

# St. John's Family Page

## Blessed Fra Angelico Feast Day February 18

Growing up in a small town in Italy, Guido di Pietro was interested in two things. He wanted to follow Christ's example in all things and he wanted to develop his talent for painting. God showed him how these two things were his vocation. Our vocation is God's call to share in Jesus' life and work.

When he was 18, Guido joined the Dominican order as a religious brother. Brothers are not priests. Religious brothers serve their community through prayer and work. In Italy, religious brothers are called "Fra."

Religious brothers are often given a new name. Guido's religious name was "Fra Giovanni." Fra Giovanni's work in his community was painting beautiful religious art. The moment the members of his religious community saw his beautiful paintings, they said that he "painted like an angel." That is how he became known as "Fra Angelico."

Every day before he began to paint, Fra Angelico prayed that God would guide his hand and help him to create a painting that would inspire people to grow closer to God. Fra Angelico became very famous. He was even called to Rome to paint portraits of the saints on the walls of the pope's chapel.

We call Fra Angelico "Blessed." His life helps us to understand that we are called to use the gifts we have been given to serve others and to give glory and praise to God.



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*We welcome our newly baptized and  
congratulate the parents of:  
Levi Jack Barbanell  
Izabela Wisniowska*

## CCD NEWS



There will be **NO CCD** on **Monday, February 15, 2010** in observance of President's Day.



**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** is Ash Wednesday. All Wednesday CCD students will be attending Mass at 7:00 pm. Please bring your child to the Church by 6:45 pm. Dismissal will be from the Church after Mass. Parents are invited to attend Mass with their children.

### Confirmation Class

Reminder that the Upper Room Confirmation Class is this **Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00PM-8:15PM.** Students should report to the Gym.