporting couples in formation and couples in crisis situations?

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Vatican Questionnaire

4. Pastoral Care in Certain Difficult Marital Situations

a) Is cohabitation *ad experimentum* a pastoral reality in your particular Church? Can you approximate a percentage?

b) Do unions which are not recognized either religiously or civilly exist? Are reliable statistics available?

c) Are separated couples and those divorced and remarried a pastoral reality in your particular Church? Can you approximate a percentage? How do you deal with this situation in appropriate pastoral programmes?

d) In all the above cases, how do the baptized live in this irregular situation? Are they aware of it? Are they simply indifferent? Do they feel marginalized or suffer from the impossibility of receiving the sacraments?

e) What questions do divorced and remarried people pose to the Church concerning the Sacraments of the Eucharist and of Reconciliation? Among those persons who find themselves in these situations, how many ask for these sacraments?

f) Could a simplification of canonical practice in recognizing a declaration of nullity of the marriage bond provide a positive contribution to solving the problems of the persons involved? If yes, what form would it take?

g) Does a ministry exist to attend to these cases? Describe this pastoral ministry? Do such programmes exist on the national and diocesan levels? How is God's mercy proclaimed to separated couples and those divorced and remarried and how does the Church put into practice her support for them in their journey of faith?

5. On Unions of Persons of the Same Sex

a) Is there a law in your country recognizing civil unions for people of the same-sex and equating it in

some way to marriage?

b) What is the attitude of the local and particular Churches towards both the State as the promoter of civil unions between persons of the same sex and the people involved in this type of union?

c) What pastoral attention can be given to people who have chosen to live in these types of union?

d) In the case of unions of persons of the same sex who have adopted children, what can be done pastorally in light of transmitting the faith?

6. The Education of Children in Irregular Marriages

a) What is the estimated proportion of children and adolescents in these cases, as regards children who are born and raised in regularly constituted families?

b) How do parents in these situations approach the Church? What do they ask? Do they request the sacraments only or do they also want catechesis and the general teaching of religion?

c) How do the particular Churches attempt to meet the needs of the parents of these children to provide them with a Christian education?

d) What is the sacramental practice in these cases: preparation, administration of the sacrament and the accompaniment?

7. The Openness of the Married Couple to Life

a) What knowledge do Christians have today of the teachings of *Humanae vitae* on responsible parenthood? Are they aware of how morally to evaluate the different methods of family planning? Could any insights be suggested in this regard pastorally?

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Vatican Questionnaire

b) Is this moral teaching accepted? What aspects pose the most difficulties in a large majority of couple's accepting this teaching?

c) What natural methods are promoted by the particular Churches to help spouses put into practice the teachings of *Humanae vitae*?

d) What is your experience on this subject in the practice of the Sacrament of Penance and participation at the Eucharist?

e) What differences are seen in this regard between the Church's teaching and civic education?

f) How can a more open attitude towards having children be fostered? How can an increase in births be promoted?

8. The Relationship Between the Family and the Person

a) Jesus Christ reveals the mystery and vocation of the human person. How can the family be a privileged place for this to happen?

b) What critical situations in the family today can obstruct a person's encounter with Christ?

c) To what extent do the many crises of faith which people can experience affect family life?

9. Other Challenges and Proposals

What other challenges or proposals related to the topics in the above questions do you consider urgent and useful to treat?

Advent Penance Services – Local Area Churches

St. William – Monday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.
601 Seagate Drive, Naples

St. Agnes – Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

St. Ann – Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.
475 9th Avenue South, Naples

St. Peter the Apostle –
Monday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

St. John the Evangelist – Tuesday,
December 17 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Finbarr – Wednesday, December 18
at 5:00 p.m.
13520 Tamiani Trail East, Naples

St. Marco Catholic Church – Thursday,
December 19
at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
851 San Marco Road, Marco Island

Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the weekend of December 7-8, 2013, the Parishes of the Diocese of Venice will conduct the annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, a fund which benefits religious order brothers, sisters, and priests. In reflecting upon the sacrifice of the Church's men and women religious, the words of St. Paul come to mind: 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.'

The entire Catholic Church has benefited greatly from the tireless service of religious. Globally, they work in parishes, schools, hospitals, missions, and more. Their contribution to the Church should never be underestimated.

Most elder religious of today earned small stipends in the early years of their religious life, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. While many religious continue in active and volunteer ministry, others are frail and need assistance. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital financial assistance to meet day-to-day needs for prescription medications, nursing care, and more.

Please support this Annual Collection, and pray for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly religious order sisters, brothers, and priests.

I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurance of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers during the Advent Season. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

Life Matters



Feast of the Holy Innocents Memorial Mass December 28

The season of Advent is upon us, reminding us again to be hopeful and to wait. We are noting the final month of development for our spiritually adopted babies. Like many pregnant mothers, this month seems to last the longest, because it is so hard to just wait.

We must also remember that sometimes the waiting does not bear the expected results. Sometimes the pregnancy ends with a stillborn child, or the waiting was cut short by a miscarriage. Sometimes the entire inconvenient waiting period was terminated with an abortion. For all of these sad endings, God has given us hope. He is always our hope. For every child lost in pregnancy, there is a soul in heaven who is waiting to meet again with her parents in eternity. My own child, Ann Teresa, who died in an abortion in 1979, is waiting for me. Our little treasures, the babies who never became adults, have their own feast day on the church calendar. December 28 is the Feast of the Holy Innocents. The feast day officially remembers all the male children slaughtered by Herod's order

in an effort to kill the newborn king of the Jews. Those little boys were the first martyrs for Jesus. Likewise, in the modern age, we recognize all the innocents; those babies who were never born, or those who died in childhood.

Here at St. John, we commemorate these children in a special way on their feast day. On Saturday, December 28, the 8:00 a.m. Mass will be said for all those who have suffered a pregnancy loss, or born the grief of the death of a child. Before the Mass, you will be invited to enter your child or children's names in the Book of the Innocents. You can then take a rose to the altar for each child you have listed in the book. The children listed in the book will be remembered in that Mass, as well as all of us who are left to remember their precious lives, however short they might have been.

Pre-registration is not required.

article submitted by Loretta Judy, Respect Life

Is your high school student in need of Confirmation?

The Sacrament of Confirmation is administered in the Diocese of Venice in 10th Grade. In order to be eligible, students must attend two consecutive years (ninth and tenth grade, usually) of religious education here at St. John, or have proof of their attendance elsewhere. For more information and to get your child enrolled in our program, please call Martha Oram, director of Youth Ministry, at 566-9117, ext. 3915.

Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found area in the Electrical Room to the right of the ladies restroom for any items you may have lost. More expensive items are locked up. See Lorna Woonsam, head sacritan, before or after Mass, or call her and leave a message at 566-8740, ext. 3912. Any items not claimed by Friday, January 31, 2014, will be donated to the farm workers.

Let Us Use Our Gifts for the Children
Please Support The Ladies of Charity

Christmas Sneaker and Sock Drive

*to benefit the needy children of
Naples Park Elementary School
& the children of Immokalee*

Items must be NEW.

Goal: 500 Pairs

Return by: December 14-15

“All ornaments have been taken for this drive. Thank you so much!” Please remember to bring the gifts to the church and/or office before December 15.”

GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

We pray in the Church every morning except Sunday. We begin 45 minutes before Mass. Please join us. *(We have printed guides with the prayers.)*

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.

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	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	AT3 Corinne MacFarlane U.S. Navy
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)
Adam Decker U.S. Air Force	Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Nicholas Detloff U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Daniel Palmer U.S. Army
Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army, (Afghanistan)	Cpt. John Palmer U.S. Army
Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	1Lt. Robert Pedrigi 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, (Afghanistan)
Cpl. Dylan Granza U.S. Army Ranger	Lt. Kelly Spencer U.S. Air Force
Specialist Shelby Granza U.S. Army	Houng Tran U.S. Army
Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer U.S. Marine Corp * LAV Recon	IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)
	Co. Glenn Yeck U.S. Navy (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

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. Following the morning Mass, every

Wednesday, Wednesday Centering Prayer will meet in the Parish Library.

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.

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:

James "Jim" Parejko and Eileen Tomasello

May they rest in eternal peace.

Let us pray for the sick of the parish, especially

Carmela Abbate	Alexandria Dolkas	Colleen Kirkmaier	Anneliese Salamon
Thomas Abell	John Dovi	Anna LaGrasta	Kathleen Salvi
Deacon Al	Michael Dunlop	Lamport Family	Edna Sanvidge
Maureen Alonso	Trudy Eddy	Diane Leahy	Reagan Scacchetti
Marie Amont	Nancy Ellert	Mary Jane Leake	Dominick Scaiano
Jim Amont	Ellen Enright	Pattie Leiner	Cynthia Scariati
Jacob Andrew	Ann Marie Esposito	Lindsay Levery	Michael Scheidemann
Agatha Barczynski	Edith Esposito	Josh & Carl Locke	Cathy Schloendorn
Jennifer Basile	Claire Febrezio	Kevin Locke	Joanne Scimone
Bev Basler	Troy Feidler	Mr. & Mrs. Louser	Douglas Scott
Margie Benefico	Tiffany Fiedler	L.T.M.	Walter Scott
Linda Berry	Thomas O. Flood	Carolyn McDonald	Carol Seiffert
Mary Bessner	Donna Flynn	Dr. Martin McKenna & Family	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Lucretia Biasi	Joan Gleason	McKee Family	Teresa Shengulet
Anthony Bonavita	Veronica Glennon	Harriet Meza	Jean Smith
Marge Bond	Dick Goepel	Jim Moran	Jeff Smith
Genevieve Brown	Stephen Golia	Ed Moriarity	Inga Sovia
Pat Brothy	Madelon Gorsky	Mildred Morrison	Margaret Stovich
Frank Caccavo Jr.	Rich Greenwood	Peter Nicoletta	Pat Sutter
Joseph Carchia	Carmela Grosso	Edward O'Brien	Joanmarie Switalski
Robert Carnevale	Harry Hammond	Honey O'Connell	Tara & Family
Anna Cassara	Barbara Hanson	Jim Orlando	Rita Taranto
Christine Cassara	William "Bill" Hardy	Tyler Ostos	Patricia Trapnell
James Castaldi	Frank Harris	Maryla Panagos	Grace Utz
Diane Centenaro	Luci Hartert	James Patton	Pat & Eloisa Velasquez
Drew and Kanema Clark	Jerry Heyen	Irene Pires	Larry Watson
Richard Clark	Colleen Hill	Joe Pohrer	Lucy Westman
Claussen Family	Karen Hohne	Kimberly Porter	Francijs Whitlock
Arthur Cuellar	Charlotte Hollohan	Katherine Prince	Patricia Whitlock
Susan Cusick	Betty Horkey	William Pulte	John Yotis
Brian Davis	Donald Howe	Radel Family	Mary Yotis
James Diamante	Pam Jenkins	Joe Reid	
Julie Dieter	Ned Johnston	Esther Riley	
Patty Dillow	Nadiya Joseph	Mary Rossi	
Connie Dimucci	David Kelly	Betsy Russo	
	Mary Kelly		

LET US PRAY...

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

DECEMBER 8, 2013 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



If you read the front page of the bulletin, you are well aware that we are hosting a listening session on December 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the PLC Ballroom. If you carefully read the questions listed on pages 5, 6 and 7 that will be discussed, you will realize that there is a lot of information to digest and possibly research. With that being said, if you are planning on attending the session, PLEASE do your homework ahead of time so that you are able to adequately contribute to the discussion. We will only have an hour and a half to complete a monumental task. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and preparation!

The new 2014 parish calendar has gone to print and I must say that it is the best yet. Each month features a prominent parish ministry and the contributions the ministry makes to St. John the Evangelist and to other outside groups. Calendars will be available for pickup beginning the last week of December. A special thank you is in order to Bill & Liz Shikany with Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home for absorbing the substantial cost of printing the calendars.

The collection for Typhoon Haiyan on November 17 and 18 totaled \$20,715.00. Thank you for your generosity in giving to those who were negatively affected by this natural disaster. The funds from our collection were sent to Catholic Relief Services to be distributed to those in the Philippines. We are confident that your donations will help many in this area begin the recovery process.

In addition to making a difference in the lives of those in the Philippines, you are also making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate locally. The collection for St. Vincent De Paul on Thanksgiving Day totaled over \$12,000.00 when combined with poor box donations. As there are no administrative costs associated with St. Vincent De Paul, every penny of your contributions will be used to assist families in our local area who are struggling to get by.

The Ladies of Charity Sneaker Drive is moving along very nicely. Believe it or not, all 500 tags were removed from the Christmas Trees in the narthex. Assuming everyone follows through, that will be 500 pairs of sneakers for students right next door at Naples Park Elementary and many more in Immokalee. You may have noticed that the sneaker tags have been replaced with tags for the Ladies of Charity Food Drive. If you were unable to pick up a sneaker tag, maybe you would like to participate in the food drive or if you are feeling especially benevolent this holiday season, you could do both.

After going through a recent health scare myself and seeing

several parishioners experiencing debilitating strokes, I thought I would include the following announcement regarding an upcoming health screening at the parish. Although we cannot endorse Life Line Screening, they have had some very impressive results over the past several years. In addition, I have two gift certificates for a complimentary screening which I am willing to give to two deserving parishioners who cannot afford the price tag. Please contact me if you are interested and if you are truly unable to afford the screening. This will be a first come, first served offer.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on January 8, 2014. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1.888.653.6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

I sent out an email blast on Thanksgiving Day from the parish wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Several days after sending the email, the results arrived. Although I was pleased that nearly half of you opened the email, I was shocked to see that of the nearly 1,400 emails sent that 97 bounced back. Obviously, if you did not receive this email then we do not have your address, have an incorrect address or you do not wish to receive email from St. John the Evangelist. Regarding the bounces, these are generally inactive accounts or incorrect addresses. If you would like to receive email blasts from the parish, please email me with your address at scotts@saintjohntheevangelist.com or complete the form on page 11 and drop it in the collection basket or turn it to the parish office. Thank you.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA,
General Manager

In order that we may enhance communication within the parish through our new email module, we must have your email address. We will use the email address to send out newsletters and pertinent emails relating to upcoming events which you may want to be involved. Thank you for your co-operation.

Drop in the collection basket or turn in at the parish office.

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Moved to Monday, December 9 — No Obligation

December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, is the patronal feast day of the United States of America, and as such, is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, since it falls on a Sunday this year, the feast is moved to Monday, December 9, and the obligation does not attach. You are still most welcome to honor the Blessed Mother by attending Mass at the regular daily weekday times of 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

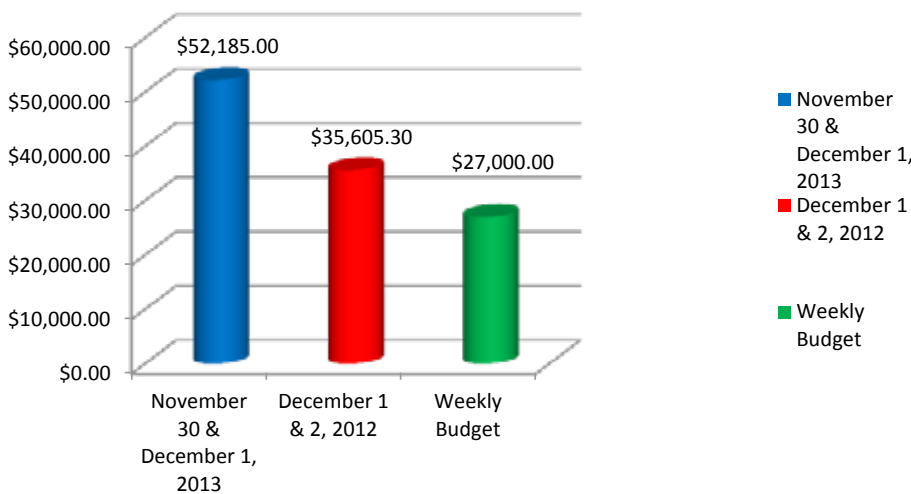
Blood Pressure Checks Will Be Offered December 7 - 8

Several nurses from the Parish Nurse Ministry will be available to take parishioners' blood pressure three times during the weekend of December 7 - 8. They will be available after the 3:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 7 and after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses on Sunday, December 8. The nurses will be outside the front of the church. You will be given a chart so you may keep track of your blood pressure on a regular basis.

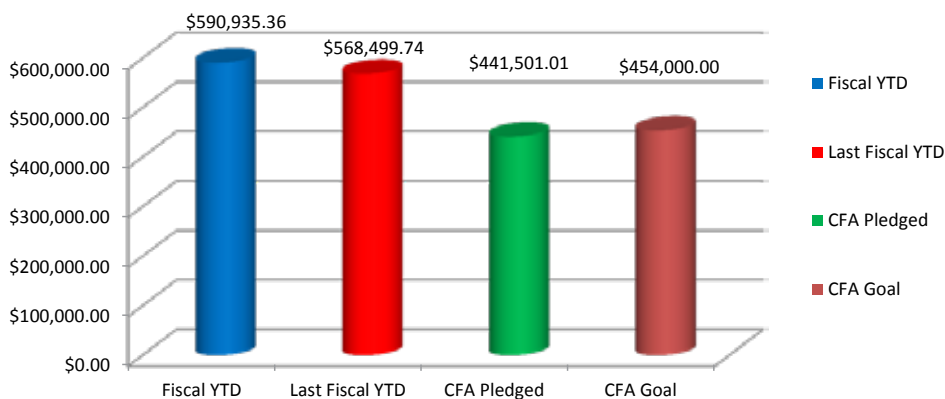
Saint Ann School Will Award \$16,000 in Merit Scholarships - Must Apply by December 13

Two merit scholarships of \$4,500 each will be awarded to two 7th graders who will continue their education at St. Ann School for 2014-2015. In addition, another \$9,000 will be divided between two 8th graders who plan on attending St. John Neumann High School. These merit scholarships are awarded to students based on their academic accomplishments, leadership abilities, extracurricular involvements and community service. Seventh and eighth grade students must submit an application and essay by December 13, 2013, to be considered.

Collection Summary



Fiscal YTD (7/1/2013-6/30/2014) & CFA Summary



Diocese Employs Victims Assistance Coordinator

Did you know the Diocese of Venice employs a Victims Assistance Coordinator? Barbara E. DiCocco is the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator. She may be reached at 941.416.6114 in the case of an allegation.



5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, December 8, 2013:

the Second Sunday of Advent

Readings **612**
Opening Song **539** **Come, Now Is the Time To Worship** Brian Doerksen
Kyrie • **5A** *hymnal*

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Response (cf. v.7)



Jus-tice shall flou-rish in his time, and full-ness of peace for - ev - er. —

Gospel Acclamation • **11A** *hymnal*

Preparation Song **Give Us Clean Hands** Charlie Hall CCLI Song No. 2060208.
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We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; O Spi rit, come make us hum ble.
5
9 We turn our eyes from e vil things; O Lord, we cast down our i dols. Give us clean — hands,
— give us pure — hearts. — Let us not lift our souls to a no — ther. — Give us clean — hands.
13 — give us pure — hearts, — let us not lift our souls to a no — ther. — O God, let us be —
17 — a gen er a tion that seeks, — that seeks your — face, — O — God of Ja — cob. — O God, let us be —
21 — a gen er a tion that seeks, — that seeks your — face, — O — God — of Ja — cob. —

Communion Songs **230 One Bread, One Body** Fr. John Foley, S.J.

370 Christ, Be Our Light Bernadette Farrell


Closing Song **Go, Make a Difference** Steve Angrisano / Tom Tomaszek

Refrain



Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -
 - f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
 Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -
 - f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.

Verses



1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the peo - ple
 2. We are the hands of ___ Christ reach - ing out to those in
 3. So let your love shine _ on, let it shine for all to

1. see ___ the love of ___ God in you and me.
 2. need, _ the face of ___ God for all to see.
 3. see. ___ † Go make a dif - f'rence in the world. ___

1. We are the light of the world, _ not to be hid - den but be
 2. We are the spir - it of hope; ___ † we are the voice of
 3. ___ And the spir - it of Christ ___ will be with us as we

to Refrain

1. seen. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
 2. peace. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
 3. go. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.



*prepare
 ye the
 way of
 the
 Lord*



The Word & Life

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

The Revolution of Hope

*A*s we gather to listen to the Sacred Scriptures on this Second Sunday of Advent, we are certainly encouraged to have hope. John the Baptist presents himself as the wild and unlikely prophet who foretells the coming of the promised Messiah — the one who would set the world on fire! His message is clear: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand...make straight His paths. As we continue along the Christian way, we are asked to prepare ourselves to receive Jesus into our lives as we approach the day of his birth. Our preparation should reflect our longing for God and a willingness to accept the message that Christ himself left as an eternal gift to the world.

Each individual lives a certain context in the world today. We live in specific communities, within specific states, and within specific countries. Our identity is forged by the world community into which we are born. As people of faith, we also find ourselves within yet another context. From the beginning of time, God sent patriarchs and prophets to lead us deeper into the reality of His unfailing love. The prophet Isaiah certainly sets the stage for a day of hope where all will experience unity and peace. In our first reading we hear: “The wolf will be the guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid...” How will we get to this point of perfect existence? The answer lies in the coming of the Christ — the Jesus of God, led by the spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength and knowledge, to give us a profound respect for God in our lives and unending reverence for the promise that is ours!



People lose hope when they look at what is going on in the world today. The middle-east continues to pull at the fragile strings of peace and people repeatedly seek stability in their lives. Closer to home, the reality of suffering in our own stories can often lead to despair. However, our reason to have hope is found in the Christ event. We cannot lose sight of the adult Christ at Christmas. Jesus did not come to give us the answer to the world's suffering, but rather entered into it himself. The whole message of Jesus and his acts of charity teach us to have hope and courage. The sign of the cross casts its shadow over Bethlehem itself — but it was not the light that gives its shadow, but the radiant dawn of the resurrection day that opened wide the gates of an eternal promise.

Reflection Questions

1. Why is the ministry of John the Baptist significant?
2. What does John say about the coming of the Messiah?
3. What surprises you about John's description?
4. What does it mean to make straight the path of the Lord?
5. How do you prepare to meet the Lord when you are getting ready for Mass or heading out to greet a new day?
6. How do you welcome Jesus Christ in your everyday activities?
7. Is this Christmas going to be different for you spiritually? Why or why not?
8. Are you making a straight path for the Lord in your life?

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



Prayer

Lord, as we prepare to celebrate the events of the Incarnation, teach us to have hope. As we approach this joyful season, may we remember days gone by with childlike wonder and recall the gift of family ties. May we also look forward to the day when we will meet you face to face and be reunited with those for whom we have shed many a tear. Let our longing be the song that unites us with your presence every day of our lives. Amen.

Wisdom of the Fathers

“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew. ...

The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. This is a very real danger for believers too. Many fall prey to it and end up resentful, angry and listless.

That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ. ...

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since “no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord”. The Lord



does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: “Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace”. How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy. Christ, who told us to forgive one another “seventy times seven” (Mt 18:22) has given us his example: he has forgiven us seventy times seven. Time and time again he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love. With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew.”

— Pope Francis: *EVANGELII GAUDIUM*
(*The Joy of the Gospel*), 1-3

Image: Pope Francis gives the homily as he celebrates Mass at the Parish of San Cirillo Alessandrino in Rome December 1. Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)

Faith Formation



Jesus and John the Baptist

Mark Your Calendar

December 11

First Reconciliation Rehearsal

December 12

First Reconciliation Ceremony

December 20

The Christmas Story

December 22 – January 5

Christmas Break

(No Faith Formation Classes)

First Reconciliation Rehearsal...will take place on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at **5:00 p.m.** in the church. Since First Reconciliation is a ceremony that involves both parents as well as the child, both parents should be present at rehearsal. Children and parents will sit in a reserved section according to their child's assigned faith formation class.

First Reconciliation Ceremony...will take place on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at **5:30 p.m.** in the Church. Through the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, children learn to know Jesus as their friend, to love Him above all things, to love others, and to have contrition for their sins when they fail to love.

The Christmas Story...will take place on Friday, December 20, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. The whole parish comes together to present the "Reason for the Season."

Christmas Break...There are no Faith Formation classes from December 22, 2013 through January 5, 2014. Please have a blessed and safe Christmas season.

Faith Formation continues on page 17

REFLECTION

John the Baptist imagines the Messiah's coming like a harvest time. He must have seen farmers throw shovelfuls of grain into the air, allowing the seed to fall to the ground and the chaff to blow away. John pictures the Messiah separating our good and bad people like a farmer separating seed and chaff.

When some Sadducees and Pharisees want John's baptism, just to be on the safe side of God's wrath, John compares them to the snakes that flee the fields when the harvest begins. He insists they change how they live, and turn to God wholeheartedly.

John knows the Messiah will be greater than he, but no one imagines God will become human.

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By Kathleen M. Carroll

THE HOME CHURCH

Family life is a marathon of preparation. Baby showers, doctor visits, prenatal vitamins, and childbirth classes pepper the long months prior to birth. When the magical day arrives, we realize that what we thought was the finish line was merely the starting pistol for a journey that never ends. Our kids won't be little ones forever, but they'll always be our children.

If preparing to become parents is nigh impossible, how are we to understand John the Baptist's message about straightening the paths of the Lord? If this wild, camel-hair-clad prophet is unworthy even to untie the Lord's sandal, what can we possibly do to prepare the way?

Just as our children could have been born to only one set of parents, the Lord reveals himself in a unique way in each human life. The task may seem daunting, but we must prepare the way for Christ in our lives because we alone can do it.

Bringing Home the Word, December 8, 2013, Franciscan Media

Why do we celebrate the Immaculate Conception?

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the saving work of God in preserving the Blessed Virgin Mary from the stain of original sin from the moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. The feast day is normally celebrated on December 8 but has been moved to Monday, December 9, 2013 due to the 2nd Sunday in Advent. As such, Monday, December 9, 2013 is not a Holy Day of obligation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: Name ways you help your family get ready for an event?

Gospel Question: How do you get ready for Christmas?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: How does your parish get ready for Christmas?

Gospel Question: How can you prepare for the great leader, Jesus, who is coming?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: How have you changed?

Gospel Question: How will the one who comes after John the Baptist be different from him?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: Who has helped you to change?

Gospel Question: What does John the Baptist mean when he says that being a child of Abraham is not enough?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: What change of heart do you need to make this Advent?

Gospel Question: What change of heart does John the Baptist want people to make?

ADULTS

Life Question: What changes in your life are you proudest of making?

Gospel Question: What opens you to the mystery of God?

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Jamaica Outreach Program

Seeing is believing...in our mission and our resolve

As we close out the calendar year the JOP has lots of stories to tell, but the mission trip to St Pius X in Kingston last April was one of the most dramatic and exciting trips of the year. Serving the poor is always a privilege, and watching a dramatic, life changing event on the spot has no rivals.

The mission trip was devoted exclusively to cataract and glaucoma surgeries staged in the donated surgery center of Dr. William Lee, a Kingston ophthalmologist and friend of the then Father Burchell. **A total of 71 patients received the gift of renewed sight in the space of four days.** The surgical team was headed by Dr Brian Stahl of Ohio and two of his assistants. It was the doctor's fourth mission trip for JOP. Floridians, Sally and Richard VanBuskirk and Jack Beagan, a parishioner at St John's, rounded out the mission team; their duties covered logistical, clerical, and back up support for the medical team. According to Sally, the surgical team operated like a "well oiled machine; the compassion and caring they showed for their patients was among the most beautiful examples of "The Body of Christ" one would ever hope to see."

Mere words cannot capture the excitement of the weekend, but the following is an attempt at it:

NOTABLE FACTS: Dr. Stahl supplied all medicines, implants and staff at no charge to JOP. Father Burchell and his parish supplied patients with lunch which he delivered each day. Father Thomas arranged transportation for the patients and team throughout their stay. Vivienne Bradford, St Pius X secretary, contacted approximately 80 patients to come for pre-operative exams by the medical team. These patients had been identified during previous JOP eye clinics at St Pius X. Dr. William Lee committed to their follow-up care. Twenty-one patients also received a new RX and glasses

NOTABLE FACTS REGARDING PATIENTS: A 26 year-old patient suffering from severe glaucoma and cataracts was a final day patient. His twin also suffers with the exact same vision issues, but only one of the brothers came with hope

for treatment. Shurlon had two surgical procedures; the first surgery corrected his severe glaucoma, the second removed his cataracts and implanted lenses.

The following day when his patch was removed Shurlan could see. His vision was not perfect, but Dr. Stahl assured him that the vision would increase each day. His Dad's face was wet with tears as they left the facility.

On the last day, a female patient arrived at the surgery site with no paper work. She had heard from a friend that we were doing cataract surgery with no charge and she was seriously in need. She lived in the St. Pius X neighborhood and a friend urged her to go to St. Pius X and hop on the bus to the surgery center; she did so. Once there, Dr. Stahl did her pre-operative exam and approved her

for surgery. She is now officially one of our success stories! **Never underestimate the power of a woman on a mission of her own.**

Although talent, equipment, supplies and airfares were donated to this mission, the cost of licensing, local transportation, lodging, and the like came to over \$2,300. **In spite of the cost, our board of directors has made a faith based decision to stage another cataract mission trip in 2014. We believe the funds will be there from people like you and**

thank our donors and supporters for giving us the means to make a difference in the lives of many.



article and photos submitted by Jamaica Outreach Program

Dr. Brian Stahl and team (far top) at work on his fourth cataract mission in Kingston. (Below) The cataract team.

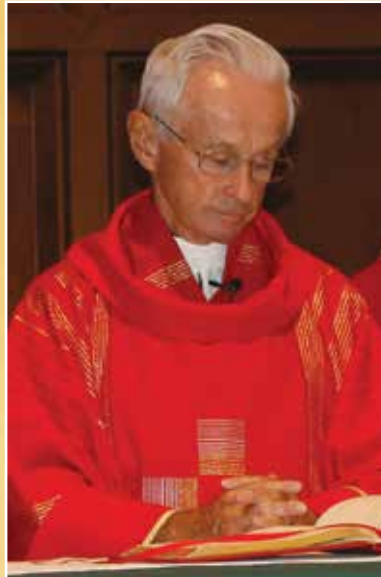
Next week a second collection at St John will be held for the benefit of St Pius X parish and its people. Their needs are always ongoing; their gratitude knows no bounds.

Congratulations, Rev. John Rourke

Who celebrated 50 Years of Ordination to the Priesthood
Friday, November 22, 2013
with a Jubilee Mass and Reception

Golden Jubilarian Reverend John C. Rourke wishes to thank all who attended his Jubilee Mass and Reception on November 22 and for their kind remembrances as well. Some people included only their names and not their addresses so this seems to be the best way to extend his gratitude to all.

A special thanks to the choir under the leadership of Maestro Tom Oram who joined him on their patronal feast of St. Cecilia. Non-parishioners were greatly impressed.



*photos by
Scott Schwarz*

BIG BAND DANCES STARTING SOON.

The Men's Club Big Band Dance Schedule:

January 14, 2014

January 28, 2014

February 11, 2014

February 25, 2014

March 11, 2014

March 25, 2014

April 8, 2014

The Big Sock Hop is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2014

Oh Lord, how precious is your Love, we seek your Holy Will.

The Ladies of Charity Annual Christmas Food Drive for our local soup kitchens

Ending: December 28-29

- A tree is in the Narthex with ornaments on it.
- Parishioners are encouraged to take an ornament and generously donate a check to St. John the Evangelist with "Food Drive" written in the memo line. Your checks can be placed in the collection baskets passed during Mass or taken to the church office.

NO FOOD PLEASE! We are requesting checks only.

- The organizations that will benefit are The Guadalupe Soup Kitchen, St. Matthews House and the St. Vincent de Paul Council.
- The Ladies of Charity will designate the money collected to be used during the summer months when food shelves are near empty.

Thank you for helping us stock the soup kitchens.



upcoming events:

January 15, 2014: Fr. Dennis Cooney

February 19, 2014: Patrick Coffin

March 19, 2014: Fr. Robert McTeigue

April 23, 2014: Patrick Novecosky



fr. jim simko

WHAT'S WRONG WITH PORN?

The parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist, Fr. Jim was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Denver in 1991. He returned to Florida 10 years ago.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

6 pm - 8 pm

Parish Life Center Ballroom
St. John the Evangelist Parish
625 111th Ave., Naples

Suggested donation at the door: \$20
Season tickets available

Faith & Ale is monthly gathering of men. We gather for food, drink, camaraderie, and an inspirational speaker. All men are invited: the saints, the sinners and everyone in between. Faith & Ale strives to encourage, exhort, and equip men to be spiritual leaders in their homes, workplaces, and parishes.

FaithAndAle.com

St. John Neumann Catholic High School

Cordially invites you to join us
December 14, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the Port Royal Club, Naples



Honored Guest, Bishop Frank J. Dewane
Diocese of Venice

Watch a beautiful Naples sunset while enjoying cocktails and hors d' oeuvres along
with our silent auction followed by a festive holiday dinner and live auction.

Venue Generously Provided By Mitzi S. Magin

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For more information, call (239) 455-3044 ext. 213 or email dogden@sjnceltics.org

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