

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

April 27, 2014
 Sunday of Divine Mercy

Knights Provide Help to Food Pantries During Lent and Year Round

The Knights of Columbus St. John Council #11281 provides funding and personnel to numerous groups and individuals throughout the year. From sponsoring eleven Seminarians, providing funds and equipment to local pregnancy centers, Disabled Children and Adults, the St. John Knights of Columbus are an extremely active and giving group. Over 200 members belong to the Council, including Fr. John, who is a Fourth Degree (highest level) Knights of Columbus member.

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus nationwide focus on food kitchens and pantries to assist those in need. However, the St. John Council focuses on this issue all year long! Yearly, the council budgets to help local food pantries including St. Matthew's House of Naples, Guadalupe Social Services in Immokalee, and St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Moore Haven. Thousands of dollars and countless members' donation of time are given to these and other community social help organizations.

The Knights of Columbus Florida State Charities recognized

the efforts Council #11281 provided to these three groups and asked St. John to include checks to all three from the State Knights of Columbus. With checks in hand, Grand Knight Paul Barrus and Council Officers Gary Ray and Bill Warvel delivered the donations totaling over \$10,300 divided up to the three food pantries — \$3,450.00 for each group.

"It is an incredibly rewarding feeling to visit and help the people of these areas," said Paul. "Actually visiting the three food pantries and watching what they do, with our help, made it even more heartfelt and gratifying."

Rev. Fr. Lorenzo Gonzales, of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, personally greeted the Knights and thanked them for their help.



Fr. Lorenzo Gonzales, pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Moore Haven, and his team of local volunteers accepted the donation of funds from Grand Knight Paul Barrus and Gary Ray on Saturday, April 12. They were very appreciative of Council #11281 and Florida State Council donations of \$3,450.00. They were passing out fresh produce on April 12

to about 190 local families.

(Left to right): PGK Bill Warvel, Financial Secretary Gary Ray, Grand Knight Paul Barrus, and St. Matthew's Communications Director Robert Burns were on hand for the presentation of the check for the St. Matthew's House food kitchen. St. Matthew's House provides meals, clothing and shelter among their many programs to assist those in need.



text and photos submitted by Paul Barrus, St. John Council Knights of Columbus



A donation check was presented to the Guadalupe House food kitchen and pantry of Immokalee to help them with their outreach programs to the needy, including their Food Pantry, Kitchen, and Meals for those needing assistance. The St. John Council regularly assists at Guadalupe House and raises funds to assist them throughout the year. Pictured are (left to right) PGK Bill Warvel, Grand Knight Paul Barrus, Financial Secretary Gary Ray, and Guadalupe Program Director Tricia Yeggy.



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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.

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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by

April 26, 2014	Saturday		
8:00 AM +	James J. Mullally Jr.	Ann Mullally	
	Sunday Vigil Mass		
3:00 PM +	James J. Mullally Jr.	Ann Mullally	
5:00 PM +	Phil & Bernadette Monachino	Pat & Kathy Monachino	
April 27, 2014	Sunday		
7:00 AM	Sharon McCarthy	Joseph McCarthy	
9:00 AM +	Antonia & Giulia Nardulli	Giuseppe & Anna Nardulli	
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners		
1:15 PM +	Stanley Nowicki	Pat & Kathy Monachino	
3:00 PM +	Bob Judy	Loretta & Savawna	
5:00 PM +	Victor Lucas	The Donnelly's	
April 28, 2014	Monday		
8:00 AM +	Kay LeBoeuf	Barbara & Ed Duff	
9:00 AM +	Mildred Dye	Gordon & Alvera Clark	
April 29, 2014	Tuesday		
8:00 AM +	William Kegaly	Jack & Peggy Kegaly	
9:00 AM +	Nick Episcopo	Loving Wife	
April 30, 2014	Wednesday		
8:00 AM +	Harold Olk	Marge Olk	
9:00 AM +	Paul Blaesing	Barbara Rode	
May 1, 2014	Thursday		
8:00 AM +	David Crain	Peter DeFrancesca	
9:00 AM +	Daniel McCarthy	Family	
May 2, 2014	Friday		
8:00 AM +	Marty Napoli	Joanne Ryan	
9:00 PM +	Jack Nixon	Don Goodwillie	
May 3, 2014	Saturday		
8:00 AM +	Michael Blaisuis	Barbara Fitzpatrick	
	Sunday Vigil Mass		
3:00 PM +	Cecila & William Schultz	Schultz Family	
5:00 PM +	Ed Koscik	Bob & Goldie George	
May 4, 2014	Sunday		
7:00 AM	Sharon McCarthy		
9:00 AM +	Diana Pecaro	Sharon Carr	
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners		
1:15 PM +	John Lynch	Mary & Frank Alberts	
5:00 PM +	Nicholas Senatore	Rosalie & Daughters	
	<i>Altar Flowers in Memory of Maria Catalano ~ Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Guiseppe & Anna Nardulli</i>		

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 26, 2014
Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday Vigil Mass
Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9;
Jn 20:19-31

Sunday, April 27, 2014
Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9;
Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 28, 2014
St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort;
Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 29, 2014
St. Catherine of Siena
Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 30, 2014
St. Pius V
Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, May 1, 2014
St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer
Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 – 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Friday, May 2, 2014
St. Athanasius; First Friday
Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, May 3, 2014
Ss. Philip and James; First Saturday
1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Sunday Vigil Mass
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Sunday, May 4, 2014
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5 is available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The nursery is located in the Parish Life Center, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.

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

MASS INTENTIONS...



First communicants are cordially invited
to participate in the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday, May 4, 2014

Following the Homily during the 11:00 a.m. Family Mass
First Communicants are welcome to wear their First Holy Communion attire.

All children are invited to participate in the ceremony.

Please complete the form and place it in the collection basket or return to the parish office by Friday, May 2.

Parent's or Guardian's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

For more information, please contact ean-Paul Boucher at 566.8740 ext. 3910

Children Gather Candy-Filled Eggs at Annual Easter Egg Hunt



It was a beautiful Saturday morning April 19, following a rainy Good Friday, when more than 400 grandparents, parents and their children arrived at 11:00 a.m. at the PLC Ballroom for the annual St. John Easter Egg hunt, sponsored by the Men's Club.

In preparation for the event, Men's Club members and their wives had stuffed over 2,000 plastic eggs with over 5,000 pieces of candy on Good Friday. Prior to the families arriving, the eggs were distributed in four areas behind the Ballroom, each area designated for a particular age group. As everyone waited in the Ballroom for the late arrivals, the Easter Bunny made a surprise visit and walked about the Ballroom handing out candy while proud grandparents and parents took pictures. At 11:10 the program began with Joe Litchwalla, Men's Club president, calling on the first group — infants to 3 years old, to assemble by the rear door. Following them came the five to 8 years old, the 8-11 and those older than 11. Each group was led to their area by a Men's Club member or spouse.

By 11:30 everyone had returned to the Ballroom for lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, ice cream, and soft drinks. Once again, Men's Club members and their wives served as chefs and waiters, preparing and serving the food. Four lucky children received special Easter Baskets for finding a special prize in one of the eggs.

Many thanks to the Men's Club and their wives for, once again, hosting this wonderful fun-filled event.



*article submitted by Dave Quist,
photos by Men's Club*

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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Tricia Schwarz

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist
Tom Oram

Choir Director
Ellie Roberts

Sacristan
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Director of Family Mission & Communications
Jean-Paul Boucher

Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor
Kathy Sims

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Director of Youth Ministry
Call the Office: 566.8740

Director of RCIA
Margie Lynch: 228.3909

Family Ministry
Call the Office: 566.8740
email staff members at:
info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

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Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday

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

(Office closed Noon - 1 p.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m. 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 2015.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2015 Mass availability and 2014 wine and host and flowers availability. Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH INFORMATION...

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This Weekend We Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday

This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday with a special Mass at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday with the chaplet. This year's celebration will be marked by the canonization of two modern day popes: Blessed John XXIII and John Paul II.

Blessed John XXIII will be best known as the Pope who convened Vatican II and brought the church into the modern world. I think most of us would agree that celebrating the Mass in our native language was an important turning point of the Church. I still remember when the entire Mass was in Latin and the best my classmates and I could do was to kneel as quietly as possible during our school's daily Mass while the priest continued to show us his back while he addressed the altar in a foreign language and we fought the urge to fidget. What a gift John XXIII gave us: to hear, understand and participate in the celebration of the Mass!



Blessed John Paul II's sainthood was obvious to all who heard him speak, or studied his beautiful words. His Gospel of Life and the Theology of the Body will be studied until Jesus comes again, as John Paul continues to instruct us on how to celebrate the gift of life God has given to us. When St. Faustina Kowalska was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000, he brought her work to a new audience who has since embraced the message of Divine Mercy.

Sister (now Saint) Faustina Kawalska, who died in 1938 at age 33, had told her confessor that Jesus told her many times that he wanted this Feast of Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter. It would be to honor and give thanks for his (God's) mercy, to give mercy to us, and to ask for acts of mercy from us to others. Her writings were approved six months before John Paul II became Pope. He was able to canonize her in 2000 on that day, which he named Divine Mercy Sunday. In 2005, he died on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, and now will be canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2014. I can't think of a more important message for the 21st century than God's unending mercy. We all need it and I thank God for it daily.

text submitted by Loretta Judy with Pat Brandt

Jamaica Outreach Program

Final Second Collection Next Weekend for Our Sister Parish in Kingston, Jamaica

Since 1997, a second collection is taken up at St. John four times a year for the benefit of our sister parish in Kingston, Jamaica. The collections are dedicated to keeping the doors of St. Pius X church open and its operating facilities in good shape. The cost of that is around \$80,000 a year.

Next weekend will be the last of our second collections in this fiscal year. As always, we ask and thank you for your continued support in our efforts on behalf of the St. Pius X parish; you make a difference in that parish and deserve the credit for all the positive things that happen there.

Next St. John Prayer for Life Monday Is Monday, April 28

Our parish has committed to praying for an end to abortion outside of Planned Parenthood on the fourth Monday of every month, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Please plan to join fellow parishioners on Monday, April 28 for this peaceful prayer time.

Planned Parenthood is located at 1425 Creech Road, Naples, FL 34103 (on the corner of Goodlette-Frank and Creech).

Contact Nancy or Paul Curti for more information at plancurti@gmail.com or 612.616.1434.

Save the Date: Annual Scout Mass June 1 at Epiphany Cathedral

Scouts of all ages in the Diocese of Venice are invited to the Annual Scout Mass celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane on June 1 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice at 11:00 a.m. The Mass will be followed by a Scout Award presentation in the Parish Hall.

For more information please contact Diocese Youth and Young Adult Director George Smith at gsmith@dioceseofvenice.org or 941.484.9543.



Diocesan Anniversary Mass

At the annual diocesan Anniversary Mass at St. Leo Catholic Church March 8 several volunteers from the St. John Bereavement Ministry helped serve at the reception following the Mass. Pictured from left to right: Josephine Hagan, Gloria Liatsos, Rita Spagnola, Charleen McGill, Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Pauline Cataldo, Past Axberg, Patti Skubick and Dolores Kernochan. (Photo courtesy of Armando Solares of Solares Photography)

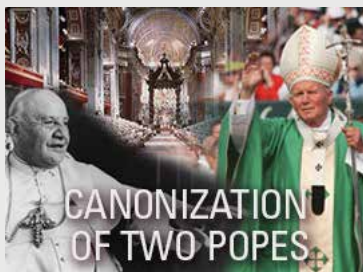
#ToKnow #ToLove #ToServe

#FamilyMission

#ToKnow – Blessed Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II Become Saints This Sunday

This Sunday, Devine Mercy Sunday, where we celebrate how mercy from God and from all of us to each other in our new “age of mercy” redeems the world, Blessed Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II will be canonized as saints. But, how does that happen exactly? Why are they called Blessed now, when they are not saints? Here’s the cheat sheet on becoming a saint:

1. Person can be nominated to become a saint 5 years after their death (unless the Pope waives that requirement as has occurred for Blessed John Paul II). They are then called “Servant of God”.
2. Testimony is provided of the life and virtues of the individual, and if the Pope recognizes those Heroic Virtues, they are then called “Venerable”.
3. A miracle must be investigated and approved. Once the miracle has been approved, the individual can be called “Blessed”.
4. Finally, if a second miracle is investigated and approved (or, in the case of Blessed Pope John XXIII, who called the Second Vatican Council, proving his courage, the Pope can waive the requirement). The individual is now called “Saint”.



Final weekends are upon us to look over and fill out the online survey questions for the Family Mission (<http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/featured/family-mission-listening-session-questions>). Each section of the questions

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

#ToLove, #ToServe – Pope Francis’ Easter Message: Pay Attention to the Needy Close to Home

There are no additional words needed to emphasize Pope Francis’ dedication to the focus he desires for our church to focus on and be the support and love for the most destitute among us:

...[T]he Good News is no mere matter of words, but a testimony to unconditional and faithful love: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life’s troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast... “Come and see!”: Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.

With this joyful certainty in our hearts, today we turn to you, risen Lord!

Help us to seek you and to find you, to realize that we have a Father and are not orphans; that we can love and adore you.

Help us to overcome the scourge of hunger, aggravated by conflicts and by the immense wastefulness for which we are often responsible.

Enable us to protect the vulnerable, especially children, women and the elderly, who are at times exploited and abandoned. – Pope Francis (<http://www.news.va/en/news/easter-urbi-et-orbi-message-of-pope-francis-full-t>)

New Summer Mass Schedule for Sunday and Daily Masses Begins Week of May 4

Sunday Masses

Times for Sunday Masses will change **beginning next 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.

Hymns for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 26 & 27

Readings:	657	Year A
Entrance Hymn:	140	Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Preparation Hymn:	136	Ye Sons and Daughters
Communion Hymn:	230	One Bread, One Body
	428	We Walk By Faith
Closing Hymn:	343	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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

Prelude	Come Into His Presence	Lynn Baird
Communion	Laudate Dominum	(Praise the Lord, from Solemn Vespers) 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.

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 pre-school 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.

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 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 maggana@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)
BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	LCpl. Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Adam Decker U.S. Air Force	Ryan D. Novak (USMC)
Nicholas Detloff U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Daniel Palmer U.S. Army
Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army,(Afghanistan)	Cpt. John Palmer U.S. Army
Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	1Lt. Robert Pedrigi U.S. Army
Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines	Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army
Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	Lt. Gregory Spencer U.S. Army, (Afghanistan)
Cpl. Dylan Granza U.S. Army Ranger	Lt. Kelly Spencer U.S. Air Force
Specialist Shelby Granza U.S. Army	Houng Tran U.S. Army
S. Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer	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. 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:

Luigi Asanti, Jeffrey Smith

May they rest in eternal peace.

Deacon Al Marie & Jim Amont	Nancy Fitzgerald	Mary Lenick	Francisco Saigos
Marie Anderson	Jim Follese	Lindsay Levery	Edna Sanvidge
Jacob Andrew	Ronald Gaglione	Alex Lewis	Cynthia Scariati
Michael Arnold	Stephen Gibson	Becky Locke	Cathy Schloendorn
A.R.C.	James Gullilan	Catherine Lombardo	Joanne Scimone
Philip Baier	Diana Gust	Lillian Luchini	Douglas Scott
Jean Balagna	Barbara Hanson	Alex Magiera	Walter Scott
Bev Basler	Reg Hart	Mary Jo Magner	Carol Seiffert
Molly Bayer	Rachel Hartert	Zoe Mazzanti	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Margie Benefico	Raymond and Virginia Hartwick	Sharon McCarthy	Teresa Shengulet
Barbara Berg	Eugene Hay	Richard McCarthy	Karen Shin
Joe Bernetich	Leslie Haywood	Michael McCormack	Allen Sinott
Linda Berry	Peter Heaney	Carolyn McDonald	Winnie Smith
Mary Bessner	Jerry Heyen	McKee Family	Kathy & David Struble
Lucretia Biasi	Chad Hickman	Brenda McLaughlin	Dot Sullivan
Joe Cannon	H.J.	Alice Milano	Pat Sutter
Joe Carpino	Henry Hobaica & Family	Rosie Mladi	Joanmarie Switalski
Christine Cassara	Jack Hodges	Ed Moriarity	Tara & Family
Rosalie Castro	Ann Hogg	Mary Ann Myslewic	Rita Taranto
Michael Cataldo	Karen Hohne	Donna Negralle	Pete Tenerowicz
Diane Centenaro	Charlotte Hollohan	Mark Nichols	Zack Thoma
Drew and Kanema Clark	Kaitlin Mae Hooper	Peter Nicoletta	Marg Tomaszewski
Claussen Family	Peggy Hooper	Mark Norton	Evo Tomei
Pat Corr	Jeff Horkey	David and Helose Ogilvie	Patricia Trapnell
Mary Cuthbertson	Donald Howe	Stephanie Ogilvie	Norma Trevino
Edna D' Antuono	Val Hunt	Emma O'Rourke	Brigitte Vangunten
Mary Dalfonso	James Jennings	Jim Orlando	Pat & Eloisa Velasquez
James Diamante	Ron Johnson	Tyler Ostos	Chris Vetter
Alexandria Dolkas	Nevaeh Jones	Maryla Panagos	Larry Watson
Leon Doughty	Nicholas Kao	Anna Parker	Frederick Wilhelm
Janet Duebner	Charleen Kasabian	Piccirelli Family	Aimme Witcoff
Michael Dunlop	Chester T. Kauffman	Albert Pellegrino	Brandon Woods
John Dziedzic	Kevin Kincaid	Irene Pires	Lee & Joyn Wozniaki
Lisa Egan	Colleen Kirkmaier	Patricia Poczatek	Phil Wright
Sue Ells	Krista Kozowyk	Joe Pohrer	Johnh & Mary Yotis
Ann Marie Esposito	Joanne & Glenn Krume	Kimberly Porter	
Edith Esposit	Rachel LaButti	Katherine Prince	
Claire & Joe Fabrizio	Anna LaGrasta	Mary Alice Qualls	
Carole Fargo	Lampport Family	Joe Reid	
Feidler Family	Lindsey Lavery	Esther Riley	
Thomas O. Flood	Diane Leahy	Gay Rogers	
	Mary Jane Leake	Mary Rossi	

LET US PRAY...

APRIL 27, 2014 ~ SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



What amazing crowds we had this past **Easter weekend**. Because of Easter's late arrival this year, I was questioning whether or not the crowds would be "epic" as in years past. I found out first hand that Easter's late date had nothing to do with thousands joining us to celebrate Mass. Trying to round up triplets and arrive in time to find a seat in church was an impossibility

so I cleverly parked in the back of the PLC thinking that I would sneak in the ballroom and find six seats with just under 10 minutes to go before the 9:00 a.m. overflow Mass. Much to my surprise, when I opened the back doors, I found a ballroom filled to capacity with no open seats. I was able to bring out about 100 more chairs to accommodate some guests, however, there were people standing the entire Mass. Attached are some pictures of the ballroom at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. I am told that the crowd at the 11:15 a.m. overflow Mass was even larger. From the Vigil on Holy Saturday right through the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday, there was a great showing. It is estimated that in excess of 10,000 attended Mass over the weekend. Traffic, at times, was backed up on 111th Avenue North all the way to US 41. Although it was overly crowded, we are hopeful that you had a very spiritual experience here at Saint John the Evangelist.

The **total collection from Easter weekend** was \$92,637.93. This is a decrease of \$3,380.00 or 3.52% compared with last year, however, Easter was a full three weeks later in 2014, and we know that there are many who have already departed for their summer residences. Thank you for your extreme generosity! This is a great influx of cash to assist us as we move into the lean summer months.

The Men's Club hosted their 7th **annual Easter egg hunt** on Holy Saturday. Soaking in abundant sunshine and low humidity, over 400 children and adults showed up to gather as many eggs as possible before heading back to the ballroom in the PLC for hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream. So well organized was this event that I

received numerous phone calls and emails expressing thanks to the Men's Club. On behalf of everyone here at Saint John the Evangelist, many thanks to the Men's Club for hosting another exceptionally well organized event to benefit the children of our parish. These men and their wives certainly deserve a nice break after hosting countless events this season!

If you were on campus on Holy Thursday or Good Friday, you may have noticed that we were having **roof repairs** completed on the very top ridge of the church.

There was moisture seeping through the ridge and causing the wood ceiling to discolor. As you know, the church is now 22 years old and beginning to show its age. As a rule, concrete tile roofs have an average life expectancy of 20-30 years with some lasting much longer. Nevertheless, we are definitely placing the church roof on our list of capital improvements to be addressed in the very near future. The Church roof is a great example of the need for a capital reserve fund which you helped create back in March. In addition, we have put together a sub-committee to identify capital items and their estimated life expectancy and subsequent replacement cost. This Capital Budget Committee consists of members of our Finance Committee and our Buildings & Grounds Committee. They will be working diligently to develop a working three year Capital Budget which will take effect on July 1, the first day of our new fiscal year.



In addition, next month we will begin **installation of six new AC units** in the Parish Life Center. The units being replaced are now exactly 17 years old and have definitely seen better days. They are literally on their last legs. The coils in the new units will be installed with a special coating that will help them better compete against the salty environment considering our close proximity to the Gulf of Mexico. This will leave five units remaining to replace in Parish Life Center



During Holy week, Marty Gauthier along with representatives from our AC vendor, **adjusted the**

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Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection This Weekend

April 27, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Home Missions appeal supports isolated, challenged Parishes and Missions in Dioceses across the United States and in several U.S. Territories. Grants from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal cover the costs of basic and essential pastoral programs such as: evangelization, catechesis, seminary formation, and lay leadership training.

The needs of Mission Dioceses are as diverse as the Dioceses themselves. The Missions and their Parishioners are located all around us, some closer than we realize. As the economy continues to shift, and the gap between the classes grows wider, the reality is such that the poor areas require more of our support.

The 2014 Catholic Home Missions Appeal is scheduled in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of April 26-27, 2014. Please be generous in this Appeal and help support the struggling dioceses here at home.

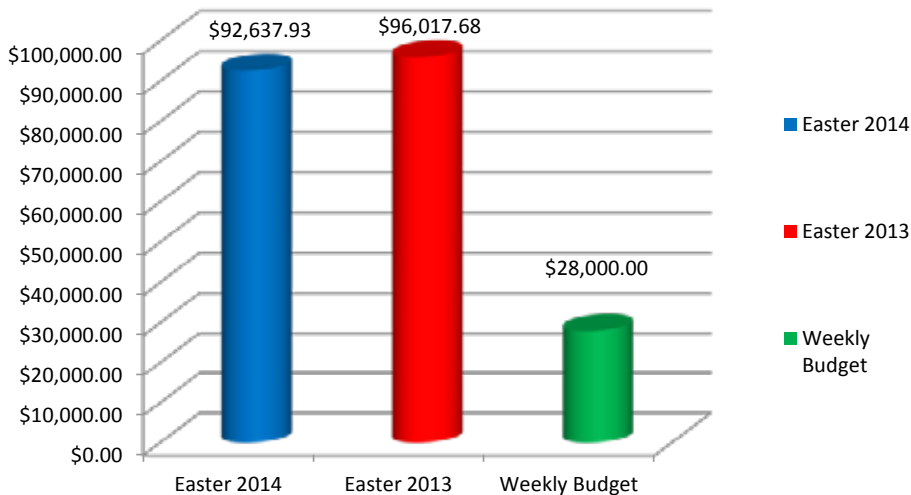
I take this opportunity to assure you and your families of my continued consideration as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

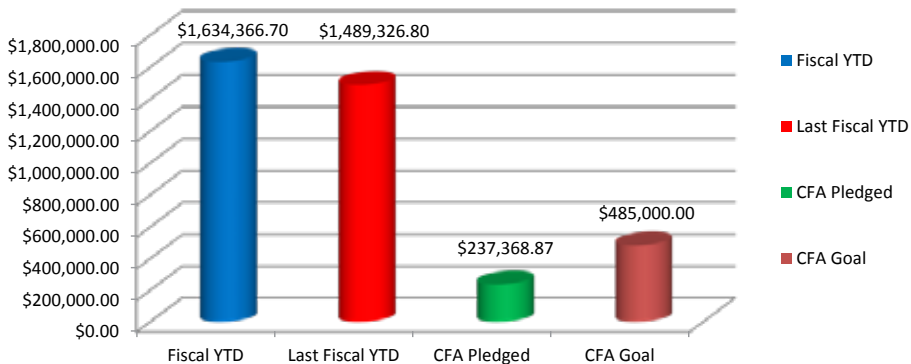
+ Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

Collection Summary



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



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vents in church which will (hopefully) address the issue of some of you being very cold in Mass while others are cool and some are warm, all depending on where you may be seated. Many complain of drafts and we have worked diligently to fix this but to no avail as of yet. We are also working with a new control system for the AC and hope to have resolution in the near future. We humbly apologize to those of you whom we have frozen the past few months.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA
General Manager

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 27, 2014:

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Opening Song **140 Christ the Lord Is Ris'n Today** LLANFAIR

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

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118) Music by David Haas, arr. Tom Oram. All rights reserved.

Response (v. 1)

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is ev - er last - ing. Give
 10 thanks to the LORD for he is good; Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Preparation Song **How Great Is Our God** Chris Tomlin CCLI Song # 4348399. Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Jesse Reeves. © 2004 worshiptogether.com songs; sixsteps Music; Wondrously Made Songs (a div of Wondrous Worship & Llano Music, LLC. CCLI License # 2008891.

v1) The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
 Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
 He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
 And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice

v2) Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands
 Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
 The Godhead, Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son;
 The Lion and the Lamb; the Lion and the Lamb!

Chorus

How great — is our God! — Sing with me: — how great is our God!
 4 — And all — will see how great, how great — is our God! —

Bridge) Name above all names, worthy of all praise, My heart will sing, 'How great is our God!' (repeat)

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*

Hungry

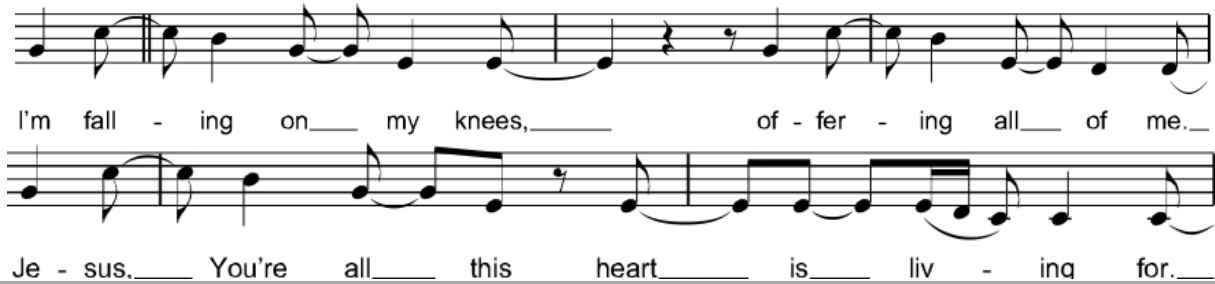
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Verse 1)

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

Verse 2)

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



Closing Song

Your Grace Is Enough

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Verse 1

Great is your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-chorus

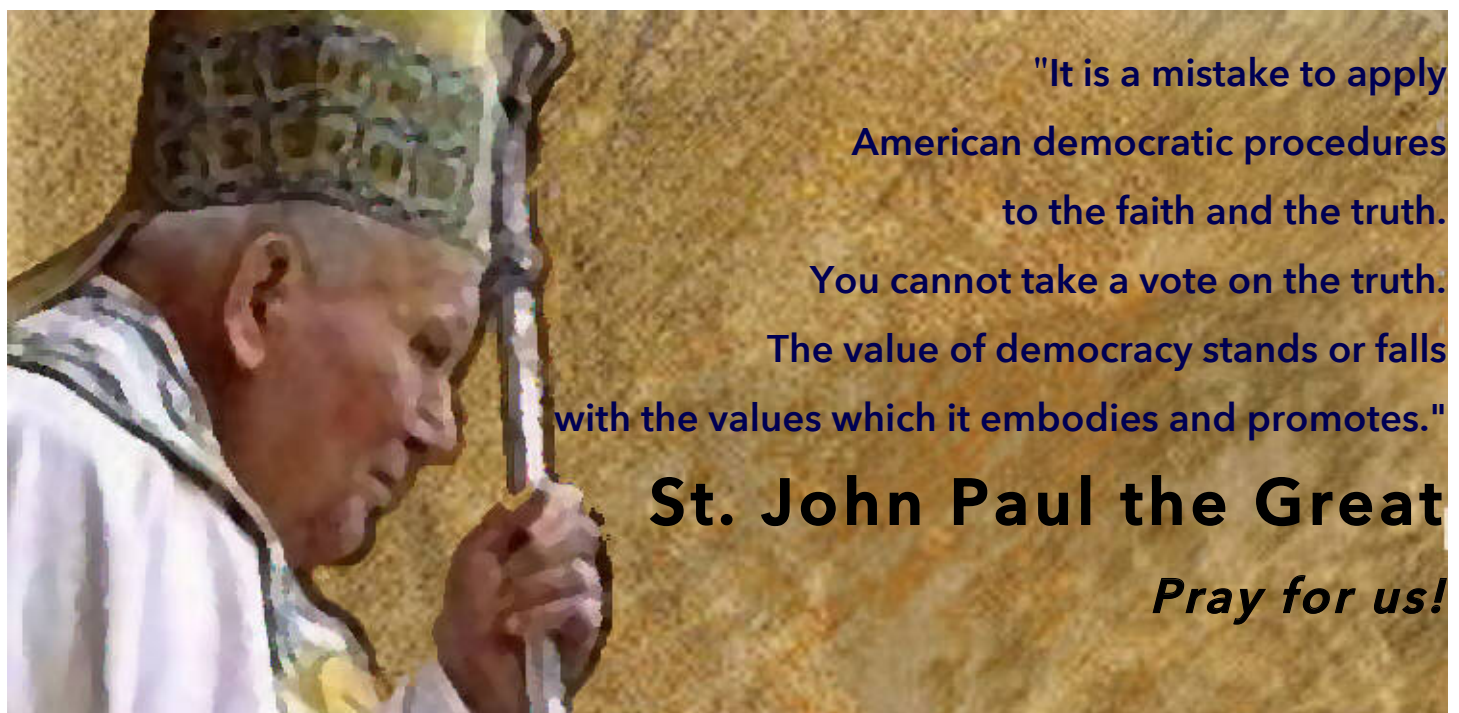
So remember your people, remember your children
Remember your promise, O God

Chorus

**For your grace is enough, your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me!**

Verse 2

Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of your salvation
And all your people sing along (to pre-chorus)



*Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy: Year A*

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

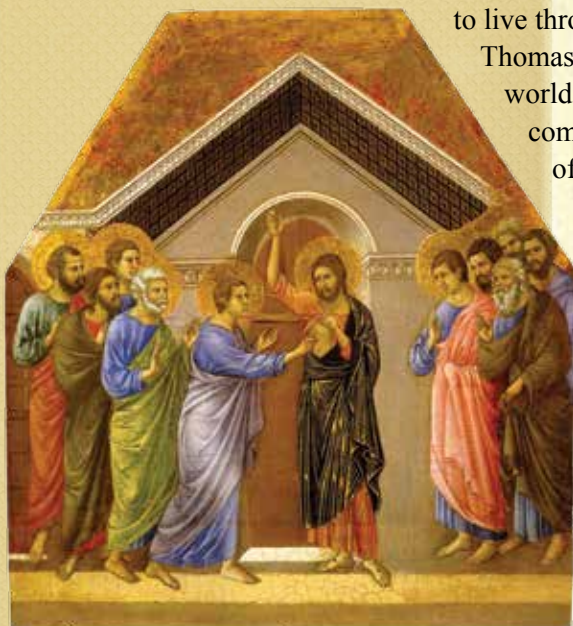
The Word & Life

A Peaceful Intrusion

Since the Age of Enlightenment, the world has continued its quest to bring reason to and find answers for the questionable aspects of life. People persist in seeking wisdom and pondering the questions concerning existence and life itself. Many suggest that the Western world is, at the moment, in a spiritual crisis because it insists on building itself on a material framework. Others propose that we are standing at the threshold of a new spiritual revolution because of the resurgence of people seeking “alternative spiritualities”. Why is this so? It seems that deep within our human nature there is a hunger to know more. While there are people who live superficial lives and will only believe what they see, there are still others who want to go deeper and who realize that there is a divine plan at work.

In today’s gospel, we find the disciples locked away in a room, imprisoned by their uncertainties and fears. These people cannot see Jesus with their eyes and fail to recognize that resurrection brings promise. Thomas externalizes his thoughts and lack of belief, asking for physical proof. Jesus immerses himself into their doubts by peacefully intruding in the room of uncertainty. The hope that he offers them is the gift of peace. He breathes the Holy Spirit upon their lives, giving the power to forgive sins and the courage to live through the moments of his passion, death, and resurrection. Jesus empowers Thomas to make his affirmation of faith by reassuring him of his presence in the world. Even today, Thomas’ affirmation of “My Lord and my God” continues to come from the prayerful and sometimes reluctant believers who seek the “why” of life.

The reality is that the world does not need to keep on seeking. The answer has already come and is here. The gift of the resurrection offers hope to the unreasonable reality of death. Jesus *continues to be with us* as we invoke his name in every situation in which we find ourselves. At the end of the gospel reading we are told that there were many other signs, signs so numerous that they could not be recorded in this single book. The Fourth Evangelist was telling us that there was much more to Jesus’ story. In the same way, there are still signs of His presence to be found among us. He promised us that he will be with us until the end of the world even in our weakest moments, when we feel afraid or alone. Our belief in his promise brings the blessing of God to our lives. Jesus tells us: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Trusting in such wisdom will ultimately bring the peaceful intrusion of Jesus into our lives.



*The Maesta Altarpiece-The Incredulity of St. Thomas. Duccio/
WikipediaCommons*

Reflection Questions

1. Why were the disciples locked away in a room?
2. What is the significance of Jesus' greeting?
3. Why does Thomas doubt Jesus' resurrection?
4. What is important about Thomas' affirmation of faith?
5. Are you truly convinced about the resurrection of Jesus?
6. When have you doubted Jesus in the midst of your fears?
7. How does the miraculous event of the resurrection transform your approach to life?
8. How do you reconcile the material world with the spiritual world?
9. What challenges do you face when you discern your faith?

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



Prayer

Dear Jesus, bring to us the peace that the world cannot give. Empower us to go beyond the ordinary and arrive at the extraordinary. Be present to us when we doubt, encourage those who live in despair. May the fears that we experience fade away as we invoke your sweet name. Nourish us with your presence as we continue to eat your body and drink your blood. Help us to understand in those moments that we stand on the edge of eternity and on the threshold of hope. Amen.

Voices of Faith

The Upper-Room of Fears

An empty tomb leaves behind a bloody shroud
Confusion and belief collide in the garden of tears
Mary of Magdala is called by name by the Risen One
Told to hold not to what needs to dwell with God

Disciples gather together
Stricken by death and loss
Numbd by their own desertion and weakness
Behind locked doors they are prisoners in the upper room
of fears

Denial sees their faith crumble
Betrayal and their companion's suicide
Occupy a painful place in memory
Their teacher and Lord now gone

Suddenly, the Wounded Healer stands in their midst
"Peace be with you!" he says,
Wounds laid bare for red eyes to see
Evidence of His death and agony

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Christ bids
them on
Infusing them with the breath of God
The Holy Spirit fills their souls with new song
The world awaits the authority now endowed

The power of the moment must live on
As sins may be forgiven in the name of the Risen One
Authority from heaven given to man
To participate in the Father's plan

Thomas, called Didymus, sees not the Risen One
"We have seen the Lord!" His fellow disciples report on
Filled with doubt the practical man, believes not
Unless he touches the wounds of the God-man

And so, the Wounded Healer once again breaks in
To an upper room of fear for Didymus the skeptic
"Peace be with you!" The risen Savior speaks on
As Thomas is asked to touch the wounds of love

"My Lord and my God!" Words break through from
unbelief
Resurrection now indelibly engraved upon memory
The Christ sees the blessings of future generations who
will see
The empty tomb filled with tremendous possibilities

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

Faith Formation



Jesus appears to his disciples

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

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.

- Adapted from ancient Gaelic runes

Faith Formation continues on page 17

Scripture LESSON

John 20:19-31
Appearance to the Disciples

What did Jesus mean when he said “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”? Why would he say this to his disciples? Obviously, these words were extremely important, as Christ would soon ascend into heaven.

Do you think that the disciples had regrets about Jesus’ crucifixion? Do you think that they felt guilty about the crucifixion? Should they have done more to try to prevent it? Do you think that the disciples were worried that man had just crucified the Messiah? Do you think that the disciples were concerned about their future? What were they to do now? They had been following Jesus for 2-3 years during his ministry.

The disciples had to have been emotionally devastated. Their lives had been turned upside down. They had no idea what to do and did not fully understand the recent events.

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Aren’t these words also for us?

Margie Lynch



By Kathleen M. Carroll

THE HOME CHURCH

As a parent, I’ve seen chocolate-chip covered faces swear they don’t know what happened to the cookies and crayon-covered walls apparently decorated by a thief in the night. A morning check of toothbrushes had me calling out the unbrushed by name, sending them back to the bathroom as they whispered, “How does she know?”

Having learned from my kids how to distrust and verify, I have a special affection for the apostle Thomas—the Doubter, as he will be forever known. We who grew up with the millennia-old news of Jesus’s resurrection might be offended by Thomas’s lack of simple belief. But in an age where we lock every door, password-protect our bank access, and have nanny-cams, we could probably learn a few things about faith from the apostle.

How is your faith? When someone pays you a compliment, do you respond with gratitude or try to puzzle out an ulterior motive? When someone asks for spare change for the bus, do you hand it over generously or begrudge the few coins that might go toward alcohol or drugs? While we chide Thomas for his lack of belief, it is a good time to examine our own.

Bringing Home the Word, April 27, 2014, Franciscan Media

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

GRADE 1

Life Question: With whom do you share peace at Mass?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus mean when he says, “Peace be with you?”

GRADES 2-3

Life Question: When have you felt afraid? When do you feel peaceful?

Gospel Question: Why doesn’t Thomas believe the witness of the disciples? Why does Jesus give the community peace?

GRADES 4-5

Life Question: Why are Jesus’ friends so afraid they lock themselves in a room and pray?

Gospel Question: How do the disciples feel when Jesus appears among them?

GRADES 6-8

Life Question: What is a doubt you have?

Gospel Question: What do you believe about Jesus?

GRADES 9-12

Life Question: When have you felt people doubted you?

Gospel Question: In your faith how are you like the fearful community or doubting Thomas?

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

April 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday

In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the “Feast of Mercy.” Jesus promised special graces to those who honor him as King of Mercy and pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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St. John Neumann Sports Booster Club invites you to join them at

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Justin Holecek Student Life Center

Calling all race fans! Join us for an evening of good times and wagering at St. John Neumann High School's very own version of the Kentucky Derby! Enjoy a catered buffet dinner and place your bets on ten races that will run that evening. Dinner, dessert, a drink ticket, and admission to the event are included with your ticket. Beer, wine, and soda will also be available for additional purchase. Purchase a SJN logo insulated cup for \$20 and get unlimited drinks! That's sure to be the best "bet" of the night!

Place your bets (\$2 minimum) on the horses with "Funny Money," which can be purchased on race night. At the end of the evening, redeem your "Funny Money" winnings for gift certificates of your choice from the Scrip Program.

Horses and Jockeys are available NOW for pre-event purchase (see below). Purchasing a horse or jockey in a particular race entitles you to name the horse/jockey, and you will also be eligible to receive a payout if your horse and/or jockey wins the race! **ONLY 100 HORSES and 100 JOCKEYS are available for purchase, so buy now!** Even if you do not attend the evening, you can still purchase a horse and/or jockey to join in on the fun!

Order your tickets EARLY to reserve your spot at A Night at the Races! Only 160 tickets will be sold, so don't wait!

Cash, checks, and credit cards (MC, Visa) will be accepted for purchases made during the evening.
Please contact Lena Costain with questions (Phone: 239-289-7068, Email: tlc728family@aol.com)

A NIGHT AT THE RACES Order Form (All orders are due by May 5, 2014)

Name _____

Phone Number _____

of Event Tickets _____ x \$30 each = \$ _____

of Tables (8 per table) _____ x \$210 each = \$ _____

of Horses* _____ x \$25 each = \$ _____

of Jockeys* _____ x \$10 each = \$ _____

(Please include Horse/Jockey names.

Total amount sent in: \$ _____

*Please make checks payable to "St. John Neumann High School"
Orders should be sent to Lena Costain, 9836 Whitehall Street, Naples, FL 34109*

st. john the evangelist youth ministry says “Thank you!!!”

Our rummage sale was a great success!”

A huge THANK YOU to all those of you who made our **Rummage Sale** a great success! First of all, to the incredible **Donna Boucher** who spearheaded this event: she spent countless hours organizing, pricing, and moving items. Without her indefatigable work and positive attitude, this sale would not have happened.

To **all those of you who donated your items**, thank you so much! You provided us with the means to have this sale and were more than generous with all that you gave. To **all those of you who shopped**, thank you as well! We are glad so many people found great bargains and came out to support our youth!

To all our volunteers who gave of their time to sort, set-up, and work the sale itself, thank you so much! Thank you especially to our own **Tom Oram** and **JP Boucher**, who could have started their own moving business with as much furniture as they moved on behalf of the sale. Our **Youth Group** came out in record numbers to work this sale; I am so proud of every one of you for setting up, making & holding signs, working the sale, and driving a hard bargain!

We do not have final numbers in yet, but this sale was a huge success and a huge sign of how great our community is when it comes together to support one another. On behalf of everyone, let me say again: THANK YOU ALL for your great support!

—*Martha Oram, director of youth ministry*

Help Your Youth Train to be LEADers in 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—THANK you & God bless you!—please contact Martha Oram*** at the parish, 239-566-8740, or email Martha@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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Parish Contact:

Dave Quist

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