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**Bible Story Time Mardi Gras** 

**Arimatheans**<sup>3</sup> Installation



# **Parish Ministries:** Opportunity To Know, To Love, To Serve

GEBAIS

March 9, 2014

First Sunday of Lent

Visit these ministries and others. which provide knowledge, love and service, at the Ministry Fair at the Family Fun and Ministry celebration this Sunday from Noon to 3:00 p.m.





Men's Club Sock Hop

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Praye

March 8, 2014	<u>d (+) and Special Intentions</u> Saturday	Requested by	SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND
8:00 AM +		Ann Mullally	READINGS FOR THE WEEK
0:00 AM +	Sames 5. Prunany, m	Ann Fidnany	Saturday, March 8, 2014
	Sunday Vigil Mass		St. John of God
3:00 PM +	Andrea Costain	Mom, Dad & Brothers	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
			15 50:9D-14; PS 00:1-0; LK 5:27-52
5:00 PM +	James J. Mullally, III	Ann Mullally	Caralan Maril Maria
			Sunday Vigil Mass
1arch 9, 2014	Sunday		Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
7:00 AM	Barbara Plocharczyk	Shirley & Jim Kelley	Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11
	Michael Blacklidge	Michael & Ellen Blacklidge	
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners	201 A 10	Sunday, March 9, 2014
	Helen Gallagher	Mary Crane	First Sunday of Lent;
5:00 PM +	Frank Sestito	Sandra & Al Pistocchi	Daylight Saving Time begins
			Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
1arch 10, 2014	Monday		Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11
8:00 AM +		Mom, Dad & Brothers	and the second second
9:00 AM +		Paula O'Connor	Monday, March 10, 2014
Noon +	Edith Ianotta	Cay Gilchrist	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
1arch 11, 2014	Tuesday		Tuesday, March 11, 2014
8:00 AM +	Joseph Neary	Ellen Hooper	ls 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
9:00 AM +	Steven Musto	Dennis & Mary Byrnes	The second se
Noon +	Paul Connor	Marie & Bob Harris	Wednesday, March 12, 2014
Altar Flo	wers in Memory of Marc Scialdo ~ re	eq. by Don & Diane Fischer	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
1arch 12, 2014	Wednesday		Thursday, March 13, 2014
8:00 AM +	Nancy Borneman	Forrest & Mary Ann Murphy	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
9.00 AM +	Constance McGinty	Carolyn Berg	
Noon +	Rose Massa	Patricia Connoly Alva	Friday, March 14, 2014
			Abstinence
March 13, 2014	Thursday		Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
8:00 AM +	Charles Kaufman	Barbara Fitzpatrick	
9:00 AM +	Concetta & Peter Mantegazza	Pamela & Vincent Conlon	Saturday, March 15, 2014
Noon +	Guy Rothe	Joan Teabo	Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
			Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
March 14, 2014	Friday		
8:00 AM +	Reuss & Page Family	Ronald Reuss	Sunday Vigil Mass
9:00 AM +	Ami & Leo Durante	Diane	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Noon +	Ernie Woonsam	Harrison Family	2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
	2	,	
March 15, 2014	Saturday		Sunday, March 16, 2014
8:00 AM +	Ramy Garrido	Elita Gil	Second Sunday of Lent
0:00 APT -	Railly Garrido	Elita Gli	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
	Sunday Visil Mass		2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
ZOO DM	Sunday Vigil Mass Lambert & Louise Abell	Kather & Data Sima	2 111 1:00-10; 141 17:1-9
3:00 PM +		Kathy & Bob Sims Arlene & Charlie Fetter	
5:00 PM +	Billy Cullen	Ariene & Charlie Fetter	
March 16, 2014	Sunday		
7:00 AM +	Amber Whitaker	Peter DeFrancesca	FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to
		Al & Ro Sterner	5 available during the following Mass times:
	For Our Parishioners	AI & RU Sterner	Saturday Vigil 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. and Sunda
11:15 AM			at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The
1:15 PM +		Sylvia & Tony DeFeo	nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 a
5:00 PM +	John Miller	Bob and Joan Loft	6. A trained childcare provider is in attendar
	ne in Memory of Kieran Devery ~ re		during these nursery hours.
	aordinary Ministers of Holy Comm	the second	auting most nursery nours.

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## Saint John the Evangelist Lenten Schedule

Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 5 will be: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Daily Masses will be:** 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and Noon (no Noon mass on Tuesday, March 11)

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.

#### **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.

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

#### Holy Week:

- April 13 ~ Palm Sunday
- April 17 ~ Holy Thursday
- April 18 ~ Good Friday, Prayer

More specific celebrations and times will be published in a later bulletin.

- April 19 ~ Blessing of the Easter baskets; Easter Vigil
- April 20 ~ Easter Sunday
- April 27 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

# parish mission

# **Encountering Christ: Responding to God's Call to Holiness**

# with Rev. James Spahn

Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Northglenn, CO

**March 10 - 12** 



# Focus: Call to Holiness

- as found in Scripture
- as found in the Church's teaching
- how the Lord calls us to conversion and holiness
- how we are all called to be saints

Morning Sessions after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and Evening Sessions at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. James Spahn will preach at all weekend Masses March 8 and 9.

Rev. James Spahn was born in 1964 in Denver, CO. He attended CSU in Ft. Collins with an interest in animal research and conservation. Later, after having felt called to the priesthood, he attended Conception Seminary in Missouri for his philosophical studies. The path to the priesthood continued with theological studies in Denver at St. Thomas Seminary. He completed his studies at the Pontifical Josephinum in Columbus, OH where he earned two masters degrees in theology — a Masters of Divinity degree and a Masters of Theology in Biblical Studies. He was ordained 15 years ago.

His first parish assignment was as parochial vicar at St. Thomas More Parish in Centennial, CO. As pastor, he served the parishes of Our Lady of the Valley in Windsor and St. Mary in Ault. He became pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Northglenn, CO in June, 2013.

Rev. James Spahn has a great love for children and has expressed a particular joy in visiting with the children after each Sunday Mass. His personal interests include: fly-fishing, hiking, mountain biking, golf and scuba diving.

"Fr. James Spahn is very energetic using a young preaching style to show how close Jesus is to us in our everyday life." - Fr. Jim

All parishioners are invited to attend the Parish Mission.

### 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

Mass Cards

Selections of cards are

Mass Intentions

intentions for 2014.

available in the parish office.

We are currently accepting

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

**Choir Director** Ellie Roberts

**Sacristan** Lorna Woonsam

**Director of Family Mission & Communications** Jean-Paul Boucher

**Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor** Kathy Sims

Memorial Garden Scott Schlossberg

**Religious Boutique** Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

**Director of Maintenance** Richard Neville: *566.8740* 

#### **Education Staff**

**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. **St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church** 625 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Naples, FL 34108

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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.

#### PARISH VISION

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

## PARISH INFORMATION...

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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.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

and 2014 wine and host and flowers

We have 2015 Mass availability

# Second Collection March 22-23 Will Fund New Facilities Maintenance Reserve Account

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

On the weekend of March 23 a second collection will be taken to fund a new Facilities Maintenance Reserve Account. Fr. John will provide more details in next week's bulletin.

When Fr. John became our pastor, one of his first actions was to create a Buildings and Grounds Committee and to appoint additional members to the Finance Council. These two committees have worked together to address overdue campus improvements and maintenance projects. Income from the Facilities Maintenance Reserve will allow us to continue this work. Listed below are some of the major projects that have been completed during Fr. John's tenure, some of which may not have been visible to you.

#### Improvements to the Church

**REBUILT:** the altar including a new tabernacle and crucifix, the Adoration Chapel, confessionals, sacristy, altar servers/lectors room, restrooms, the space for the Divine Gift Boutique.

*INSTALLED:* Stations of the Cross, carpeting and kneelers, a looping system for the hearing impaired, new and improved lighting, upgrades to the sound system, new front entry doors, gutters, new surveillance system.

**BUILT:** tiled niches for the statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John including votive candle stands.

**REPLACED**: all air conditioning units.

#### Improvements to Parish Life Center, Clausen Center and Rectories

*INSTALLED*: carpeting, wood and tile flooring in library, ballroom, reception areas, hallways, classrooms and offices, travertine tile in restrooms, kitchen "makeover", new computerized management system.

**REPLACED:** several air conditioning units in the PLC.

**PAINTING:** throughout PLC and Clausen Center.

PARISH HOUSE: upgrades to interior and exterior.

PARISH CONDO: purchased a condo and made interior upgrades.

#### Improvements to Campus

*INSTALLED:* new signage, landscaping plantings throughout including the Prayer Garden, Memorial Garden and Veterans Memorial, roadway resurfacing, paver walkways, security cameras.

In conclusion, **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT** to fund this Reserve. God Bless You and Your Loved Ones.

Sincerely yours,

#### **Building & Grounds Committee:**

Paul Dell Uomo, Marty Gauthier, Gerry Gingras, Thomas Hecker, Joe Lichwalla, Mark Nagan, Dave Quist, Bill Sjostrom, Mark Stahlman, John Wurtz

#### Finance Committee:

Rick Beebe, Madeline Gaffey, Shaun Greening, Barbara Kuryea, Ned Leibig, Dave Quist, Lorraine Tregde, Brian Youngs

#### Special St. Patrick Day Celebration Will Be Held on Monday, March 17

On the glorious feast day of St. Patrick on Monday, March 17, all parishioners are invited to celebrate with a special Mass at 9:00 a.m. The collection from that Mass is donated to the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference whose members help those in need right in the geographical boundaries of our church (zip codes 34108, 34109 and 34110).

Immediately following Mass, in thanksgiving of your generous support, SVdP members invite everyone to a continental IRISH breakfast in the Parish Life Center with pastries, juice and real IRISH coffee. Fr. John will entertain by singing a few Irish ditties.

Don't forget to wear your Green!

#### "Contemporary Anti-Semitism and Anti-Christian Violence" Lecture and Discussion Sunday, March 23

The Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County, Readers & Thinkers Group is presenting "Contemporary Anti-Semitism and Anti-Christian Violence", a lecture by Dr. George A. Blewitt with a group discussion to follow.

The event is Sunday, March 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the Jewish Federation, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road (Naples Walk Plaza).

The 21st century is witnessing a resurgence of anti-Semitism at a level not seen since the Holocaust. Concurrent with this problem has been a widespread and striking increase in the persecution and slaughter of Christians, a fact that the majority of Western Christians fail to appreciate. This presentation will attempt to quantify the level of these problems as well as their distinct and shared bases. Together with the audience, the program will attempt to identify practical approaches toward potential solutions to these issues that affect us all.

#### 2014 Leaven Conference on Hunger and Homelessness Saturday, March 29

The 2014 Leaven Conference, which will focus on "Hunger and Homelessness", will take place on Saturday, March 29 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1301 Center Road, Venice, FL from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dr. Jonathan Reyes, Executive Director of the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development since 2012, will deliver the keynote address.

The Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Dewane. For more information and to register by March 25 go to *www.dioceseofvenice.org/Leaven* 

# #ToKnow #ToLove #ToServe

#### #ToKnow – Family Mission and Synod 2014

Late last year, our Pope requested feedback from the entire Church to inform the upcoming Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, focused on "the pastoral challenges to the Family in the context of Evangelization". We were lucky here at Saint John to be given a public forum to respond to the questions, which cover a wide-range of issues essential to how the Church deals with families. Father John took our comments and brought them to our bishop.

The planning for this significant meeting in October 2014, has been completed last week and Pope Francis has sent out a letter that demonstrates his commitment to the family, and in particular, he focuses his thoughts on the spectrum of family here at Saint John, spanning the generations:

This Synodal Assembly is dedicated in a special way to you, to your vocation and mission in the Church and in society; to the challenges of marriage, of family life, of the education of children; and the role of the family in the life of the Church. I ask you, therefore, to pray intensely to the Holy Spirit, so that the Spirit may illumine the Synodal Fathers and guide them in their important task. As you know, this Extraordinary Synodal Assembly will be followed a year later by the Ordinary Assembly, which will also have the family as its theme. In that context, there will also be the World Meeting of Families due to take place in Philadelphia in September 2015.

The evangelist Luke tells us that the Blessed Mother and

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Saint Joseph, in keeping with the Law of Moses, took the Baby Jesus to the temple to offer him to the Lord, and that an elderly man and woman, Simeon and Anna, moved by the Holy Spirit, went to meet them and acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah (cf. Lk 2:22-38). Simeon took him in his arms and thanked God that he had finally "seen" salvation. Anna, despite her advanced age, found new vigour and began to speak to everyone about the Baby. It is a beautiful image: two young parents and two elderly people, brought together by Jesus. He is the one who brings together and unites generations!

- Pope Francis Letter to Families February 25, 2014

I hope you will join me in this focus, which is the heart and soul of the Family Mission. We will be providing additional feedback opportunities on what you, the Parish Family, believe should be the priorities for Saint John in terms of programs and efforts for the youth and families here. Next week, we will be adding the survey questions to our website as well as at Families in Christ to gather your feedback prior to our Listening Sessions. Please help us engage our families with your ideas and suggestions.



Hymns for Sunday of the First Week of Lent, March 8 & 9				
Readings:	635 Year A			
Entrance Hymn:	114 The Glory of These Forty Days			
Preparation Hymn:	439 On Eagles' Wings			
Communion Hymn:	245 The Cup of Life Outpoured			
	215 Deep Within			
Closing Hymn:	193 Take Up Your Cross			
Choral Anthems at the 9:00 & 11:15 Masses				
Preparation On Eagles' Wings Michael Joncas, arr. Jack Wagner				
Communion If You Search With All Your Heart Craig Courtney				

ANTIP	HONS	for WEE	KDAY	MASS

#### Monday, March 10: Monday of the First Week of Lent **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 123 (122): 2-3 Like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords, so our eyes are on the Lord our God, till he show us his mercy. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life. **COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Mt 25: 40, 34* Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me, says the Lord. Come, you blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Tuesday, March 11: Tuesday of the First Week of Lent **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 90 (89): 1-2 O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation; from age to age, you are. **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. From all their distress, God rescues the just.COMMUNION ANTIPHONCf. Ps 4:2When I called, the God of justice gave me answer;from anguish you released me;have mercy, O Lord, and hear my prayer!

Wednesday, March 12: Wednesday of the First Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHONCf. Ps 25 (24): 6, 2, 22Remember your compassion, O Lord,<br/>and your merciful love, for they are from of old.<br/>Let not our enemies exult over us.<br/>Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.RESPONSORIAL PSALM<br/>R. A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.

COMMUNION ANTIPHONCf. Ps 5: 12All who take refuge in you shall be glad, O Lord,<br/>and ever cry out their joy, and you shall dwell among them.

Thursday of the First Week of LentENTRANCE ANTIPHONCf. Ps 5: 2-3To my words give ear, O Lord; give heed to my sighs.Attend to the sound of my cry, my King and my God.RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.COMMUNION ANTIPHONMt 7:8Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds;and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Friday, March 14: Friday of the First Week of LentENTRANCE ANTIPHONCf. Ps 25 (24): 17-18Set me free from my distress, O Lord.See my lowliness and suffering,<br/>and take away all my sins.RESPONSORIAL PSALMR. If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?COMMUNION ANTIPHONEz 33: 11As I live, says the Lord, I do not desire the death of the sinner,

but rather that he turn back and live.

Saturday, March 15: Saturday of the First Week of LentENTRANCE ANTIPHONCf. Ps 19 (18): 8The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul.The decrees of the Lord are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple.RESPONSORIAL PSALMR. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

K. Diessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!COMMUNION ANTIPHONMt 5: 48Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect, says the Lord.

Altar Servers:

Joon Daul Doughou

Prayer Group:	
Linda Reilly	821.8982
Respect Life:	
Rosemary Erickson	597.3941

Parish Stewardship Council:

Bob Claussen naplesrgc@gmail.com

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. March 20 Speaker: John Killinger, Ph.D. Pastor

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, March 18 at Arbor Trace of Naples; 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 Mercv

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** 

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

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#### Marine Lt. Colonel **Brian Howlett** U.S. Marine Corp AT3 Corinne MacFarlane U.S. Navy Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army LCpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC) LCpl. Ryan D. Novak (USMC) Rvan D. Novak (USMC) **Cpt. Daniel Palmer** U.S. Army Cpt. John Palmer U.S. Army **Cpt. Martin Palmer** U.S. Army 1Lt. Robert Pedrigi U.S. Army Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army Lt. Gregory Spencer U.S. Army, (Afghanistan) Lt. Kelly Spencer U.S. Air Force **Houng Tran** U.S. Army 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. 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: Edward Kelly, Baby LaButti, Jean McCarthy, Steven Multerer and Benedict O'Bryan May they rest in eternal peace.

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

Deacon Al Marie Amont Jim Amont Jacob Andrew A.R.C. Michael Arnold Philip Baier Jean Balagna Bev Basler Molly Bayer Margie Benefico Barbara Berg Gloria Bergeron Linda Berry Mary Bessner Lucretia Biasi Marge Bond Vicki Brenner **Brooks** Family Frank Caccavo Jr. Lois Caprata Joe Carpino Robert Carnevale Christine Cassara Michael Cataldo Diane Centenaro Joanne Chalhoub Drew and Kanema Clark Richard Clark Claussen Family Edna D'Antuono Alice Daley Kay Davis James Diamante Julie Dieter Lucy DiFranco Alexandria Dolkas Margaret Dudley Michael Dunlop John Dziedzic Trudy Eddy Nancy Ellert

Sue Ells Ann Marie Esposito Edith Esposit D.F.F Claire Febrezio Taelor Fiedler Tiffany Fiedler Troy Feidler Thomas O. Flood Jim Follese Stephen Gibson Dick Goepel Rick Greenwood James Gullilan Diana Gust Barbara Hanson Frank Harris Raymond and Virginia **H**artwick Peter Heaney Jerry Heyen Chad Hickman H.J. Henry Hobaila & Family Jack Hodges Ann Hogg Karen Hohne Charlotte Hollohan Kaitlin Mae Hooper Peggy Hooper Jeff Horkey Donald Howe Val Hunt Ron Johnson Nevaeh Jones Charleen Kasabian Chester T. Kauffman Colleen Kirkmaier Joanne & Glenn Krume Rachel LaButti Anna LaGrasta Lamport Family

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

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Over the course of the calendar year, we have six "second" collections here at Saint John the Evangelist. Four of these collections are for our Jamaica Outreach Program and the other two are for the Seminarians and World Mission Sunday. Fr. John has been adamant that second

collections are not to be taken lightly and only used for VERY special circumstances. We also administer second collections when there is a natural disaster such as the recent typhoon in the Philippines.

Did you know that we are allowed by the Diocese of Venice to take two second collections for the Catholic Faith Appeal? The decision was made long ago to forego this process as the clergy felt that it was simply too much.

Ironically, over my many years with Saint John the Evangelist, we have never taken a second collection for anything related directly to the parish. That will change on March 22 & 23. We will take a second collection that weekend and the proceeds will be used to fund a Facilities Capital Reserve Account. Many of you live in gated communities or neighborhoods which have Homeowners Associations. Many of these HOAs require that capital reserves be accumulated annually to satisfy long term liabilities in the way of new roofing, pavement, air conditioners, etc. Until now, we have been completely reactive at Saint John the Evangelist with the hope of one day being proactive. Obviously financial constraints are involved in our inability to stash funds away for capital reserves to be used at a later date. When we have had a capital need in the past, we have either used operating funds or solicited our parishioners for the funds in order to do so.

You will see a letter from the Buildings and Grounds Committee and Finance Committee in the bulletin (page 5) describing many of the improvements that have taken place over the past five years on campus. As of this weekend, you will have two full weeks to discern and pray about how much you would like to contribute to this very important endeavor that will keep the campus looking great for many years to come. Thanks in advance for your generosity on March 22 & 23.

Did you know that the seven Dioceses/Archdioceses of Florida are joining together to expand the existing seminary on the southeast coast in Boynton Beach. We published a letter from the Bishop in our bulletin back in January discussing these plans. St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary's student body has grown from 55 five years ago to 85 this year. In three years, expectations are for 110 students, the largest group in the seminary's 50-year history. The cost of this renovation/expansion is \$7 million and is being shared by all Florida Dioceses. Each individual parish is being assessed over five years based on their annual offertory collection from the 2012/2013 fiscal year. Obviously we have a much larger assessment than others due to your extreme generosity. Our portion is \$97,249.00 or \$13,893.00 per year spread out over seven years. The Seminarian collection on January 11 & 12 went a long way in satisfying our annual obligation. We collected \$11,482.00 leaving only \$2,411.00 due for our first of seven years.

Why did I spend so much time discussing the seminary expansion and our obligation? I did so because the parish cruise proceeds this past January were earmarked for the Seminary expansion in an effort to mitigate our share. Dr. Dave Quist should be commended for doing an amazing job of coordinating an amazing trip but more importantly for raising an enormous amount of funds for the seminary. Through tour credits and profit sharing, our parish cruise netted \$17,157.36. This amount covers our shortfall for this year and completely covers us for next year. It is our hope that we will be able to satisfy our seven year obligation in only three years with revenue generated from upcoming cruises. This is great news as it will not affect our operating budget or our bottom line. Thanks again to Dr. Dave for a job very well done.

Before I let everyone go, I felt it prudent that we discuss the Reverse Raffle which will take place on March 29. I promise not to begin begging as of yet, however, tickets are currently on sale in the parish office for \$100.00. This includes admission for two to an amazing event. For the newcomers, I will describe in more detail next week the particulars. For returning guests, please get out and buy your tickets now rather than waiting so I don't have to stress. Thanks.

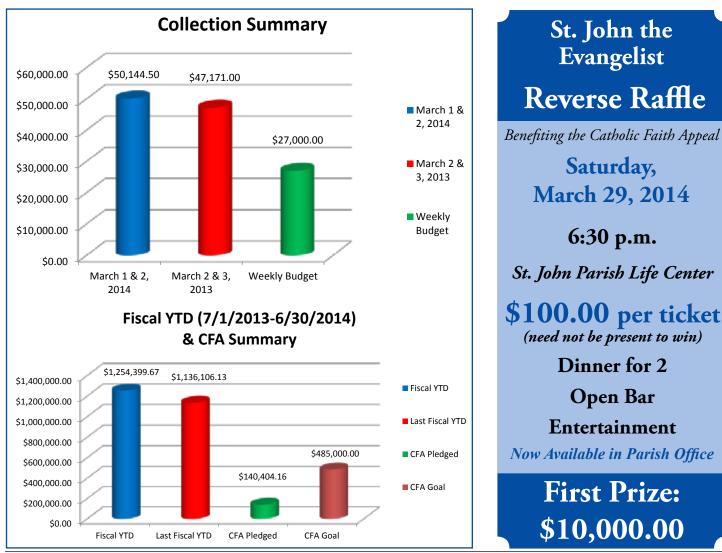
In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA General Manager

#### SCOTT'S CORNER...



ickets: \$25.00 per person. On sale in the parish office and on our website Please make checks payable to: Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church



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# 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, March 9: the First Sunday of Lent

Readings

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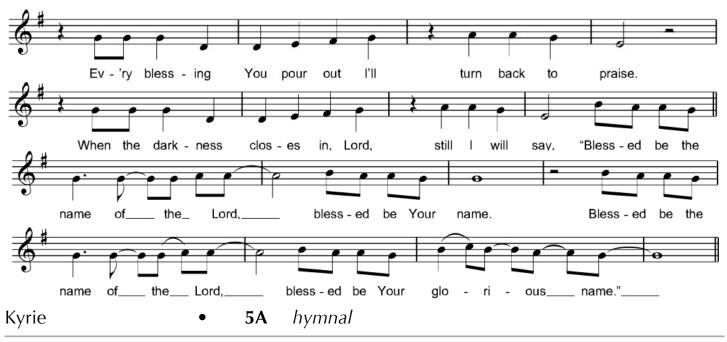
Opening Song Blessed Be Your Name Matt Redman CCLI Song No. 3798438 © 2002 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) Beth Redman, Matt Redman All rights Reserved. CCLI #2008891.

*Verses 1 & 2*) Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful, Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name. Blessed be your name, when I'm found in the desert place, Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name. (*chorus, below*)

*Verses 3 & 4*) Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. *(to chorus, below)* 

*Bridge*) You give and take away; you give and take away

My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name!" (to chorus, below)



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Closing Song

467 Open the Eyes of My Heart Paul Baloche

# st. john the evangelist youth ministry what have we been up to lately?



**#toknow**: The **Middle School students** have spent the past month learning about the seven Sacraments – what they are and why they are so important to our life in Christ. Students

learned about the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist), Sacraments of Healing (Anointing of the Sick and Confession), and the

Sacraments of Service (Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders). After learning about each one in turn, they broke into groups and read what the Catechism said about each Sacrament. Then they made collages



about them and presented them to the group!



The High School students have been delving deeper into what the Church teaches on prayer (#toknow) and then have had the chance to spent more time in quiet meditation before Our Lord in the tabernacle (#tolove). But first, they had fun playing the mummy game with toilet paper–illustrating how sin does not make us free –and then learning more about Reconciliation! #Toserve our community, we have partnered with St. Matthew's House to help with special events, and look for us each Friday at the Fish Bakes, where we'll be helping to serve you!



## First Sunday of Lent: Year A

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

# Let God Be God!



uring this first week of Lent, we are asked to step outside our normal routines and spend some time in prayerful preparation. Lent is a time when we open ourselves to renewal, conversion, and transformation. We are called to turn away from our sin and be faithful to the gospel, which brings us new life. On Ash Wednesday numerous Catholics were marked with the cross on the forehead with ashes. As they were marked they were told, "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return," or, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel." Lent is a time to humble ourselves by admitting one day that our bodies are going to be returned to the earth. More importantly, Lent is a time to consider the spiritual aspects of our lives, i.e. the way in which we will prepare to meet God face to

## **Reflection Questions**

- 1. Why does Jesus go into the desert?
- 2. What is the value in fasting and praying?
- 3. What are the temptations Jesus experiences?
- 4. How does Jesus respond to each temptation?
- 5. What does Lent mean to you?
- 6. What does Lent prepare you for?
- 7. Are there temptations in your life? Name them.
- 8. How does the gospel teach you to overcome your temptations?
- 9. Are you willing to join the Church's call to fast, pray, and give alms this Lent? Why or why not?
- 10. What commitments are you willing to make?

face one day. We should ask ourselves in the meantime "How am I to live a truly authentic Christian life?"

We are told in today's gospel that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to prepare for what became known as his public ministry. There, Jesus fasted and prayed. However, he was also tempted by the devil. The interchange between both Jesus and the devil demonstrates all too familiar temptations that the world faces today. The devil wants Jesus to abuse his power to produce loaves of bread out of stone. Jesus' response is to rely on God and let His Word feed him. The devil's request for Jesus to throw himself off the temple is merely a ploy to put God to the test. The third request is the promise of material wealth given through false worship. Jesus dismisses all these temptations and allows God to take precedence in his life. He relies on the Father's words to guide and nourish him totally, trusting in its promise. His worship does not necessarily bring him worldly power but God's guiding hand through the angels to aid him. Such confidence does not need to put God to the test.

Humanity can learn from Jesus' example today. We are faced with many temptations. The need to achieve material wealth can obscure the vision and dream that God has for each one of us. Myriads of advertisements

tell us that our lives would be so much better if we purchased the products they are endorsing. But do they? Relying on God's Word and imitating Christ brings us happiness and the betterment of life. Many of the humanistic philosophies and new age thoughts try to pull us away from the reliance of the Transcendent. These philosophies say that we do not need God because we can stand on our own two feet. Humanism merely speaks to the present — it does not promise a future and the hope of resurrection. True worship leads us to God. False worship leads people to death. Looking at the scientific advancements that have taken place, we might come to the conclusion that we are putting God to the test. Drugs are readily available to destroy the beginnings of human life. Governments continue to push for embryonic stem cell research. In England, it is now alright for scientists to clone human embryos. We are told that this is necessary for the convenience of life and the importance of discovering new ways of eradicating diseases. But what is God's plan? What are his expectations of us? Why cannot we let God be God in a world yearning for Him? We are asked to prayerfully ponder all these things during the holy season of Lent.

# Prayer

God of all beginnings, help us to be renewed during this season of Lent. May we prayerfully consider how we have treated one another and always respond to your love, concern, compassion, and forgiveness. May we not be tempted by the temporal things in life that lead us away from you. Rather, let us grasp the things that will transform us and bring us closer to you. May we be your people and you be our God. Amen.

# **Voices of Faith**

# Temptation

The fearless preacher Paul Reminds us all "The word is near you, In your mouth and in your heart." Sentiments not of an empty soul But one who knows The Lord

And so we enter into forty days Of Holy Lent God bids us enter forth the wilderness To spend time with him With fasting, prayer and charity Our hearts, mouths and souls open to the living Lord

In the desert of our lives We encounter our God Waiting to speak to us To love us and show us the Way Leading us to the Truth of all truths And to the reality of Resurrection's Light

Our holy longing leads us forth To seek heaven's way Hungers run deep in our souls As we wait to be fed by Sacred Word Fleeting promises of a deceptive world Brings temptation's dawn born on the wings of a fallen angel In false promises our minds do wander Taken away from wisdom divine Our mouths praise not God's Word Nor do our hearts reveal love sublime Our imaginations fall into temptation Where an angel fallen waits to steal

Reflecting

on the Sunday Readings

with Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

But in Christ we move forward still Our discipline of Holy Lent enables us to see Hope divine and sacred will Of the One who bids us to rely not Upon the food that will perish But upon the Word that gives life

In the midst of a world filled With allusions and selfish ambitions We are tempted to settle with second best And fill our minds with false promises But God patiently awaits Our fitting worship and praises

So let us not be taken in By the prince of lies Cast not your lives into the darkness of sin Put not The Lord your God to the test Allow not the promise of his mercy to excuse not your actions But fall into the arms of Love itself who will bear you upon eagle's wings

- "Peaceful Moments" - Fr. John J. Ludden



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# Faith Formation



**Temptation of Jesus** 

## Mark Your Calendar

March 12 Families in Christ

April 2 First Communion Activity Night

> April 17-20 Easter Triduum

April 20 Easter Sunday

May 2 First Holy Communion Rehearsal

May 3 First Holy Communion Ceremony

# **Faith Formation News**

**Families in Christ...**will take place on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the ballroom.

**First Communion Activity Night...**will be on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the ballroom, seminar room and classrooms. Banners will be made that will be hung in the church for the First Holy Communion Ceremony. All sacramental students must participate.

**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.

**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

#### Faith Formation continued from page 16

#### REFLECTION

Jesus makes three choices in this Gospel. He could choose to turn stones to bread, or become ruler of the world, or jump off the top of the temple and have angels catch him. But Jesus chooses not to be a magical, superhero Messiah. Jesus comes to be one of us, our brother. Jesus makes choices just as we must.

Jesus chooses to follow God's word. Bread is not the only food we need. We also need the word of God to nourish our spirits. Jesus could seek power but he choose to worship God and calls us to do the same. Jesus shows us how God acts as a human being. Lent is a time to practice loving actions, such as sharing, forgiving, including, and thanking.

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



By Kathleen M. Carroll

Not all temptations are created equal. What I find irresistible might have no value for someone else, and vice versa.

The story of Jesus in the desert reveals the sort of temptations he might have found enticing. Bread after forty days of fasting? That would probably get all of us. Testing the promises of God? That can certainly be appealing when times are tough. And, if your goal is to redeem the world, having it handed to you on a silver platter would certainly be an easier path that the road to Calvary.

Jesus knew from the start that we all learn one small step at a time: There are no shortcuts to holiness—or to anything, really. The only way to achieve a goal is to earn it. We strive to teach our children the value of hard work and sometimes imagine that our own hard work is behind us. Temptation never stops, but with prayer and perseverance, we might one day no longer find it so tempting.

Bringing Home the Word, March 9, 2014, Franciscan Media

#### PRAYER

Jesus, guide me into the desert with you. Give me the courage to ask the difficult questions, The questions from which I run. Stop me, Lord, and speak to me with your honest love. Bring me into the depths of your presence To a place of healing. Amen.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

#### **GRADE 1**

Life Question: What is a choice you have made today?

Gospel Question: What is an important choice that Jesus made?

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

Life Question: What are some choices you have made today?

Gospel Question: What choices make you more like Jesus?"

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

Life Question: What are some choices you will make for Lent?

Gospel Question: Why does Jesus refuse to turn stones to bread?

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

Life Question: What is the most important choice you have made today?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus mean when he says people do not live on bread alone?

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

Life Question: What tempts teens to believe they are not good enough the way they are?

Gospel Question: Why does Jesus refuse to be a superhero?

#### ADULTS

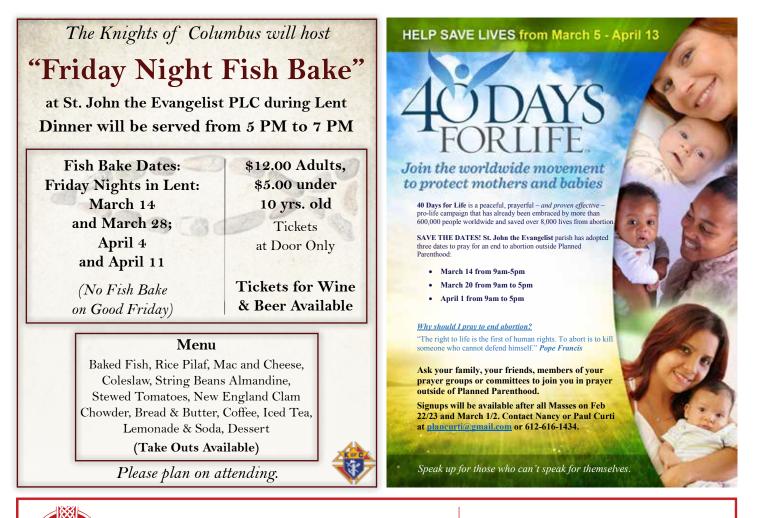
Life Question: In what tensions do you find yourself sitting?

Gospel Question: What gets in your way with God?

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#### upcoming events:

April 22, 2014: Patrick Novecosky The Divine Legacy of St. John Paul II



## fr. robert mcteigue, sj why are young people Leaving the church?

A professor of philosophy at Ave Maria University, Fr. McTeigue is renowned for his insightful and compelling preaching.

# Wednesday, March 19

**6 pm - 8 pm** Parish Life Center Ballroom St. John the Evangelist Parish 625 111th Ave., Naples

Suggested donation at the door: \$20 includes dinner and beverages

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



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#### Blood Pressure Checks Will Be Offered After Three Masses Next Weekend, March 15 - 16

Several nurses from the **Parish Nurse** Ministry will be available to take parishioners' blood pressure three times during the



weekend of March 15-16. They will be available after the 3:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 15 and after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses on Sunday, March 16. The nurses will be outside the front of the church. You will be given a chart so you many keep track of your blood pressure on a regular basis.

## Sunlight Home Fashion Show and Fundraiser Thursday, March 20

Sunlight Home is celebrating its 20th Anniversary at their Annual Fashion Show Luncheon and Silent Auction on Thursday, March 20 at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. with the Silent Auction. Tickets are \$65 per person, with all proceeds benefiting the moms and babies at Sunlight Home. For reservations contact Linda at 352.0251, or visit the website *www.sunlighthome.org* 

Sunlight Home is a Pro-Life Organization and the only Christian Residential Maternity Home in collier County, providing a safe haven for homeless and abused "at risk" pregnant women and teens. The "Program" promotes physical, emotional and spiritual wholeness through the love of Jesus Christ.

#### Magnificat Breakfast March 29 at Holiday Inn Airport Fort Myers

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, Saturday, March 29, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. The speaker, Valli Leone, is active in ministry in the Archdiocese of Miami and an officer for Glory House of Miami, which helps victims of human trafficking. Valli believes that the trademark of a Christian is Resurrection Joy. Her favorite words of encouragement are Jesus never fails!

Please send a \$20 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Joanne Tarantino, 3315 Bermuda Isle Circle, Unit 128, Naples, FL 34109, 239.887.0060 or Shirley Ruehl, 11451 Pembrook Run, Estero, FL 33928, 239.949.7015. Requests must be postmarked by Friday, March 21. 뛝 Faith and W¶ne

Please join us on March 13, as we welcome Lois Thome, WINK TV news anchor who will be speaking to us on "The Inside Scoop: Bridging the Gap Between Religion and Journalism"

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

Religion and journalism are dominant forces in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, influencing politics, economics, and social policy. Journalism has been criticized for being anti-religious, controlling what is reported and how it is reported. As a Catholic and a journalist, Lois will discuss the intersection of religion and journalism - whether her religious beliefs influence her reporting and whether there is a place for people of faith in the news industry.

# **BIG BAND DANCES**

Remaining Dances: Tuesday, March 11 Tuesday, March 25 • Tuesday, April 8

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in PLC Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era

Featuring the Live Southwest Florida 16-piece Orchestra • Sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller & Stan Kenton

Admission: \$10.00 cash only at the door ~ includes snacks

Cash Bar: Water and Soda ~ \$1.00 Beer ~ \$2.00 per 12 oz. cup; \$7.00 per 60 oz. pitcher Wine and Mixed Drinks ~ \$3.00 Dress: Country Club Casual *(No shorts please.)* 

Singles Welcome Sponsored by the Men's Club

**EVERYONE WELCOME!** 

**Lois Thome** 

Thursday, March 13, 2014

**\$20 prepay/\$30 at the door** (includes light dinner, glass of wine or other beverage, and the speaker)

**Please pre-pay for this event no later than noon on March 11th** by going to <u>www.faithandwine.com</u> and clicking on "Registration for Events". Or you can mail (post-marked before March 6<sup>th</sup>) or drop off (no later than noon on March 11<sup>th</sup>) your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." to Mary Beth Clary, Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP (in The Mercato), 9132 Strada Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Naples, Florida 34108. Bring a friend or make new ones!

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

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