

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Diocese of St Augustine, Interlachen, Florida

"We are a welcoming and embracing community centered on Jesus in the Eucharist."

February 18, 2018

1st Sunday in Lent

"For God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7



Metanoia and Believe in the Good News!

Thank You!

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...for your wonderful response to the Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Here at St. Monica's and St. John's we are excellent stewards all year long. This is what stewardship is about.

We receive God's gifts gratefully.

We cultivate them responsibly.

We share them lovingly in justice with others.

And we return them with increase to our Beloved God!

We truly need to be stewards of all of our gifts including our children and grandchildren. Like Mother Mary, we receive all children gratefully. We raise them responsibly. We share Jesus in them lovingly in justice with others. And we let them grow in wisdom as they too journey toward God.

I shared last Sunday how we not only need to make a commitment of love to our parish, but we must be committed in love to our diocese. It is similar to a sacramental marriage.

If you have not made a pledge of your love to the appeal, please consider it today.

When each of us gives our abundance, we discover joy in our hearts. If we all play our part, we will have much more than we need. Stewardship is about conversion. Once God teaches us to go beyond the tithe (10%), we truly put out into deep waters and haul in an abundance of fish, an abundance of joyful givers. God truly loves a joyful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Welcome to Lent! I pray that God raises us up from the ashes.

Whatever you do for Lent, let's make sure it is about love, the abundant love God has blessed us with.

Love, joy, peace,

Father Ron

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday evening during the Season of Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:00 PM. This will be followed by a Lenten meal of soup and bread. Please plan to attend.

Lenten Soup & Bread Schedule

Feb 23 – Music/EMHC

Mar 02 – Counters/Outreach

Mar 09 – K of C

Mar 16 – Spanish Community

Mar 23 – SvDP/Altar Servers

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Pastoral Administrator: Joe Grasso

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, Feb 18 - First Sunday in Lent

11:30 AM- Living and deceased members of the Surratt Families.

Requested by Bud and Judy Surratt

2:00 PM - Parishioners of St John

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Monday Feb 19 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Word Service

Tuesday Feb 20 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Word Service

Wednesday, Feb 21 - Lenten Weekday

6:00 PM - Health and Well Being of Father Ron Camarda

Requested by Parishioners of St John

Thursday, Feb 22 - The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

8:00 AM - Word Service

Friday, Feb 23 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Health & Well Being Roger Coutu

Requested by Parishioners of St John

2nd Sunday in Lent - 02/25/2018

Altar Servers - Corey

Reader - John - Pam

EMHC - Joe - Mary M. - Lois - Milton

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Delores Hannon

Requested by Parishioners of St John

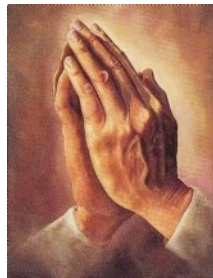


Let us pray this week for all families, who are mourning the death of a loved one. May all our departed find rest and peace in the Mercy of God.

Your Parish Support

Collections for 02/11/2018

Offertory	2122.02
Maintenance Fund	535.00
Catholic Relief	115.00
Respect Life	20.00
Total	\$2792.02



Please Remember in Your Prayers

All members of our parish who are not in perfect health: **Father Ron Camarda, Allison Widmeyer, Juliette Gioia, Carmen Concepcion, Allen Lucia, Roger Coutu, Susan Collins, Luisa Velazquez, and Barbara Hogue.** Note: Names on our prayer list are for individuals who are hospitalized, undergoing surgery, in hospice care, or dying.

"Into the Deep" with Father Ron

Father Ron's class is every Wednesday at 4:30 PM. We are studying the book of Mark. The class helps give us a better understanding of the Gospel and is very informative.

Upcoming Events

Feb 21 - 9 AM Faith Sharing

Feb 21 - 4:30 PM Father Ron's bible study

Mar 11 -- 1:15 PM PPC Meeting

Mar 12 -- 7 PM Knights of Columbus

St Vincent de Paul Society News



As outgoing President of St Vincent De Paul Society, I want to welcome and applaud Judy Surratt for accepting the leadership role of our conference in our 20th anniversary year. I want to thank all the Vincentians and volunteers (literally 100's) who have helped us help others. I want to especially thank those plank owners, Grace DiGiovanni, Phyllis Nelson, Judy Surratt, Anna Nicosia, Ed Ralosky, and 13 year member Meva Krecota. This past year we have positively affected 19,584 people with 187,153 pounds of food, \$17,181.00 of furniture and clothing and \$38,932.00 in financial assistance, for a 5 year total of \$1.51 million of in-kind services and supplies. None of this would have been possible without the sharing and caring of so many of you and others in our community. May God Bless You, Colonel Bud Surratt, Immediate Past President

"Our Faith in Action: Today's Society of St. Vincent de Paul"

"Our Faith in Action: Today's Society of St. Vincent de Paul" airs on Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). Sundays starting, March 4th at 6:30 & 4:30 and Saturdays starting March 10 at 6:00 PM Live your faith! Call 386-684-2797 or visit 111 North Francis Street Interlachen.

Father Pablo's new cell phone number is: 386-559-4333.

Your Old Palms

Please bring your old palms to the church to be properly disposed of by burning.

Eucharistic Congress Still Needs Your Help

The annual Eucharistic Congress will be held on March 16-17 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. There is a great need for more volunteers. It is quite easy to volunteer for an hour or two and still be able to enjoy the majority of the event with your family and friends. Please follow the link to see how you can help: www.floridaeucharist.org/volunteer/

Welcome

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new parishioners, Michael F. Byrne and Mary Layton. Michael and Mary, we look forward to seeing you at Mass and our socials. So happy to have you with us.

Getting to Know You



We are Jean and Kaz Jurski. We both grew up in a deep and strong traditional Catholic family. I was the oldest child in a family of 10 children and Kaz was third in a family of 7 children.

We were married in 1972. Our married life started in Philadelphia. From there, we moved to South New Jersey to be closer to our family. We have been blessed with three children, Kristofer, Teresa, and Peter. We have four grandchildren; all boys.

We have been married for over 45 years. Our life had lots of ups and downs. However, our strong faith and trust in God always got us through. I worked as a bookkeeper and Kaz worked as a machinist. We both like to travel. We make several trips to see our family and grand kids each year. We also vacationed in Canada, Europe, Italy, Austria and Poland. Kaz has three sisters still living in Poland.

Our son, Kris, had completed his Air Force duties and decided to attend the University of Florida. We started making trips to Florida to visit him and little by little we started to enjoy the Florida winters more and more.

In 2007 we finally retired and moved to the Fort McCoy area. Having come from the northeast, it was a huge adjustment for both of us. We missed our family and friends. At one point we were thinking of going back, but I think God had different plans for us. In 2009 we found St John the Evangelist

Catholic Church. We were warmly welcomed by all and soon after made lots of new friends. We were blessed to find a parish community that made us feel at home. I have been actively involved in a few church ministries and spend time volunteering at St Vincent de Paul. I also work in the church office on Monday.

Editor's Note: Another wonderful input. Who's next? Is it you? Always remember that, "We are a welcoming and embracing community centered on Jesus in the Eucharist."

Living the Paschal Mystery

"Our lives are filled with many competing priorities. Sometimes we call these "distractions" or temptations. But it is important for us to wisely discern between distractions/temptations and merely competing priorities. Family responsibilities, for example, are hardly temptations, but they can sometimes pull us in directions we do not enjoy or that are not always life-giving. Perhaps this is why they are called "responsibilities." Life-giving activities are from the Spirit of God. Pursuits that pull us away from who we are called to be are better called "temptations." This is where the example of Jesus can be so powerful."

Jesus was, and was called to be, the Son of God. Mark tells us about this experience at Jesus' baptism. Yet immediately after his baptism, Jesus was in the desert for forty days, being tempted, only to return to his home, true to his mission, to preach the Gospel.

Often we know who we are called to be. Even in the midst of temptation, or desolation, we know who we are and what we ought to do. Following Christ does not mean a life on easy street without trials or perils. Quite the opposite. The Christian life is beset by obstacles, temptations, and pitfalls. As Jesus did, we are called to proclaim the Gospel, whether we do that at home, in our work place, or with friends."

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Our Saints Wall

The pictures of our saints wall have been numbered and here is a list of whom they represent:

1. Mother Mary and Jesus.
2. St Therese of Lisieux (The Little Flower), patron of the missions.
3. St Faustina Kowaska, patron of Mercy.
4. St Peregrine, patron for cancer sufferers.
5. St Vincent de Paul, patron of charitable societies.
6. St Juan Diego (Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to him December 9, 1531).
7. Mother Mary, the Blessed Virgin.
8. Raphael, the Archangel.
9. St Michael, the Archangel.
10. St Andrew the Apostle, patron of fishermen, singers, Scotland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, and Patras.
11. St Augustine of Hippo, patron of brewers.
12. Gabriel, the Archangel.
13. Mother Mary and Jesus.
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15. St Lucy, patron of blindness.
16. St Katharine Drexel, patron of racial justice and philanthropists.
17. St Therese of Lisieux (The Little Flower), patron of the missions.
18. St Dymphna (The Lily of Eire), patron of those suffering from nervous and mental afflictions.
19. Jesus, our Savior.
20. St Jude Thaddeus, patron desperate causes, desperate situations, lost causes.

Bulletin/Web Site Inputs

Your inputs to the bulletin and our web site are important to keep our parishioners informed. Please e-mail inputs to Jim Dandeneau at dandeneau32148@gmail.com or put them in the box in the office.

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