

April 20, 2014

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. John Offers the Blessings of the Risen Lord

Dear Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish,

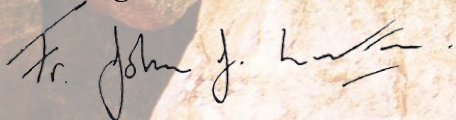
May the blessings of the Risen Lord be with you all! As each of you journey in faith through this joyous time, my prayers of thanksgiving will be offered to you all. Easter reminds us that death is not the end if we have faith. For all those who have lost loved ones recently, the empty tomb reminds you to be hopeful in its promise. As the Easter Candle continues to burn brightly, I pray that the warmth of its flame will help heal your hearts as you grieve.

It is hard to believe that the Season is coming to a close once again. Time is passing by too quickly. During the last few months the various ministries and groups have had many opportunities to allow parishioners to enjoy the company of friends at the various social functions and also to reach out to the less fortunate. I thank God for you all whenever I think of the time and energy you spend here on campus and also off campus. May God continue to bless you for what you do for one another and for those who are often forgotten by society.

Thank you for your continued generosity as you give financially to your parish and those who need your help. I am also grateful for those who sacrifice their time by helping in the various liturgical, educational, and pastoral endeavors of the parish. For all the people who exercise leadership roles in the various councils and commissions, I thank you very much for your continued support in the vineyard of the Lord.

May God continue to bless you all for who you are and what you do!

Blessings



Fr. John J. Ludden



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Daily Mass: 8:00 & 9:00 a.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

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

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

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at St. John... over 200 and growing!

Do you wish to deepen your reverence and obedience to God's call? Do you wish to strengthen your spiritual journey through ongoing transformation? Join in the experiences, the graces and the teachings of this powerful ministry.

The weekend of April 5-6 was a busy one for our Extraordinary Ministers here at Saint John the Evangelist. Our spiritual weekend began with a Saturday morning Appreciation Breakfast — 105 savoring a time of socializing, a time of reflection and a time of powerful teachings by Fr. John.

"Such a wonderful breakfast for all the Eucharistic Ministers!" tweeted Jen Cox, one of our 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass EMEs.

Truly... this is a ministry lead by the Holy Spirit, and all that attended left knowing that their dedication and devotion are beyond a shadow of a doubt, the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, as they open the hearts of those who receive.

Onto the **Commissioning of 127 Extraordinary Ministers!!** Another Spirit filled experience began at the 3:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Saturday, April 5 and continued through the 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass Sunday, April 6. All ministers were asked to rise in front of the congregation to reflect on their willingness to undertake this awesome responsibility to "take



and eat" just as the apostles did at the Last Supper. Fr. John, the Celebrant of the 11:15 Mass, performed a special Rite of Commissioning for Nace Baier and Mary Ellen Metro who were honored as the new Coordinators of the Extraordinary Ministers of Saint John the Evangelist.

We invite you to spend some prayer time reflecting on the gifts and talents God has given you, discerning whether the Holy Spirit is calling you to this humble ministry...to serve our congregation, our community of the homebound, the sick, and our local hospital patients.

Nace Baier and Mary Ellen Metro welcome inquiries. For more information, email emministry@saintjohntheevangelist.com or visit our website <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/liturgy/extraordinary-ministers-of-the-eucharist>

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

text submitted by Nace Baier and Mary Ellen Metro, Coordinators of the Extraordinary Ministers of St. John



Fr. John (far left) performed a special Rite of Commissioning for Nace Baier and Mary Ellen Metro, the new Coordinators of the Extraordinary Ministers of Saint John the Evangelist. At each Mass



(immediate left and bottom far left) the weekend of April 5-6, the Extraordinary Ministers received a special Commissioning empowering them to assist the clergy in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and to the sick and homebound. (Not all Extraordinary Ministers are pictured.) (Immediate left) The pyx, burse and prayer used by the Homebound and Hospital Extraordinary Ministers.

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Len Gioeli	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Rob Chalhoub	
Deacon Frank Panicia	
Deacon Forrest Wallace	
Deacon Al Groh	Senior Status

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism

The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. Classes are offered once a month and baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 1:15 p.m. Mass. Please call the parish office to register for a class. Upon completion of the class and fulfillment of the godparent requirements, parents may schedule a baptism date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice.

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements

Call the parish office 566.8740. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business Office is located in the PLC (behind the Church)

All Administrative Staff
239.566.8740

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Tom Oram

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Director of Family Mission & Communications
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Margie Lynch: 228.3909

Family Ministry
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email staff members at:
info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

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Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday

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

(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
(until all are heard)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

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

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

FOR OUR RECORDS

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

Thank you!

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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

Mass Cards

Selections of cards are available in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

We are currently accepting intentions for 2014.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2015 Mass availability and 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*

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Please join us for a special
Mass to celebrate



The Feast of
Divine Mercy Sunday,
April 27, 2014
at 3:00 p.m.

(attendance at this Mass satisfies
the Sunday obligation)

Divine Mercy Sunday Is April 27

All the Masses of the Sunday after Easter and its vigil are both Second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday Masses. Here at St. John we have a special celebration Mass at 3:00 p.m., which will also have the Divine Mercy Chaplet. However, the special mercies of this day apply at all Masses.

Divine Mercy Sunday was so named by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000. Prayers and Bible readings of this day were always about God's mercy. The Gospel (*John 20: 19-31*) tells of Jesus' resurrection evening appearance to the Apostles, where he breathed on them and gave them the power to forgive sins.

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

When Sister Faustina, in the 1930s, began to tell her confessor, Fr. (now Blessed) Michael Sopocko, a theology professor, about things Jesus was telling her, he at first had a thorough psychological checkup for her, then asked her to write it all down in a diary. He took her to an artist to have a painting of Jesus as he appeared to her as the risen Christ and had asked her to paint (she couldn't) with his requested "Jesus I Trust in You" signature. She had a meager education due to WWI and so for almost 20 years the Church did not approve her work. It was difficult to read or translate. It was also necessary for the Church to see if it was in agreement with Biblical writings on God's mercy, which it is. It was finally approved six months before John Paul II became Pope.

Pope John Paul II died just at the end of the Divine Mercy Sunday Mass celebrated in his sickroom on the vigil. He was declared Blessed on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2011, May 1, and will be canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday this year, 2014, April 27, along with Pope John XXIII.

A Catholic need not believe or support these private revelations, but they have been approved by the Church as consonant with Church and Bible.

Plenary indulgence: The usual conditions:

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

text submitted by Pat Brandt

 **Habitat for Humanity**[®]
of Collier County

will be hosting an

Informational Luncheon

Generously sponsored by Friscos Catering

**April 29th at 12:00 pm in the
Parish Life Center Ballroom**

With the faithful support of St. John the Evangelist parishioners and other generous supporters here in Collier County, nearly 1,700 families who once lived in substandard housing, now own a simple, decent home of their own, having broken the cycle of poverty through their partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

We need your help to continue this mission.

Please join us to learn more about putting your faith in action here in Collier County.

There is no charge for this event. Please RSVP to Kelly at 239-775-0036 or kkrupp@hfhcollier.com.

New Summer Mass Schedule for Sunday and Daily Masses Begins Next Month

Sunday Masses

Times for Sunday Masses will change **beginning Sunday, May 4**. Sunday Masses will be at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with the Contemporary Mass at 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass times remain the same at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Daily Masses

Times for daily Masses will change **beginning Monday, May 5**. Daily Mass Monday through Friday will be at 8:30 a.m. There will no longer be two daily Masses.

Saturday Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. with confessions at 8:30 a.m.

We will return to the winter Mass schedule in November.

#ToKnow #ToLove #ToServe

#ToKnow – The Cross is the Mystery of God's Love

One of my favorite memories of celebrating Easter here at St. John came from gathering in the ballroom a few years ago. Family, friends, relatives. Fr. Len got up to give the Homily, and as only he can do, he summed up the entirety of our faith in a few short words: "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!" Then, he sat down. Could it be shock that made the room silent? Perhaps, since some in attendance were not prepared for such a Homily. However, I think it was mostly due to the realization of the love, healing, and grace that come from those words that illustrate the beauty of Catholicism.

Pope Francis reminds us of this too, when he described how the Cross of Jesus is more than just a symbol:

The Cross is not an ornament that we must always put in the churches, there on the altar. It is not a symbol that distinguishes us from others. The Cross is mystery, the mystery of God who humbles himself, he becomes 'nothing.' ... Christianity is not a philosophical doctrine, it's not a programme for life survival or education, or for peacemaking. These are consequences. Christianity is a person, a person raised on the Cross, a person who annihilated himself to save us, who became sin. Just as sin was raised up in the desert, here God who was made man and made sin for us was raised up. All our sins were there. You cannot understand Christianity without understanding this profound humiliation of the Son of God who humbled himself and became a servant unto death, even death on a cross, in order to serve us. – Pope Francis 2014-04-08 (<http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-francis-the-cross-is-not-an-ornament-but-the>)

There is less than a week until our Family Mission Listening Sessions, April 23 and 27, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The questions can be found at: (<http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/featured/family-mission-listening-session-questions>). Each



#FamilyMission

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section of the questions illustrates our renewed focus on youth programs, families, young adults ages 18 to 95, and couples.

Let us Rejoice and Be Glad!

#ToLove – Shout Out to All Groups Supporting Family Mission

At the end of this Lenten Season, I wanted to take a few lines to thank all the Ministries and Groups here at Saint John the Evangelist that have supported and encouraged the Family Mission. The Youth Groups in particular, headed by Martha Oram, have put in tireless hours of service, supporting St. Matthews House and other organizations of St. John. The Youth Lectors and Altar Servers (our junior Acolytes) have served us all at the Masses, taking pride in their direct engagement with our faith. I also want to thank the Knights of Columbus and Men's Club for opening their doors to me so I could share the Family Mission with them. They have contributed their ideas and pledged their support for the Family Mission and I look forward to working with them even more in the coming years.



SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

ALTAR SERVERS

"Serving God, Serving Others"



#ToServe – Rummage Sale Volunteers

We are looking forward to our Rummage Sale on April 25 and 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We have had some wonderful parishioners volunteer to support the sale, and we would love to have more. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the Rummage Sale, please email or call me.

EWTN Will Air Canonization of Blesseds Popes John XXIII and John Paul II

The Catholic Church will be declaring two more official Saints this month as Pope Francis prepares to canonize his predecessors, Popes John XXIII and John Paul II. It is the first time in Church history that two Popes will be canonized on the same day. EWTN will feature LIVE coverage on April 27 from the Vatican of the canonization of these two beloved leaders of the modern-day Church.

In honor of this monumental event, EWTN is celebrating

with series and specials commemorating the lives of these extraordinary men. Visit www.ewtn.com to watch online LIVE coverage on April 27, and to find out more about some of the specials and series that focus on the lives and legacies of these holy men.

Find EWTN television in your area at www.ewtn.com/channelfinder.

Hymns for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 20

Readings:	656	Year A
Entrance Hymn:	145	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Preparation Hymn:	137	Alleluia No. 1
Communion Hymn:	238	Taste and See
	227	This Is Jesus
Closing Hymn:	144	Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

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

Prelude	Hallelujah (Messiah)	G.F. Händel
Preparation (9 AM)	No More Night	Walt Harrah / Children's Choir (11): Resucitó
Communion	Ave Verum Corpus	W.A. Mozart

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, April 21: Monday in the Octave of Easter
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ex 13: 5, 9*

The Lord has led you into a land flowing with milk and honey,
that the law of the Lord may always be on your lips,
alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Rom 6: 9*

Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more;
death will no longer have dominion over him, alleluia.

Tuesday, April 22: Tuesday in the Octave of Easter
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Sir 15: 3-4*

He gave them the water of wisdom to drink;
it will be made strong in them and will not be moved;
it will raise them up for ever, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Col 3: 1-2*

If you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God;
mind the things that are above, alleluia.

Wednesday, April 23: Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Mt 25: 34*

Come, you blessed of my Father;
receive the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Lk 24: 35*

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Thursday, April 24: Thursday in the Octave of Easter
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Wis 10: 20-21*

They praised in unison your conquering hand, O Lord,
for wisdom opened mouths that were mute
and gave eloquence to the tongues of infants, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful is your name in all
the earth!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. 1 Pt 2: 9*

O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of him,
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light,
alleluia.

Friday, April 25: Friday in the Octave of Easter
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 78 (77): 53*

The Lord led his people in hope,
while the sea engulfed their foes, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the
cornerstone.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Jn 21: 12-13*

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took
bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Saturday, April 26: Saturday in the Octave of Easter
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 105 (104): 43*

The Lord brought out his people with joy,
his chosen ones with shouts of rejoicing, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the
cornerstone.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Gal 3: 27*

All of you who have been baptized in Christ
have put on Christ, alleluia.

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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 parishioners 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. Jayne Potter: 597.5483

Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites. Phyllis Gyskiewicz, 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:

Lcpl. Francisco Alvarenga U.S. Marines	Recon (Afghanistan)
CSM Paul Bianco U.S. Army,(Afghanistan)	Specialist Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army
Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army	Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett U.S. Marine Corp
S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force	AT3 Corinne MacFarlane U.S. Navy
Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy	Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army
Bradley N. Chartier U.S. Army	Lcpl. Randy A. Novak (USMC)
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	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. 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:

Jack Boney, Lucille Davis, Troy Fiedler, Ann Fischbach, Mary Seeger and Gerald Takash

May they rest in eternal peace.

Let us pray for the sick of the parish, especially

Deacon Al	Carole Fargo	Joanne & Glenn Krume	Katherine Prince
Marie & Jim Amont	Feidler Family	Rachel LaButti	Mary Alice Qualls
Jacob Andrew	Thomas O. Flood	Anna LaGrasta	Joe Reid
A.R.C.	Nancy Fitzgerald	Lamport Family	Esther Riley
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Jean Balagna	Ronald Gaglione	Diane Leahy	Mary Rossi
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Christine Cassara	Leslie Haywood	Michael McCormack	Allen Sinott
Rosalie Castro	Peter Heaney	Carolyn McDonald	Winnie Smith
Michael Cataldo	Jerry Heyen	McKee Family	Kathy & David Struble
Diane Centenaro	Chad Hickman	Brenda McLaughlin	Dot Sullivan
Joanne Chalhoub	H.J.	Rosie Mladi	Pat Sutter
Drew and Kanema Clark	Henry Hobaica & Family	Ed Moriarity	Joanmarie Switalski
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Alexandria Dolkas	Jeff Horkey	Stephanie Ogilvie	Patricia Trapnell
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Margaret Dudley	Val Hunt	Tyler Ostos	Brigitte Vangunten
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John Dziedzic	Nevaeh Jones	Janet Patterson	Larry Watson
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Lisa Egan	Charleen Kasabian	Albert Pellegrino	Aimme Witcoff
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Edith Esposit	Colleen Kirkmaier	Joe Pohrer	Phil Wright
Claire & Joe Fabrizio	Krista Kozowyk	Kimberly Porter	

LET US PRAY...

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

APRIL 20, 2014 ~ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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

all Masses. It is true that more than a handful of our visitors have departed; however, there are many seasonal residents and visitors remaining in town.

I am sure that most of you have seen the story about the controversy in North Carolina with the “**Homeless Jesus**” statue that was erected (or laid on a park bench in this instance)

on the campus of an Episcopal church. When I first saw the story aired on the “Today Show” <http://www.today.com/video/today/54949611#54949611> I immediately knew that statue. It just so happens that the sculptor of “Homeless Jesus” is the same sculptor who created our “Lest We Forget” statue in the Veterans’ Memorial and the

same sculptor who created our crucifix corpus, Blessed Mother statue and Saint John the Evangelist statue. Timothy Schmalz is a very talented sculptor, however, this recent development which is receiving international attention may really put him on the map. Ironically, I was just writing in my column last week about Timothy completing the clay rendering for the corpus for our processional cross. The most high-profile installation of the Homeless Jesus on a park bench will be on the Via della Conciliazione, the avenue leading to St. Peter’s Basilica — if the city of Rome approves it. Schmalz traveled to the Vatican last November to present a miniature to the Pope himself. “He walked over to the sculpture, and it was just chilling because he touched the knee of the Jesus the Homeless sculpture, and closed his eyes and prayed,” Schmalz said. “It was like, that’s what he’s doing throughout the whole world: Pope Francis is reaching out to the marginalized.”

If you were outside at any point in the mid to late afternoon this past week, you must admit that the **heat is beginning to return** to Southwest Florida. Actually, it was so hot (and humid) this past week that we experienced our first round of convective thunderstorms which are caused by heat and instability aloft. This is always a sad time for me as I know what the next six months have in store. Highs in the mid 90s with lows in the mid 70s and humidity levels in the 90% range with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Sound familiar? With that said, although it is beginning to heat up, let us take advantage of what we have left of our spring.



Timothy Schmalz

I wasn’t going to mention the **Catholic Faith Appeal** this week but then I changed my mind. It seems we have such great momentum going that I didn’t want to interrupt our progress. We are currently just shy of 50% of our goal. This is great news as we are only two full months into the appeal. If you are a seasonal resident or visitor, please make your check payable to the Catholic Faith Appeal with St. John the Evangelist in the memo line. This especially applies to all of you who may be attending only on Easter Sunday. Thank you in advance for your extreme generosity.

We currently have the technology and now we have a donor for the equipment which will allow us to **stream Masses live** directly into your PC, Mac or smartphone. You may remember that I mentioned our intent to provide this service in the near future once we completed the fiber optic connection to the church. There is still much work to be done and even more

discussion, however, we are confident that live streaming will be a reality this calendar year. Although there are many benefits of offering this option, one which Fr. John always refers is the opportunity for a parishioner up north to participate in a funeral Mass for which he or she would otherwise not have been able to attend. Obviously,

another benefit would be for our homebound parishioners who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or disability. Please stay tuned for further updates.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA, General Manager



Bible Story Time Celebrates Holy Week

“Hosanna!” “Hosanna!” was the chant as Bible Story Time friends waved homemade palms and followed the path of Florida palms from the PLC to our Prayer Garden. In the garden, we found the table set with dinner rolls and grape juice where we talked about the Last Supper.

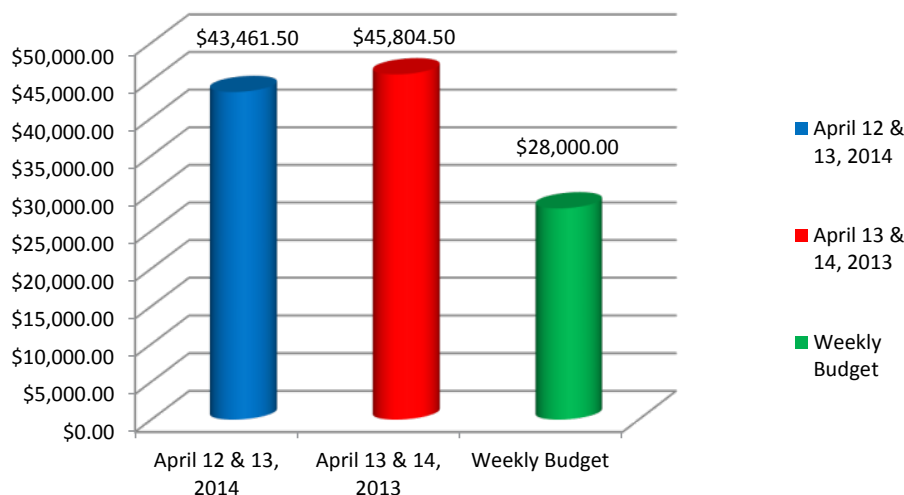
Last week we learned about the twelve apostles and reinforced their importance as we reenacted the Last Supper. We talked about dusty, sandled feet and the gesture of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples as a sign of service. As we washed each other’s feet, we focused on our call to be helpers in the world. Finally, we walked to the station depicting the crucifixion where we each took a turn hammering a nail to hear the awful reality of our Lord’s death.

Once again inside, we made a crown of thorns from play dough with toothpicks as thorns. As we remember these events of Holy Week, we can’t wait for our Easter celebration next week!

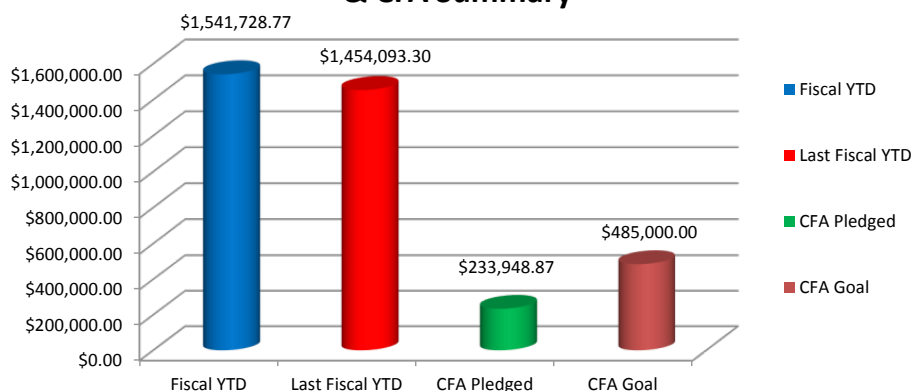


text and photos submitted by Mary Chalhoub, Bible Story Time Director

Collection Summary



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



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Scholarship/Financial Aid Program

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Naples District Council announces its annual scholarship program to assist needy students and their families in attending local Catholic high schools and elementary schools.

The Council will again award the Martin J. Cuniffe Scholarships in the amount of \$3500.00 for students attending a Catholic high school or those seeking admission to a Catholic high school. Also being awarded this year, will be scholarships in the amount of \$3000.00 for students presently attending or seeking admission to one of our local Catholic elementary schools.

To request an application, please call 239.775.1667 and ask for Linda. You must be able to demonstrate financial need. All applications must be received by Friday, April 25, 2014.

Last Chance to Claim LOST and FOUND Items

Please claim any lost and found items in the church by Sunday, April 27. Any unclaimed items will be removed from the church April 28.

Lost and Found items are in the Electrical Room to the right of the Ladies Restroom. See the sacristans for more expensive items.

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, April 20, 2014:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Opening Song **145 Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today** EASTER HYMN

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

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Response (v. 24) 

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

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

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

Preparation Song **Christ Is Risen** Matt Maher CCLI Song # 5242683. Matt Maher | Mia Fieldes © 2009
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Verse 1) Let no one caught in sin remain
 inside the lie of inward shame
 But fix our eyes upon the cross
 and run to Him who showed great love
 And bled for us—freely you've bled for us

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

Chorus 

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

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

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

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

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

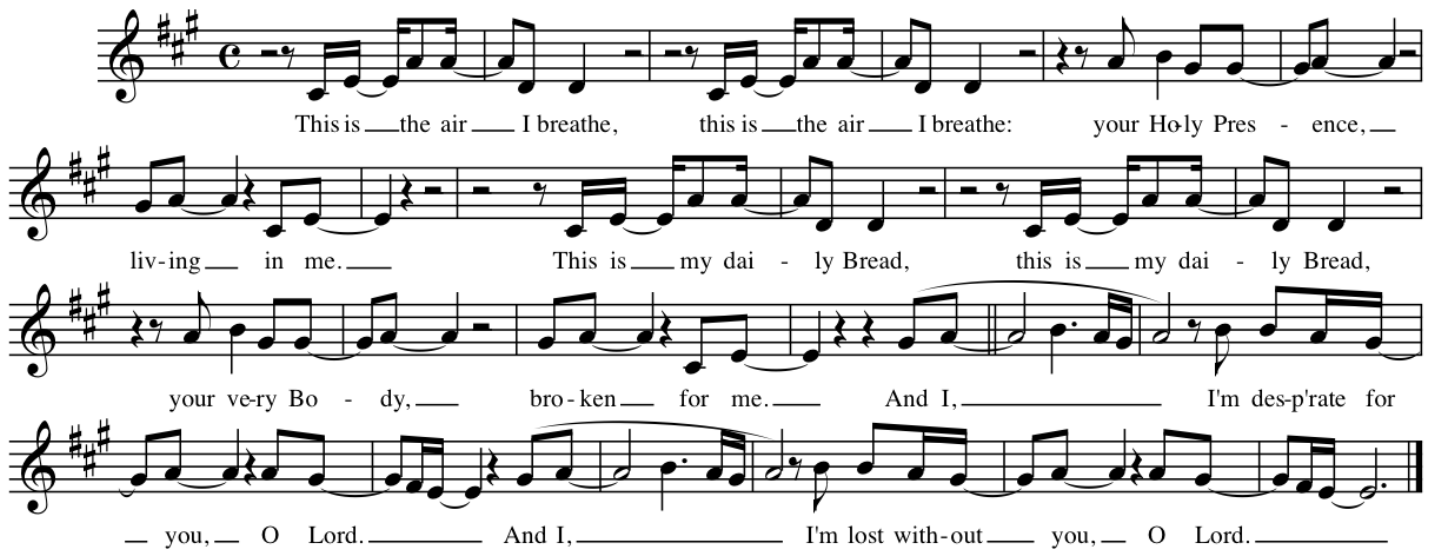
The Lord's Prayer • *chanted*

Agnus Dei • *The Glendalough Mass*

Breathe

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This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe: your Ho-ly Pres - ence, —
 liv-ing in me. — This is my dai - ly Bread, this is my dai - ly Bread,
 your ve-ry Bo - dy, — bro-ken for me. — And I, — I'm des-p'rate for
 — you, — O Lord. — And I, — I'm lost with-out — you, — O Lord. —

Closing Song

Mighty To Save

Morgan / Fielding

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

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



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

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



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

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

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

Colossians 3:1-4

or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

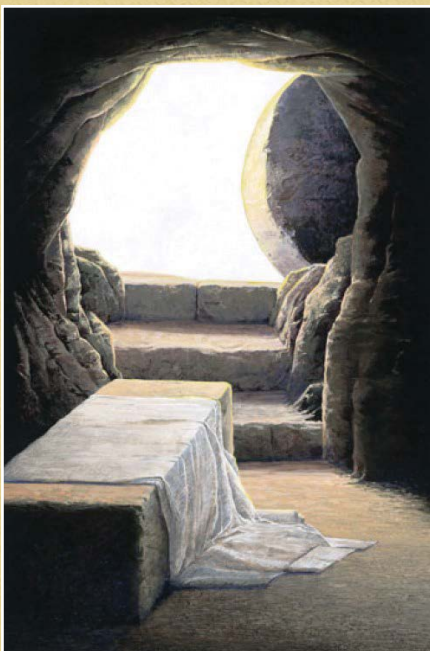
John 20:1-9

The Word & Life

An Empty Tomb Full of Promise

Today, we join countless people all across the world in proclaiming Jesus Is Risen! The remote cemetery of Jesus' burial has become the garden of promise, opening wide the door to the world's salvation. To the skeptic, the empty tomb could bring speculation, but to the believer, the void is filled with the endless possibilities that God had intended to bring to the world. Even Mary of Magdala thought at first there was a sinister plot in which Jesus' body had been stolen. Peter must have been completely startled to see his burial cloths discarded. His denial must have also preoccupied his mind as he wondered about what was going on. However, as soon as the beloved disciple sees the empty tomb, he remembers Jesus' words of believes that He Is Risen. Peter and Mary of Magdala did not yet understand the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

The first Easter represents Jesus' power over sin and death. The shadow of the cross is removed by the light from the towering Easter candle, reminding each one of us that Jesus is the Light of the world! We celebrate Easter every year to remind us that our lives do not end in death. The transforming power that enabled Jesus to rise is the same transformation that is offered to us today. As we experience loss after loss, the light from our Easter candle reminds us the road through death for our loved ones is illuminated by the light of Christ's resurrection, showing them to their final dwelling.



As communities gather to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, they gather as a changed community. Babies will experience their first Easter this year whilst others will occupy the seat of the Church, mourning the loss of a loved one who celebrated the paschal feast last year. However, Easter reminds us that such people are still with us in the communion of saints that gather around the altar every time we offer the sacrifice. How is this possible? It is all possible because of Jesus' resurrection.

The resurrection represents a promise for each one of us. One day people will mourn our loss just as people mourned over Jesus' death. We will be laid to rest just as Jesus was. However, we will share in the new life that Jesus experienced as he arose from the dead – that is God's promise to us. Until that moment, we are called to live as Jesus lived. We are invited to share in his divine life by loving one another with unconditional love, helping the poor, and living our lives with the compassion of Jesus. In order to people of the resurrection, we have to put into practice the things that we preach. Our acts of love, kindness, and selfless giving, are the acts that open wide the gates of eternity to each one of us. Such is the gift of resurrection!

Reflection Questions

1. How do the three reactions of Peter, Mary of Magdala, and the beloved disciple differ from one another?
2. What does the empty tomb represent for you?
3. Why did Jesus have to rise from the dead?
4. What Scripture foretold the resurrection of Jesus?
5. How does the resurrection offer comfort to you when you lose someone you love?
6. How does his resurrection impact your daily life?
7. What does Scripture offer us in terms of your personal destiny?

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



Prayer

Lord of all life, be with us this day. Cast your shining light upon a world in need of your love. May our light shine as your light shines through all of time. As we remember the ones who have journeyed through death before us, we kindly ask that you bring them to the resurrection. Amen!

Voices of Faith

The Empty Tomb

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Faith Formation



Jesus Christ's empty tomb

Mark Your Calendar

April 27 & 30

Faith Formation Classes End

May 2

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

May 3

First Holy Communion Ceremony

Faith Formation News

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.

Prayer

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

-from the Easter Preface

Faith Formation continues on page 17

REFLECTION

Many women and men followed Jesus from the beginning of his ministry, heard his teaching, and witnessed his healing actions. Jesus' crucifixion and death destroyed their hope that he was the messiah. Easter blows the minds of Jesus' followers. They experience Jesus risen and alive. These disciples become eyewitnesses of Jesus' new life.

Mary Magdalene brings the beloved disciple and Peter to see that Jesus' tomb is empty. The beloved disciple sees the empty tomb and immediately believes Jesus is risen. Mary Magdalene can't stand to leave Jesus' tomb with his body missing; she hears the risen Jesus speak her name and believes. Mary Magdalene becomes the apostle to Jesus' other friends. She announces to the whole community: "I have seen the Lord."

Peter and the whole community of Jesus' followers pray together, still afraid and locked together in a room. Jesus comes and gives them peace and forgiveness. They believe and become the witnesses. Thomas doubts that Jesus is risen until he sees and touches Jesus for himself and believes.

Jesus' friends become witnesses that God raised up Jesus to new life. Today it is our turn to be witnesses to Jesus' new life.

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By Kathleen M. Carroll

THE HOME CHURCH

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

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

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

Bringing Home the Word, April 20, 2014, Franciscan Media

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: What are ways your family celebrates Easter?

Gospel Question: What happens on Easter morning?

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: What do you like about candle light?

Gospel Question: Why do we light an Easter candle as a sign of Jesus?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: What good news have you heard lately?

Gospel Question: Who spreads the good news Jesus is risen?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: What family traditions are important to how you celebrate Easter?

Gospel Question: How does Mary Magdalene recognize Jesus? How does Thomas come to believe Jesus is risen?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: Who has most influenced your faith?

Gospel Question: What makes the beloved disciple believe? Mary Magdalene? Thomas?

ADULTS

Life Question: What have you seen in your life that leads you to believe in God's power to raise the dead?

Gospel Question: What disciple in the Easter Gospel are you most like in your faith?

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Spiritually Adopted Baby's Heart Is Beating!

The Spiritual Adoption Program is in the first month. Your commitment will be to pray a short prayer daily through Christmas.

MONTH 1

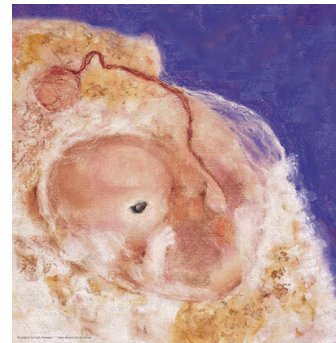
Developing Baby — “My heart is beating!”

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord and nervous system by the 20th day. His heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from his mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move

the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift of all — the gift of life.

Jeremiah 1:5 - “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you...”

The next Novena of Masses for Life at St. John will be Friday, April 25 at 8:00 a.m. For a complete schedule of the Novena of Masses for Life, check the diocesan website at: www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife.



7th Annual Catholic Bioethics Seminar Saturday, April 26 at Resurrection Parish Center

Attention all physicians, clergy and health care workers. On Saturday, April 26 we will hold our annual bioethics seminar in the Church of the Resurrection Parish Center in Fort Myers. This year's speakers include Dr. Peter Kreeft, Dale Ahlquist, Dr. John “Chuck” Chalberg, Father Tad Pachoczyk and Father Germain Kopaczynski. A broad range of bioethics topics from a Catholic perspective will be covered.

For more information or to register, please visit www.floridacma.org or for general questions, call Dr. Steve Hannan at 239.849.6908.

29th Annual Venice Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Convention April 26

The CCW of the Diocese of Venice is holding its 29th Annual Convention on Saturday, April 26 at Our Lady of Grace Parish, 595 E. Main St., Avon Park. The theme is “Alive in the Spirit” and includes several speakers, continental breakfast and luncheon. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will celebrate Mass. Registration is \$35.

For details and how to register please contact CCW President Iris Gomez at 863.773.0901 or at enriquegomez0501@comcast.net, or Paulette (Cookie) Perkins at 863.993.0589 or pauperk@centurylink.net.

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patrick novacosky
the divine legacy of
st. john paul ii

As Catholic journalist, Novacosky met John Paul II four times. He will unpack the new saint's legacy and talk about meeting the Pope.

Tuesday, April 22
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.

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st. john the evangelist youth ministry

SPOTLIGHT ON...summer plans!

Steubenville / LEAD

Help Your Youth Train to be the LEADers of Our Faith!

As many of you may know, Franciscan University of Steubenville is an excellent Catholic university in Steubenville, Ohio. What you may not know is that they hold wonderful, faith-filled student retreats all over the country for thousands of Catholic young people!



This year, **we are sending 26 people to Orlando where Steubenville is holding a 3-day retreat.** Students will have 24/7 access to adore our Lord in Adoration, the opportunity to go to Confession, as well as hear some great talks from leading Catholic speakers. As with past years, this will no doubt be a great experience for our youth.



Two of our young people, **Joe Wilton & Nick Lomas**, will be attending an intensive training course in Catholic called Franciscan LEAD. This program is centered on Catholic teachings on leadership, evangelization, and discipleship inspired by the life and witness of St. Francis of Assisi. It will equip and empower

high school youth to witness the Catholic faith to their peers and prepare them for ongoing service in evangelization.

The cost, per student, for the weekend retreat is \$500, and the cost for the entire week of LEAD will be \$395 per student. That's a tremendous cost, but we are committed to not letting finances determine who gets to have this experience! ***If you are interested in sponsoring a student in part or whole, please contact Martha Oram*** at the parish, 239-566-8740, or email Martha@saintjohntheevangelist.com.

Additionally, please support our **Rummage Sale fundraiser** by either donating items (gently used clothing, electronics, furniture, or household goods) OR coming out to look over what we have! It will be held April 25-26 here at SJE and we have some fantastic items that will be priced to sell!

Middle School meets every Wednesday, 5:30 to 7, in the Youth Room.

High School meets every Sunday, 6 to 8, in the Seminar Room.

For more information about youth ministry, please contact Martha Oram at 228-3915 or youthministry@SaintJohntheEvangelist.com.



St. John the Evangelist Vacation Bible School 2014 Volunteer Form

Please mail to:

Jasmine Dina 7121 Timberland Cir. Naples, FL 34109
Phone: 239-289-0585

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

_____ Crew Leader (must be at least 14 years old) _____ Jr. Crew Leader (must have completed 5th grade)
(Reminder: Those 18 years and older **must be fingerprinted**. Please contact Jean-Paul Boucher for more information at 239-566-8740, ext. 3910.) **Please check the box if you are 18 or older.**

_____ Station Leader/Helper. Please check all that applies: Imagination Station Chadder Games
 Pre-School Bible Adventure Pre-School Chadder Wilderness Escape Party

Would you like to work with the preschoolers (4 and 5 years old) Yes ___ No ___ Does Not Matter ___

All crew leaders and Jr. Crew leaders must attend a training meeting on June 1 at 2:00 p.m. and be able to serve from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on all 5 days of VBS, June 9 – 13.

Full Time Volunteers who are serving all 5 days will receive a Wilderness Escape Volunteer Shirt.

Please **Circle** your shirt size: Adult - SM MED LG XL

PART TIME VOLUNTEERS

Please indicate which days you will be available. (Circle All That Apply) M T W TH F
We will be contacting you to place you in a needed position. Thank you.

The nursery will be provided from 8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. each day of VBS for Wilderness Escape Volunteers only. All nursery children must be registered on this form so we can be ready for them.

If yes, please indicate: Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth date: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth date: _____

Names of your children registered for VBS	Age	Do you want to be their Crew Leader?
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Names of your children who are applying to be Jr. Crew Leaders	Age	Would you like to be paired together?
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____



**St. John the Evangelist Vacation Bible School
2014 Registration Form
June 9-13 from 9 a.m. – Noon**

Please fill out a form per child registering (age 4 years to 5th Grade).
Attach \$25 Tuition per child (checks payable to St. John the Evangelist).

Mail to:

Jasmine Dina, 7121 Timberland Circle, Naples FL 34109 Phone: 239-289-0585

**Early registration for volunteers' children and St. John parishioners: April 13 – April 26 (\$25 per child).
Open registration: April 27 – May 17 (\$25 per child). ~ Late registration: May 18 – May 23. (\$30 per child)**

Name of Child _____

Returning VBS Participant? Yes ___ No ___

Parish your family is registered with _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____ Grade As of Fall 2014 _____ Gender: M/F _____

Parents' Names _____

Email Address _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

In Case of Emergency, Contact: Name _____ Phone _____
Relationship to Child: _____
Allergies or Medical Concerns: _____

Do you want any of your family members grouped together? (Crew leader, Jr. Crew leader, siblings) Yes ___ No ___
Elementary and pre-school children do not travel together.

Any special needs your child might have that you would like us to take into consideration: _____

Shirt Size: (Circle one) YXS (4-6) YSmall (6-8) YMed. (10-12) YLarge (14-16) Adult Small

Please note: when ordering shirts, they may run small!

Pre-order your music this year!! **Sing & Play Party Time** – DVD \$15.00 and CD \$10.00

_____ DVD # _____ CD (Please *pre-pay* & add amount to registration tuition.)

PHOTO RELEASE FORM

Authorization for release and use of student image in photo, videotape or other media.

I, the parent/legal guardian of _____ hereby grant permission to Saint John the Evangelist to photograph or video my child and to use a photograph/video of my child in connection with Wilderness Escape, Vacation Bible School. I grant permission for Saint John the Evangelist to use the image of my child in a Spotlight slideshow at the end of each day and at the Wilderness Escape Party. Pictures may be posted on the Saint John the Evangelist website and/or in the Saint John the Evangelist bulletin or the *FloridaCatholic* newspaper.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____ Date _____

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29	At Sea	~	~
30	At Sea	~	~
31	Oranjestad, Aruba	8am	7pm
Feb 1	Bonaire, AN	7am	2pm
2	St. Georges, Grenada	12pm	7pm
3	Dominica, DM	7am	4pm
4	St. Thomas, USVI	9am	4pm
5	Grand Turk, TC	1pm	7pm
6	At Sea	~	~
7	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	7am	

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Standard Balcony Staterooms from.....	\$1,619
Interior Staterooms from.....	\$1,269
All Package Taxes & Fees.....	\$195
<small>(These include applicable government, transfer & departure taxes and any fees)</small>	
Vacation Protection suggested.....	Call for price
Fuel Surcharge (if applicable).....	prevailing rate
Document Concierge Service.....	optional \$25 per cabin
<small>(This includes passenger registration, ordering of luggage tags, printing & mailing cruise documents.)</small>	

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Dave Quist

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