

# Bible Story Time Celebrates the Annunciation of the Lord





Spring break brought fewer children to Bible Story Time on March 24, but our celebration of The Annunciation (March 25) was very joyful. As the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, he carried a lily as a symbol of Mary's purity. Some children made paper lilies using their handprint for petals,





text and photos submitted by Mary Chalhoub, Director of Bible Story Time

while others chose to cut the opening of a cone-shaped

cup for their petals. Not stopping at just one, many made a whole bouquet!

We talked about what Mary would have to do to get ready for her baby. Maybe she would sew some clothes or make a blanket. We also thought Joseph might make Jesus a cradle and a toy or two. As Mary was surprised about the angel's appearance, we also talked about times we had been surprised, like when we opened a present and saw what was inside.

Our final project of the day found us making a doily angel and a figure of Mary kneeling down to receive God's special message. The Holy Spirit that descended upon her was made with the child's thumbprint and white paint.

Is anyone counting? Nine months from The Annunciation is Christmas — the arrival of Mary's special baby.



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: 8:00, 9:00 a.m. & Noon; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m. 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.

Mass for Deceased (+	e) and Special Intentions	Requested by	
-	Saturday	Series Inches	SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND
8:00 AM +	Frank Brinkman	Jan Brinkman	READINGS FOR THE WEEK
			Saturday, March 29, 2014
	Sunday Vigil Mass		Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
3:00 PM +	Dick Lydon	Janet D'Addario	
5:00 PM +	John Cunningham, III	Parents	Sunday Vigil Mass
			1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
farch 30, 2014	Sunday		Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
7:00 AM +	John Schweisthal	John Martin	
9:00 AM +	Ambrogio & Antonia	Giuseppe & Anna Nardulli	Sunday, March 30, 2014
	For Our Parishioners		Fourth Sunday of Lent
1:15 PM +	Joseph Corolla	Josephine Mello	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
	Steven Tauro	Parents	Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
larch 31, 2014	Monday		Monday, March 31, 2014
	Ernest Hooper	Ellen Hooper	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
	William P. Himburg	Gordon & Alvera Clark	3-7, -7, -7, -7, -7, -7, -7, -7, -7, -7,
	Grace Feipel	Parents	Tuesday, April 1, 2014
			April Fool's Day
pril 1, 2014	Tuesday		Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
-	Raymond Liguori	William Pease	== 4,1,7,1=,1 = 4== 6,6 =,7 = 7,7 = 1.5.1.1
	Mary Crane	Lillian Quaranto	Wednesday, April 2, 2014
	Cliff Dickens	Ann Marie Dickens	St. Francis of Paola
110011	Oill Blekens	Ann lane Brekens	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
pril 2, 2014	Wednesday		10 47.0 13, 1 0 143.0 7, 1300 14, 17 10, 011 3.17 30
	Arthur Powers	Pat & Ray Axberg	Thursday, April 3, 2014
	Stephen Evans	John Martin	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
	Tony Kosak	Jean Fochtman	LX 32.7 14, 1 3 100.17 23, 311 3.31 47
110011	Torry Rosuk	Scarr Scritman	Friday, April 4, 2014
pril 3, 2014	Thursday		St. Isidore; First Friday; Abstinence
-	Mary Crane	Carol & Joseph Wolleon	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
	Timothy H. Sears	Ann Marie Dickens	7713 2.1d, 12-22, F3 34.1/-21, 23, 311 7.1-2, 10, 23-30
	Elizabeth C. Timmins	Barbara Pelak	Saturday, April 5, 2014
110011 +	Elizabeth C. Tillillins	Dai bara Pelak	St. Vincent Ferrer; First Saturday
pril 4, 2014	Friday		Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
=	Mary Crane	Dominick & Judith	Jei 11:10-20; PS 7:2-3, 9DC-12; Jii 7:40-53
	Mary Crane	Betty Sponseller	Sunday Vigil Mass
	Gilberte Bedard	Harold & Pat Jaffee	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
NOON +	Gilberte bedard	Haroid & Pat Jailee	Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]
	Cab.urda.		JH 11:1-45 [5-7, 17, 20-27, 330-45]
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8:00 AM +	Frank X. Price	Ann Mullally	Sunday, April 6, 2014
	C 1 37: 1134		Fifth Sunday of Lent
	Sunday Vigil Mass	A M. II. II	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
	Frank X. Price	Ann Mullally	Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]
5:00 PM +	Patricia Sulllivan	Dick Sulllivan	
	Sunday		\/A
	Shirley Kerchoff	Peter DeFrancesca	
	Larry Carr	Sharon Carr	EDEEN C 6 191
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners		FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to
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Homebound: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at any time to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Call the office at 566.8740.

Lambert, Louise & Bob Abell

Rosemary Cullen Bales

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...

Kathy & Bob Sims

The Donnellys

1:15

5:00

PM

#### Bishop Dewane Will Celebrate Mass for Victims of Child Abuse at St. John on April 7 at Noon

April is Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month. In conjunction with the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Diocese of Venice will hold a Mass for Victims of Child Abuse on Monday, April 7 here at Saint John the Evangelist at Noon. This is the seventh consecutive year this Mass will be held in

the Diocese. Bishop Dewane will celebrate the Mass and invites all to attend and pray for those affected by the tragedy of abuse. The Diocese remains committed to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

# Saint John the Evangelist Lenten Schedule

#### Daily Masses will be:

8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and Noon

Saturday Morning Masses will be: 8:00 a.m.

#### **Stations of the Cross will be:**

Fridays following Noon Mass and at 7:00 p.m.

On Good Friday, Prayer Around the Cross will include Veneration of the Cross.

Lenten Penance Service: Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Reconciliation:**

Friday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

### 2014 Lenten Penance Services Local Area Churches

San Marco - Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

815 San Marco Road, Marco Island

St. William - Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

601 Seagate Drive, Naples

St. Finbarr - Monday, April 7 at 5:00 p.m.

13520 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

St. Agnes - Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m.

7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

St. Peter the Apostle - Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

St. John the Evangelist - Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

625 111th Avenue North, Naples

# Holy Week and Easter Sunday Schedule

Palm Sunday Masses, April 13

Sunday Vigil Service (April 12)

3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday: 7:00 a.m.** 

9:00 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

11:15 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

1:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Lenten Penance Service, Tuesday, April 15

7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday Services, April 17

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Services, April 18

8:00 a.m. ~ Morning Prayer

Noon ~ Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m. ~ "Prayer Around the Cross" with Veneration

Holy Saturday Services and Mass, April 19

8:00 a.m. ~ Morning Prayer

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:00 p.m. ~ Easter Vigil Gathering,

Liturgy begins at sundown

Easter Sunday Masses, April 20

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

11:15 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

1:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27

Sunday Vigil Service (April 26)

3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

1:15 p.m.

3:00 p.m. ~ Divine Mercy Mass with

Chaplet

5:00 p.m.

#### 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

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Assistant to the Pastor

Tricia Schwarz

**Pastoral Musician and Liturgist** 

Tom Oram

**Choir Director** 

Ellie Roberts

Sacristan

Lorna Woonsam

Director of Family Mission &

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Jean-Paul Boucher

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**Director of Faith Formation** 

Margie Lynch: 228.3904/3909

**Director of Youth Ministry** 

Call the Office: 566.8740

Director of RCIA

Margie Lynch: 228.3909

Family Ministry

Call the Office: 566.8740

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., 9:00 a.m. and Noon

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@ saintjohntheevanglist.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 2014 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.

#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in his church and our community

## Parish Information...

# SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST

# 24th ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH



Over 200 were in attendance at this year's St. Joseph Day Mass and Feast here at Saint John the Evangelist, sponsored by Council #11281 Knights of Columbus. As the patron of workers and the protector of the family, St. Joseph is honored with a feast each March 19. St. Joseph is one of the most beloved saints among Italian-Americans. History has it that centuries ago in Sicily, villagers prayed to St. Joseph and asked for his intercession to end the dreadful famine which occurred. Their prayers were answered and the celebration feast followed and became a tradition. That tradition has always included helping the hungry and less fortunate. St. John Knights of Columbus uses the St. Joseph feast to help fund their charities to do just that.

Our Mass was celebrated by the Pastor of St. Martha's Church in Sarasota, the Very Reverend Fausto Stampiglia, our Pastor the Very Rev. Fr. John J. Ludden, and Rev. Jim Simko. Fr.

Fausto's homily added a light, but memorable, account of St. Joseph's kindness and love for his wife Mary and Son Jesus. The Mass concluded with the Knights, dressed in Carpenters' Aprons, carrying the St. Joseph Statue from the Church to the PLC. The procession was filled with song as they marched by the many parishioners and guests in attendance. Upon entering the PLC, Fathers Stampiglia, Ludden, and Simko, along with Deacons Rob and Frank, blessed the St. Joseph's Altar Table. The table had been beautifully arranged with homemade breads, fruits, vegetables, wines and many artifacts reflecting St. Joseph as a carpenter. Donations were made to the Altar Table to help the needy, as in the St. Joseph feast tradition. The evening was festive with great food prepared to follow the tradition of St. Joseph feasts, and the dance floor was full all night with dancing.

text submitted by Bill Warvel, Knights of Columbus























photos by Scott Schwarz. Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus is thankful to area business sponsors Brio Tuscan Grille, Burn by Rocky Patel, D. Brown General Contractors, Flemings Steak House, New York New York Pizza, Frisco's Catering, Patio Café, Calistoga Bakery, DÁmico & Sons, Panera Bread, and Bucca di Beppo.

St. Joseph Committee included: **GK Paul Barrus** Bill Warvel Anthony Curatolo Marty Gauthier Kathryn Corbino Vincent Corbino Tom Oram Marty Haugh

Maryann Lagonigro Frank Lagonigro Jim Rankin Bill Warvel, St. Joseph Chairman



## **#ToKnow #ToLove #ToServe**

# #ToKnow - New Website Goes Live!

To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community

invigorated by our faith and dedication, Saint John is a Catholic church that lives our vision: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community. We welcome the entire community to come and actively hear, pray and live the beauty, goodness and truth of the Gospel.

Mass and Priest Schedule







March 23, 2014

Saint John Celebrates Saint Patrick's Day

You may have noticed if you have visited our website (http://www.saintjohntheevangelist.com) that we have undergone a major invigoration of the heart and soul of our communications. This clean layout, along with the dynamic content, filled with pictures and video, is the first step in our communications effort to provide the parish, the community around us, and the rest of the world, direct and engaging dialogue about our faith. From the Google Glass training material for our Altar Servers to live streaming of Masses for the homebound, St. John will be leading the way as the Pope has asked of us:

As I have frequently observed, if a choice has to be made between a bruised Church which goes out to the streets and a Church suffering from self-absorption, I certainly prefer the first. Those "streets" are the world where people live and where they can be reached, both effectively and affectively. The digital highway is one of them, a street teeming with people who are often hurting, men and women looking for salvation or hope. By means of the internet, the Christian message can reach "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Keeping the doors of our churches open also means keeping them open in the digital environment so that people, whatever their situation in life, can enter, and so that the Gospel can go out to reach everyone. We are called to show that the Church

# #FamilyMission

by Jean-Paul Boucher Director, Family Mission & Communications

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is the home of all. – Pope Francis "Communication at the Service of an Authentic Culture of Encounter"



Pope Francis "plants" virtual olive tree to foster awareness for children about peace

There is still plenty of time to look over and fill out the online survey questions

for the Family Mission (http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/featured/family-mission-listening-session-questions). Each section of the questions illustrates our renewed focus on youth programs, family programs, young adults ages 18 to 95, and couples. We will be talking about these questions during our Listening Sessions on April 23 and 27. Your feedback will directly affect the focus and priority of programs at Saint John in the coming years.

# #ToLove — Upcoming NET Ministry Event — April 1

I made one small mistake in last week's announcement of the NET Ministries event this coming week. I incorrectly posted an RSVP date that was after the event. Please go online and RSVP before March 31 for this event as it will be a great way to learn about our future plans for the parish youth



programs. It is open to all parishioners, not just families.

# Local Letter Carriers Ask for Help with Our Hungry Neighbors for May 10 Food Drive

Help us help our hungry neighbors! On May 10, Collier Harvest and our local letter carriers will be holding their annual food drive to help feed the hungry in our community. Over 200 volunteers are needed to sort and package the more than 300,000 pounds of food that mail trucks will deliver to 4451 Mercantile Avenue in Naples that day. Come join the care team for one or more hours between 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. on May 10. To volunteer or for more information, call 455-FOOD.

*Note:* If you are unable to help out on May 10, you can still contribute to the food drive by dropping off canned and packaged food (before May 10) at either the main post office on Goodlette-Frank or the Coco River branch post office on Immokalee Road.

# Jamaica Outreach Program

## **Upcoming Pocket Change Weekend**

Pocket Change Weekend will be staged at the church doors on April 5-6.

Proceeds will benefit the JOP Housing initiative in Kingston, Jamaica.

A sturdy roof, a locked door is an unheard luxury for Jamaican beneficiaries.

They say. *Thank You!* And so do we.

# Hymns for Sunday of the Fourth Week of Lent, March 29 & 30

Readings: 644 Year A

457 Amazing Grace **Entrance Hymn:** 

295 The King of Love My Shepherd Is Preparation Hymn:

Communion Hymn: on page 13 of the bulletin **Ubi Caritas** 

412 Open My Eyes

123 The Servant Song Closing Hymn:

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

Preparation Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd from Requiem, John Rutter

Buryl Red and Ragan Courtney Communion In Remembrance

# ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

# Monday, March 31: Monday of the Fourth Week of

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 31 (30): 7-8

As for me, I trust in the Lord.

Let me be glad and rejoice in your mercy,

for you have seen my affliction.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. I will praise you, O Lord, for you have rescued me. Ez 36: 27

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will place my spirit within you

and make you walk according to my laws; and my judgments you shall keep and observe, says the

## Tuesday, April 1: Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Is 55: 1

All who are thirsty, come to the waters, says the Lord. Though you have no money, come and drink with joy.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 23 (22): 1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,

near restful waters he leads me.

#### Wednesday, April 2: Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Ps 69 (68): 14

I pray to you, O Lord, for a time of your favor.

In your great mercy, answer me, O God, with your salvation that never fails.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. The Lord is gracious and merciful.

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

In 3: 17

God did not send his Son into the world

to judge the world,

but that the world might be saved through him.

# Thursday, April 3: Thursday of the Fourth Week of

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 105 (104): 3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;

turn to the Lord and his strength;

constantly seek his face.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Jer 31: 33* 

I will place my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts:

and I will be their God, and they shall be my people, says the Lord.

#### Friday, April 4: Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 54 (53): 3-4

O God, save me by your name;

by your power, defend my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;

give ear to the words of my mouth.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Eph* 1: 7

In Christ, we have redemption by his Blood,

and forgiveness of our sins,

in accord with the riches of his grace.

#### Saturday, April 5: Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 18 (17): 5, 7

The waves of death rose about me;

the pains of the netherworld surrounded me.

In my anguish I called to the Lord,

and from his holy temple he heard my voice.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. 1 Pt 1: 18-19

By the precious Blood of Christ,

the Blood of a spotless and unblemished Lamb,

we have been redeemed.

#### **Altar Servers:**

Jean-Paul Boucher

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#### Homebound

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#### Parish Stewardship Council:

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# Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry. Offers adult education programming for continued growth in our faith through such activities as retreats, Bible & Catechism studies, lectures, seminars, social action opportunities and workshops. Margie Lynch: 228.3909; margie@saintjohntheevangelist.com

# AGA (Alienated Grandparents Anonymous). Provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren. Third Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the PLC ballroom. April 24 Speaker: Joshua Coleman, Ph.D.

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

Al-Anon. Monday 9:30 to 10:30 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 parishoners by attending funerals as representation of our faith community. Pat: 591.4825

**Bible Story Time.** Bible stories, crafts, prayer and fun Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m., in PLC preschool classroom. Parents and children ages 0-5 years old welcome. Mary Chalhoub: 414.791.9363

Bible Teaching. 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. Robyn DeVille: 253.6275 or robyndeville@earthlink.net

Divine Gift Boutique (located across from the ladies restroom). Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If interested in volunteering in the gift shop on Sunday contact Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

*Faith Chat.* Wednesdays at 5:45 - 7:30 p.m. in Library. Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687

*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 run for seven weeks beginning February 18 at 10 a.m. in room 1 of the Claussen Center. Dee: 594.7193

*Job Skills Search & Support.* Mondays 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the library. Free. Carol Marlow: 948.0050

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281. Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6 p.m.; business meeting at 7 p.m. Social meeting last Monday of the month. 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 Noon in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Center. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K Bill Wright FN 593.5965

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. Mary Chalhoub: 414.791.9363

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 MarieElaina 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. Joe Lichwalla: 348.1828

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 and encourage one another through the joys and struggles of life, work and motherhood in Christian environment. Alternate Wednesdays, 7 - 9 p.m. Martha Oram: 407.615.9017 or mjr.oram@gmail.com

*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. Nancy Cote: 239.514.0410

St. Vincent de Paul. Meets first and third Tuesdays in the PLC after 8:00 a.m. Mass. SVdP Office: 775.1667

*Sing-A-Long*. Tuesday, April 1 at Emeritus of Bonita Springs - both at 2 p.m. Everybody welcome. 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. Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687 or maggnana@comcast.net or Linda Reilly, 821.8982

#### 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:

Recon (Afghanistan)

Specialist Douglas

Marine Lt. Colonel

**Brian Howlett** 

**AT3** Corinne

MacFarlane

U.S. Navy

U.S. Army

(USMC)

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U.S. Air Force

**Houng Tran** 

U.S. Army

Lt. Kelly Spencer

IT2 Jason E. Tydingco

Carole Fargo

Co. Glenn Yeck U.S.

Navy (Afghanistan)

U.S. Marine Corp

Lt. John Meyers

LCpl. Randy A.

Novak (USMC)

Rvan D. Novak

Cpt. Daniel Palmer

Cpt. John Palmer

Cpt. Martin Palmer

1Lt. Robert Pedrigi

Lt. Joseph Schafer

Lt. Gregory Spencer

LCpl. Ryan D. Novak

Hennessy

U.S. Army

Lcpl. Francisco Alvarenga U.S. Marines

**CSM Paul Bianco** U.S. Army, (Afghanistan)

Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army

S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force

**Ensign Stuart Campbell** U.S. Navy

Bradley N. Chartier U.S. Army

**BM2 Charley Davidson** U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)

Adam Decker

U.S. Air Force **Nicholas Detloff** 

U.S. Air Force Sgt. Anthony J.

Diamante U.S. Army, (Afghanistan)

Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force

Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces

Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines

Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division \* LAV Recon

Cpl. Dylan Granza U.S. Army Ranger

**Specialist Shelby** Granza U.S. Army

S. Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer

#### 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. and Tuesdays 6 p.m. in 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:

Alice Daley, Dodd Millar, Martha "Nettie" Klopf and Jean Smith May they rest in eternal peace.

#### Let us pray for the sick of the parish, especally

Claire & Joe Febrezio Deacon Al Mary Jane Leake Douglas Scott Taelor Fiedler Walter Scott Marie Amont Mary Lenick Jim Amont Tiffany Fiedler Lindsay Levery Mary Seeger Jacob Andrew Troy Feidler Becky Locke Carol Seiffert Thomas O. Flood Jane & Bob Shengulet A.R.C. Catherine Lombardo Philip Baier Jim Follese Alex Magiera Teresa Shengulet Ronald Gaglione Mary Jo Magner Karen Shin Jean Balagna Allen Sinott Bev Basler **Edward Gaynor** Sharon McCarthy Richard McCarthy John Skoviak Molly Bayer Stephen Gibson Dick Goepel Michael McCormack Jean Smith Margie Benefico Barbara Berg Stephen Golia Carolyn McDonald Jeff Smith Rick Greenwood Linda Berry McKee Family Winnie Smith Mary Bessner James Gullilan Brenda McLaughlin Inga Sovia Lucretia Biasi Diana Gust Rosie Mladsi Kathy & David Struble Marge Bond Barbara Hanson Ed Moriarity Dot Sullivan Vicki Brenner Raymond and Virginia Mary Ann Myslewiec Pat Sutter Hartwick Pat Brody Pat Nagy Eugene Hay Joanmarie Switalski Frank Caccavo Jr. Donna Negralle Peter Heaney Tara & Family Lois Caprata Mark Nichols Jerry Heyen Rita Taranto Joe Carpino Peter Nicoletta Pete Tenerowicz Chad Hickman Robert Carnevale Mark Norton  $_{\rm H\,I}$ Zack Thoma Christine Cassara David and Helose Henry Hobaica & Family Marg Tomaszewski Ogilvie Rosalie Castro Stephanie Ogilvie Evo Tomei Jack Hodges Michael Cataldo Ann Hogg Jim Orlando Patricia Trapnell Diane Centenaro Karen Hohne Tyler Ostos Norma Trevino Joanne Chalhoub Charlotte Hollohan Maryla Panagos Brigitte Vangunten Drew and Kanema Clark Kaitlin Mae Hooper Pat & Eloisa Velasquez Anna Parker Claussen Family Peggy Hooper Janet Patterson Chris Vetter Vannessa Coats Jeff Horkey Albert Pellegrino Larry Watson Pat Corr Lucy Westman Donald Howe Irene Pires Mary Cuthbertson Frederick Wilheim Patricia Poczatek Val Hunt Edna D' Antuono Henry Johnson Joe Pohrer Raymond Wilson Kay Davis Ron Johnson Kimberly Porter Don and Lucille Wilson James Diamante Nevaeh Iones Katherine Prince Aimme Witcoff Julie Dieter Nicholas Kao Radel Family Brandon Woods Lucy DiFranco Charleen Kasabian Joe Reid Lee & Joyn Wozniaki Alexandria Dolkas Chester T. Kauffman Esther Riley Phil Wright Margaret Dudley Gay Rogers John Yotis Kevin Kincaid Janet Duebner Colleen Kirkmaier Mary Rossi Mary Yotis Michael Dunlop Joanne & Glenn Betsy Russo John Dziedzic Krume Francisco Saigos Gene Eddy Rachel LaButti Edna Sanvidge Sue Ells Anna LaGrasta Cynthia Scariati Ann Marie Esposito Lamport Family Michael Scheidemann Edith Esposit Lindsey Lavery Cathy Schloendorn D.F.F Diane Leahy Joanne Scimone

Us Pray...

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



Thank you to all of our parishioners who participated in the **Capital Reserve** collection this past weekend. We were not sure how well our congregation would receive this request for these much needed funds. As it turns out, you gave very

generously and we were able to raise \$42,704.00. As discussed in Fr. John's letter, these funds will be restricted and deposited into an account with the Diocese of Venice. If necessary, only 50% of the funds may be used in any fiscal year.

Believe it or not, on this very weekend last year we were celebrating Easter Mass. This year, Easter arrives much later so we still have three full weeks to prepare. What this weekend does signify is what I refer to as the first **exodus of our seasonal residents**. Many who winter in Southwest Florida do so for a three month period from January through March. What does this mean for the rest of us? It means that the congestion on the roads will taper slightly and there will be a few less bodies in the pews at Mass. For those who are leaving paradise, we wish you a safe and enjoyable spring and summer and hope to see you again next January.

Depending on whether or not we had a flurry of late activity, as you read my column, we are either preparing for or celebrating the end of the **Reverse Raffle**. Thank you to those who responded to my plea and purchased tickets to this very important event.

We are well on our way to success for the **2014 Catholic Faith Appeal**. As of this past Monday, we have 37% pledged or \$183,154.12 of \$485,000.00. As a point of reference, for this same week last year with a smaller annual assessment, we were at 38% of our goal. So we look to be in pretty good shape moving forward. As a reminder to our seasonal residents and visitors with us in paradise, please make your check payable to the Catholic Faith Appeal with Saint John the Evangelist in the memo line. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Catholic Faith Appeal. Your contributions are making an amazing difference in our ability to operate within our annual budget.

Did you see the collection summary in this bulletin? The **St. Patrick's Day collection** from Monday, March 17 was \$14,211.00. This entire collection will be distributed to the St. John's Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to be used for assistance by families in our area. Between the party and the collection, we raised nearly \$20,000.00 for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you to our parishioners for your extreme generosity.

Did you know that it has been a little over one year since we switched to the new glossy paper for **our bulletin**? This was made possible through the purchase of an amazing and very expensive printing press by Messner Publications. We both worked our way through a sizable learning curve with numerous iterations of different types of paper and different shades of ink on the paper any given week. One year later, I think it safe to say that our bulletin is a work of art. We have arguably the best bulletin that I have ever seen. In addition, we have the best bulletin editor (Kathy Sims) and the best publisher (Messner Publications.) Nothing makes me happier than to hear from others all around the Diocese and beyond about how awesome our bulletin is every week.

On May 14 we are hosting an entitled "Priest's Day Out." We have hosted this event either annually or biennially for the past ten years. It is basically a thank you to our priests for all they do for us. The day begins with breakfast here at Saint John the Evangelist. After breakfast, these men have the option of participating in numerous activities. They may cruise on a yacht to Marco Island for lunch, play golf, fish offshore/ backwater or simply relax at the La Playa Beach Club. Finally, everyone meets up again in the evening for a spectacular dinner at La Playa Beach Club. All of the day's events are either donated or completely underwritten. Therefore, there is no cost to the priests or the parish. The only piece of the puzzle I have yet to complete is the fishing portion. Are you a charter captain or do you own a fishing boat and feel capable of taking a group out for a day of fishing? If so, please contact me at 566.1678 or at scotts@saintjohntheevangelist.com. This year we are opening this to the entire Diocese of Venice so we may need a few boats. Thanks in advance for your consideration in showing these priests a fantastic day out.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA General Manager

# Easter Spiritual Bouquet

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#### Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

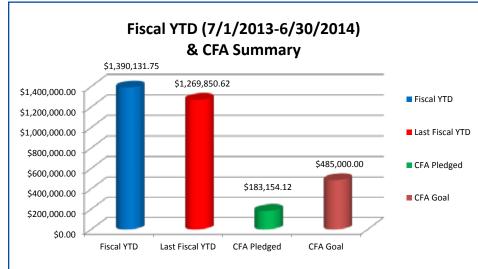
Your donation will furnish the Sanctuary with flowers during the Easter season and your loved ones will be remembered in the Easter Spiritual Bouquet during the Easter Masses. **DROP THE FORM AND DONATION IN** 

THE COLLECTION BASKET OR DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS.

For your convenience, envelopes are also available in the Narthex

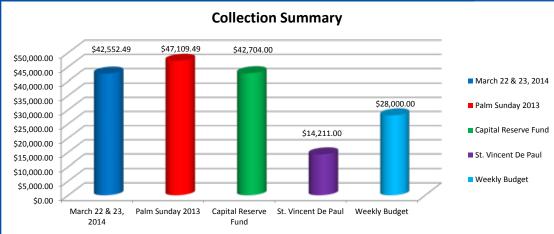
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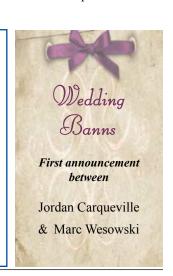
The Parish Registration Form is Available in parish office, in Narthex and on the St. John website: www.saintjohntheevangelist.com
We welcome all new parishioners.



# Next Ladies of St. John's Monthly Luncheon April 2

The Ladies of St. John's monthly luncheon will be Wednesday, April 2 at the Plantation Club in the Dunes at 11:30 a.m. To make a reservation, mail a check for \$17.00 payable to Marianne Brooks to Marianne Brooks, 10140 Regent Circle, Naples, FL 34109, by Monday, March 31. Last month our "surprise gift certificate" raffle netted \$84.00 to benefit St. Vincent de Paul. There will be another "surprise" raffle April 2. All are welcomed to come and meet other women from our parish.





# 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, March 30: the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings 644

Opening Song Shout to the North

Verse 1) Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King! You are strong when you feel weak,

You are strong when you feel weak, In your brokenness, complete (to Chorus) Martin Smith

Verse 2) Rise up, women of the truth

Stand and sing to broken hearts

who can know the healing power

of our awesome King of love (to Chorus)



Kyrie • **5A** hymnal

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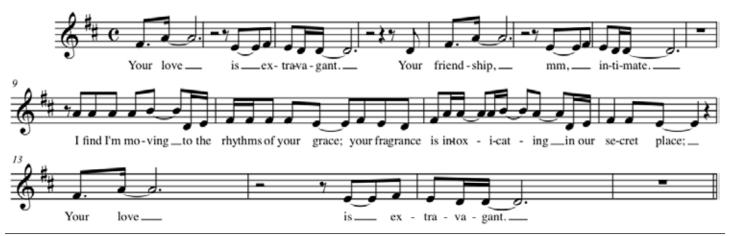


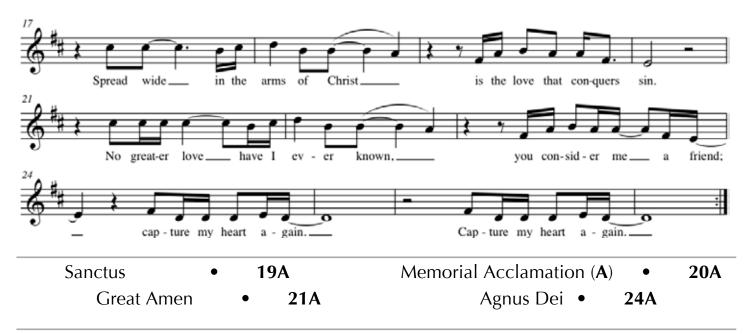
The Lord is my shepherd, the Lord is my shepherd, the Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation



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412 Open My Eyes

**Closing Song** 

457 Amazing Grace

## HANDMADE CHOCOLATE-COVERED PEANUT BUTTER EGGS

are being sold by our Adult Choir as a fundraiser and to make your Easter special.

They are the size of a smallish baked potato

(but taste *way* better and are probably better for you besides).

Please call Shirley Bender to order, (239) 246-5633 before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Just \$2 apiece! They will be available for pickup in the Music Room of the Claussen Center on either:

- Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 PM
- Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM-3PM
  - Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM-3PM



# Fourth Sunday of Lent: Year A

1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A
Psalm 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

# To See With New Eyes

o suffer the disability of blindness during Jesus' time was to suffer isolation in Judaic society. If you were born blind, you were automatically regarded as an outcast and a sinner. The Jews of Jesus' time believed that disability and illness were the fruits of sin. Therefore, it is no surprise that the whole debate of the man born blind is centered on the sins of his ancestors. Jesus' action of imparting sight to this blind man is a radical statement. By doing so, Jesus restores his place in society freeing him from the notion that his ancestors' sin will hold him captive. The blind man is given a new life through his sight and his belief in Jesus. The man born blind recognizes the giver within the gift and worships Jesus. Then Christ confronts the Pharisees reminding them that

**Reflection Questions** 

- 1. In this gospel account what is associated with blindness?
- 2. How does Jesus respond to the people's understanding of the infirmity of blindness?
- 3. What was life like for the blind man of the gospel?
- 4. What does Jesus' sign restore to the blind man?
- 5. Name the areas of spiritual blindness in the world today. Explore the areas of blindness within you.
- 6. Do you allow God's wisdom to guide you? Why or why not?
- 7. What is God calling you to do?

spiritual blindness is much more devastating to the soul than physical blindness.

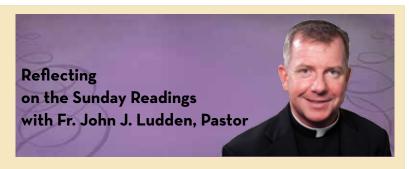
During this Lenten season, we are asked to focus on the spiritual blindness in our own lives. The reality is that we live in an imperfect world and we collectively add to its imperfection. Spiritual blindness is a result of personal and structural sin. Spiritual blindness bruises the soul and drains the divine imagination in each one of us. It fatigues the source of inspiration and saddens the heart. Spiritual blindness leaves a void and creates a poverty in our lives. Through the healing waters of baptism we can wash the sin from our eyes and see the world with a renewed faith. As Catholic Christians, we are invited to participate in the life of Christ by following his example of concern to others. Once we commit ourselves to the radical call of a Christian, we are asked to bring sight to those who suffer from the blindness of prejudice, those with a lack of concern for human life, and those who exploit the poor. We are

invited to open wide the eyes of our faith and see where God is ushering us to make known his presence. In the words of St. Paul in today's second reading: "You were once darkness, but now

you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every goodness and righteousness and truth." *Ephesians 5:8-9* 

Practically speaking, spiritual sight allows us to see Christ in the needs around us. We can respond to this reality by engaging ourselves in the work of charity. As Catholics we are asked to share our treasures with those who have not. We are also asked to share our

time so that we can respond adequately to those in need. There are programs in our parishes in which we can participate. For example, the St. Vincent de Paul Society provides great opportunities to respond to the needs of the poor. Other organizations in parish life enable us to see one another as brothers and sisters journeying together in the life of Christ. Offering ourselves in ministry to the homebound and the sick opens us to the reality of Christ in the midst of suffering. By committing ourselves to the education of the youth, we are actually enabling our young people with the gift of spiritual sight as we share the message of truth. We can choose the good news over the life of sin.



# Prayer

Lord, open our eyes that we may see. Lord, open our eyes and heal the blindness in us. Help us to open the eyes of the world to the reality of your presence. May we turn away from our sin and look upon the world with the vision of your truth. Amen.

#### Voices of Faith

### Far beyond

"Far beyond all dreaming,
Far beyond the place of despair,
Far beyond believing,
You will find His love if you dare.
Far beyond riches that fade,
Far beyond this very day.

I am thirsting, I am blind,
I am stumbling, hear my cry,
I am lonely, filled with fear.
I am thirsting, I am thirsting,
Who will quench this thirst for me?

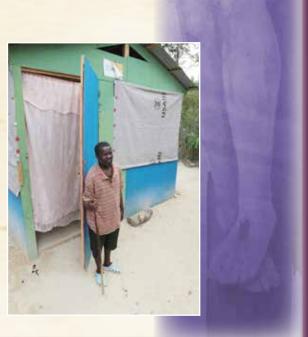
Far beyond all dreaming,
Far beyond the place of despair,
Far beyond believing,
You will find His love if you dare.
Far beyond riches that fade,
Far beyond this very day.

I am sister, I am son,
I am family, I am one,
I am stranger, shall it be,
I am pleading, I am pleading,
Who will hear my cries for me?"

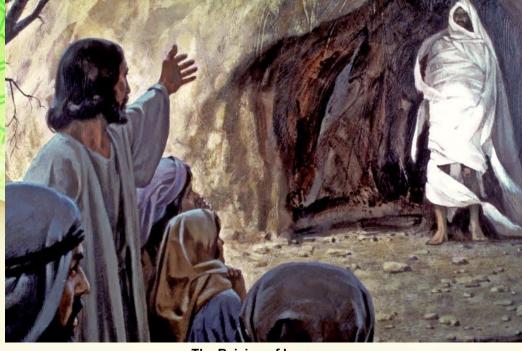
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— "The Hope Prayer," Liam Lawton, page 63

A blind stands outside of his transitional shelter in the rural Saint-Rock community of Haiti. The transitional shelters are produced by Catholic Relief Services and funded by the U.S. government (Catholic News Service photo/Bob Roller)



# Faith Formation



The Raising of Lazarus

### **Mark Your Calendar**

**April 17-20** 

Easter Triduum

April 20

Easter Sunday

**April 27 & 30** 

Faith Formation Classes End

May 2

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

May 3

First Holy Communion Ceremony

# **Faith Formation News**

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

Easter Sunday...is on April 20, 2014.

Faith Formation Classes End...for the season for Sunday's classes on April 27, 2014 and Wednesday's classes on April 30, 2014.

First Holy Communion Rehearsal... will be on Friday, May 2, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom and the church. This will be the only rehearsal. Attendance is mandatory for all children receiving the sacrament.

First Holy Communion Ceremony... will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the church. Sacramental students should report to their teachers in the ballroom at 9:00 a.m. for pictures and final preparations. Cake and refreshments will be served afterwards outside the main entrance of the church.

Faith Formation continues on page 17

#### REFLECTION

Jesus risks his life to visit his friends Lazarus, Mary, and Martha. Their village is only one hill away from Jerusalem. The news that Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead travels fast to Jerusalem, and the priests and elders grow eager to stop Jesus. By raising Lazarus to life, Jesus puts his own life on the line. His action leads to his arrest, suffering, and death.

Raising Lazarus gives us a hint about Jesus' even greater future. When Jesus gives his life for us, God raises him up to new life. The risen Jesus promises Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and all of us who believe in him that he will give us life with God forever. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life." Like Jesus' friend Martha, we believe Jesus is the messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world.

Gospel for All Ages, Good Ground Press and Pflaum Publishing Group



By Kathleen M. Carroll

#### THE HOME CHURCH

One of my daughters discovered the joy of dance at the age of nine. Through she seemed better suited to soccer than ballet, she practiced for long hours, improving by actual leaps and bounds. It was my sad duty to inform her, when she announced that she wanted to be a ballerina one day, that it was probably too late. While her goal was not impossible, most professional dancers started training years earlier. Even at her tender age, her world of possibilities was getting smaller.

One of the great joys of our faith is that it reassures us it is never too late. No matter our sins or failings, regardless of ruptured relationships or lengthy estrangements, we can always repent, return, be reconciled.

Today's Gospel emphasizes that even death—that most final of deadlines—is no obstacle for the one who saves us. In raising Lazarus, Jesus invites us all to new life.

Bringing Home the Word, April 6, 2014, Franciscan Media

#### **PRAYER**

Lord of the Living,
You weep with us at the tombs of our loved ones,
you wait with us as we struggle with things
that keep us entombed.
Even in our deep pain,
Let us hear your voice calling us to come forth,
To live anew in your kingdom,
Where every tear
Will be wiped away.

Bringing Home the Word, April 6, 2014, Franciscan Media

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

#### **GRADE 1**

Life Question: What are some feelings you have?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus care about his friends?

#### **GRADES 2-3**

Life Question: Who listens to your sad feelings?

Gospel Question: Why do Martha and Mary send a message to Jesus?

#### **GRADES 4-5**

Life Question: Why do Jesus' friends Martha and Mary want him to be with them?

Gospel Question: Why do Martha and Mary send a message to Jesus? How does Jesus help their brother?

#### **GRADES 6-8**

Life Question: How have friends helped you in sad times?

Gospel Question: What does the story of Lazarus promise all of us who are friends of Jesus?

#### **GRADES 9-12**

Life Question: What is life-giving about friendship?

Gospel Question: What shows that Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and Jesus are friends?

#### **ADULTS**

Life Question: What do you say to someone suffering the pain of a child or spouse dying?

Gospel Question: What helps you believe God can and will raise us up when we are in pain?

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# St. Ann School Accepting Registrations for 2014-15

St. Ann School is accepting student applications for PreK-3 through eighth grade for the 2014-2015 school year. Contact the school for a personal tour. Scholarships are available and VPK students are welcome.

St. Ann School is located at 542 Eighth Avenue South, Naples. For more info call 239.262.4110 or check out their website at

www.stann.net

# St. John Neumann Catholic High School Congratulations to our students from St. John who made honor roll in 3rd Quarter!

Alexandra Bergen **Haley Bossart Conor Castronovo** Makayla Connor **Paul Costain Haley Duckett** Teagan Duckett Alexa Guadagno Max Kirk

Talya Lattanzio Sarah McCain **Rvan McNichols** Katie Saluan William Sanfelippo Elizabeth Ullrich **Grant Ullrich** Joseph Wilton

**ATTENTION:** We are still accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year.

For information, contact Emily Sumpmann at 239-455-3044 or esumpmann@sinceltics.org

3000 53rd St. SW, Naples, FL 34116

www.sjnceltics.org 239-455-3044



St. John's Parish Life Center, Courtyard and Ballroom Easter baskets optional. Small Easter bags will be provided.

For more information, contact Joe Lichwalla at 348.1828 \_\_\_\_\_

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April 2 No session due to the Parish Mission at

7:00 p.m.

April 9 "Prayer and the Life of the Spirit: The

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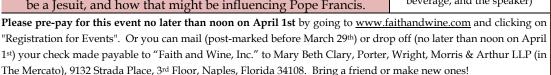
# **Holly Schapker**

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Please join us on April 3, as we welcome Holly Schapker, a gifted Catholic artist, who will be speaking to us on Walking In His Footsteps: A Journey with Ignatius of Loyola, the Founder of the Jesuits

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

Holly Schapker' spent 3 years researching Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), and took an Ignatian pilgrimage where she followed Ignatius' path to the Holy Land as he became a devoted follower of Christ. Upon her return, Holly created a body of work she calls "Adsum". She explains, "These paintings represent my interpretation of the mission of St. Ignatius of Loyola. They incorporate all I know and feel about my life as a Catholic and as an artist." Through her paintings, Holly explores Ignatius's journey, weaving in her own journey, what it means to be a Jesuit, and how that might be influencing Pope Francis.



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