

February 21, 2016

Second Sunday of Lent

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

## Family Fun and Ministry Day

**Next Sunday, February 28 from Noon to 3:00 p.m.**

Saint John the Evangelist is blessed to have over 50 ministries of dedicated volunteers providing a vast spectrum of services to the parish and our community. These ministries embody our Vision: **To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His church and our community.**

This weekend you are witnessing the Ministry Banner Parade. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries, representatives from these ministries will be on hand during the Ministry Fair next Sunday, February 28 from Noon to 3:00 p.m. in the PLC Ballroom as part of the annual Family Fun and Ministry Day. Please stop by to ask any questions you might have and sign up with any ministries that engage your aspiration to serve.

As a reminder, the Family Fun and Ministry Day is free, but you must RSVP by February 26. The Food Service is hosted by the St. John's Men's Club. There will be activities for all attendees of all ages to enjoy from bounce houses, a climbing wall to live entertainment, food and beverage.

**See page 18 for more details and for the RSVP form.**

*photos from past Family Fun and Ministry Days*



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Daily Masses: 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Weekend 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**

<b>February 20, 2016</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
8:00 AM +	Cecilia & William Schultz	The Family	
	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>		
3:00 PM +	John Giblin	Janet D'Addario	
5:00 PM +	Angel Usategui	The Garcia Family	
<b>February 21, 2016</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		
7:00 AM +	Peter Nicoletta	Karen Gilberti	
9:00 AM +	Brenda Mattia	The Mattia Family	
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners		
1:15 PM +	Carpentieri & Barbaro Families	Phyllis Barbaro	
5:00 PM +	Edna D'Antuono	Rosemary & Philip Erickson	
<b>February 22, 2016</b>	<b>Monday</b>		
8:00 AM +	Margaret Kegaly	John & Pat Deasey	
9:00 AM +	Tony Terzi	The Money Counters	
6:30 PM +	Mary Rynne	Mike & Joan Currid	
<b>February 23, 2016</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>		
8:00 AM +	Tracy Frillici Skeffington	Mom & Dad	
9:00 AM +	Peggy Kegaly	Lori & Don Killian	
6:30 PM	For the Intentions of Benoit Beaudreau		
<b>February 24, 2016</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		
8:00 AM +	Arthur Puglisi	Maureen & Bill Elek	
9:00 AM +	Concetta & Peter Mantegazza	Pamela & Vincent Conlon	
6:30 PM +	Scott Meyers	Roger Grace	
<b>February 25, 2016</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		
8:00 AM +	Edna D'Antuono	Roger Grace	
9:00 AM +	Edward Crawford	Douglas O'Connor	
6:30 PM	Mass for the Unborn	Respect for Life Committee	
<b>February 26, 2016</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
8:00 AM +	Edna Sanvidge	Pat Bernetich	
9:00 AM +	Debra Seaman	Aunt Audrey & Eddie	
6:30 PM +	Norma Salgado	Ann Frank	
<b>February 27, 2016</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
8:00 AM +	Edward Kelly	Lucy Kelly	
	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>		
3:00 PM +	William Byrne	The Byrne Family	
5:00 PM +	Robert Ulliana	James & Helene Reck	
<b>February 28, 2016</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		
7:00 AM +	Sharon Mc Carthy	Tom & Dolores Zboril	
9:00 AM +	Sharon Ann Sama	Parents	
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners		
1:15 PM +	Muriel Anelli	Kathleen & Patrick Monachio	
5:00 PM +	Geraldine Reilly	John & Deborah Flick	

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES  
AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, February 20, 2016**

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;  
Phil 3:17 – 4:1 [3:20 – 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36**Sunday, February 21, 2016****Second Sunday of Lent**Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;  
Phil 3:17 – 4:1 [3:20 – 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36**Monday, February 22, 2016****The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;***Washington's Birthday*

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday, February 23, 2016****St. Polycarp**

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday, February 24, 2016**

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday, February 25, 2016**

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday, February 26, 2016****Abstinence**Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46**Saturday, February 27, 2016**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12;  
Lk 13:1-9**Sunday, February 28, 2016****Third Sunday of Lent**Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12;  
Lk 13:1-9

**Holy Communion Available for the Hospitalized and Homebound** Any parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion while he/she is in the hospital or unable to get to Mass from his/her home may do so by calling the parish office, 566.8740, or emailing [emministy@sjecc.com](mailto:emministy@sjecc.com). An Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist will bring Holy Communion at a mutually agreed upon time. Please note that the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Holy Communion to North Naples NCH on Monday through Friday.

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A Capital Campaign for  
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Campaign Corner

February 21, 2016

*“Our actions have a tongue of their own; they have an eloquence of their own, even when the tongue is silent. For deeds prove the lover more than words.*

— St. Cyril of Jerusalem

### *Parking and Vehicles to Help Our Parishioners Get Around*

In our first meetings with the Diocese on the major renovations and the new Life Center, we were asked about some of additional efforts we would like to undertake. The first words out of our mouths were “fix the parking”. As any of you who attend our Masses have seen, the parking layout at Saint John the Evangelist is not sufficient, nor is it laid out effectively for our Parish Family. Some people have taken it upon themselves to park in dangerous locations, both for themselves and others. That is not effective for anyone, so I continue to implore all of you to respect fire lanes and not to park along the hedges of the church. Not only have we seen more car accidents due to this type of parking, we had an issue with an ambulance reaching the church when someone needed attention.

In order to resolve these issues, we are looking for your assistance with our Capital Campaign to include the following parking and vehicle improvements:

- **Redevelop Parking Lot Layout:** From the confusing one-way sections to the bottlenecks around the various lots, we need to take a look at how the parking is laid out and configured.
- **Covered Parking for Handicap Access:** We want to make it as safe as possible for all our Parish Family to attend Mass. It will make it easier for those with special needs to be able to walk from their cars into church without needing an umbrella.
- **Vehicles for On-Campus Transportation:** Did you know we actually have a significant parking lot in the very back of our campus, behind the Claussen Family Center? That lot is rarely used by our regular Mass attendees, mostly because it is far from the church. It is completely understandable that people do not use it, especially those who need to be close to the church for medical reasons. The only way to get people back and forth from that location would be to have transportation carts that will take people from the back lot right to the church. That will alleviate much of the parking congestion.
- **Vehicles for Off-Campus Transportation:** How can we assist our Parish Family who does not have the ability to come to church anymore? Our Companion Driving Ministry has done a wonderful job in helping individuals come to our campus for Masses, and we want to continue that effort for all the programs and activities we have here. These vehicles, from vans to small buses, would provide access to St. John for those who would otherwise be alone.

While we have begun the work our current blessings have allowed us to accomplish for the **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past** capital campaign, we still need our entire Parish Family to give in order to reach our additional goals. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Lichwalla, the Campaign Coordinator at 239.495.2001 or email: [campaign@sjecc.com](mailto:campaign@sjecc.com).

You can also learn more information about the Campaign at: [www.sjecc.com/future](http://www.sjecc.com/future).

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## PARISH CLERGY



**Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor**

Fr. Robert Murphy Associate  
Fr. Jim Simko Associate  
Deacon Hal Brenner  
Deacon Forrest Wallace  
Deacon Frank Paniccia 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 1:00 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**  
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Call the office

**Choir Director**  
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**Sacristan**  
Lan Tran

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

**Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor**  
Kathy Sims

**Memorial Garden**  
Jean-Paul Boucher

**Bookkeeper**  
Karen Beebe

**Religious Boutique**  
Jackie Gibson: Ext. 3921

**Maintenance**  
566.8740

### **Education Staff**

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Natalie Campbell: Ext. 3904 and 3909

**Coordinator, Adult Faith Formation & RCIA**  
Jack Kindsvater: Ext. 3918

**email staff members at:**  
[info@sjecc.com](mailto:info@sjecc.com)

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: [www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com) When on the website, click on the **Forms** tab at the top of the home page and select New Parishioner Form. Download the form, complete it and return the completed form to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

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### **Administrative Office Hours are:**

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 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 and 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.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@sjecc.com](mailto:info@sjecc.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@sjecc.com](mailto:kathys@sjecc.com) or drop your submission off in the parish office.

### **Mass Intentions**

We are now accepting 2017 intentions.

### **Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine**

We have 2016 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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# Hymns for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent, February 20 & 21

Readings:	<b>640</b>
Entrance Hymn:	<b>370</b> Christ, Be Our Light
Preparation Hymn:	<b>448</b> Where Charity and Love Prevail
Communion Hymn:	<b>243</b> I Am the Bread of Life
	<b>467</b> Open the Eyes of My Heart
Closing Hymn:	<b>367</b> We Are the Light of the World

## Choral Anthems at 9 & 11 AM Masses

Preparation	<b>In His Time</b>	<i>Diane Ball</i>
Communion	<b>In Remembrance</b>	<i>Buryl Red / Courtney Ragan</i>

## ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

### Monday, February 22: Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Lk 22: 32*

The Lord says to Simon Peter:  
I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail,  
and, once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Cf. Mt 16: 16, 18*

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

### Tuesday, February 23: Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Ps 13 (12): 4-5*

Give light to my eyes lest I fall asleep in death,  
lest my enemy say: I have overcome him.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. To the upright, I will show the saving power of God.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Ps 9: 2-3*

I will recount all your wonders.  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

### Wednesday, February 24: Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Ps 38 (37): 22-23*

Forsake me not, O Lord! My God, be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Save me, O Lord, in your kindness.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Mt 20: 28*

The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

### Thursday, February 25: Thursday of the Second Week of Lent

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Ps 139 (138): 23-24*

Test me, O God, and know my thoughts.  
See that my path is not wicked,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Ps 119 (118): 1*

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.

### Friday, February 26: Friday of the Second Week of Lent

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Ps 31 (30): 2, 5*

In you, O Lord, I put my trust, let me never be put to shame;  
release me from the snare they have hidden for me,  
for you indeed are my refuge

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *1 Jn 4: 10*

God loved us, and sent his Son  
as expiation for our sins.

### Saturday, February 27: Saturday of the Second Week of Lent

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Ps 145 (144): 8-9*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Lk 15: 32*

You must rejoice, my son,  
for your brother was dead and has come to life;  
he was lost and is found.

## #ToServe – Ministry Fair Spotlights Everything Good That St. John Does

I had the wonderful opportunity this past weekend to visit one of our fellow Christian churches in Naples, Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church. They were celebrating their heritage with the Naples Greek Festival, a three-day extravaganza of food, music and Greek culture. Father Philemon, the presiding priest of St. Katherine, welcomed my family with open arms and walked us around the church and through the festival. From the bouncy houses and vendors to the music and dancing, to the food, it was a wonderful time. If you have not gotten a chance to visit their church, I would recommend you visit their website and learn about some of their upcoming events, including a symposium on religious freedom around the world (<http://stkatherine.net>).

What struck me most while visiting St. Katherine was the sea of blue t-shirted volunteers, covering every booth, serving the food, and welcoming the influx of people to their campus. While their Sanctuary holds only a few hundred people, they seemed to have the entire population of their church helping out with the event. It reminded me of all the dedicated ministers we have here at Saint John the Evangelist. It can take an army to serve our Parish Family, especially as we have experienced expansive growth over the past years. We need every single member of our parish, including those who are here seasonally, to support our ministries. You may not be aware of the entire breadth and depth of programs that will enable to you to give of your time and talent to the church, the local community, and even to the entire world. We truly make a difference in the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of people every day through our ministries.

Next weekend is a unique opportunity for all of us to learn about these opportunities. Our ministries are so varied in



photos from 2015 Family Fun and Ministry Day

their missions and responsibilities that I believe there really is something for everyone. Some help with reflection and prayer, others are focused on community service. Some are action-oriented, while others provide social activities. There are ministries that do not require significant time commitments, while others allow you to become as deeply

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involved as you want. The list is too long for me to plug them all, so instead I hope you will all come to the Ballroom on Sunday, February 28 from noon to 3:00 p.m. to visit with them and find a place for you. We will also be providing free food and drinks along with fun, family-friendly activities, so you can have a great lunch while you learn how to be involved here at St. John. See you there!

## #ToKnow – New Roof for PLC Begins Renovation Phase

We are certainly not sitting still here at St. John with major efforts underway to renovate and invigorate our facilities to support the massive number of programs we have on our campus. I truly cannot believe we have well over 4,800 events annually that occur on our campus, and that is aside from the Masses and services we perform.

You may see some cranes sticking out from behind the PLC building for the next few weeks. These cranes are



part of the complete flat roof replacement we have needed for the past three years. We are working with our roofing partner to ensure that not a single activity will be impacted by this work, but it is essential to accomplish now. Our Facilities Manager, John Levering, is leading this effort, and if you have any questions, please let him know and he will be more than happy to answer. His email is [john@sjecc.com](mailto:john@sjecc.com).



# Fr. Jim Will Celebrate 25 Years as a Priest With a Special Mass

**A special anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Friday, April 1 in honor of Fr. Jim Simko's 25th Anniversary of his Ordination of the Priesthood. Everyone is invited to attend the anniversary Mass.**

Fr. Jim was ordained a priest on June 8, 1991, for the Archdiocese of Denver.

After graduating from Metropolitan State College in Denver in 1976 with a degree in Business Management, Fr. Jim worked in various retail and restaurant venues until 1985 when he entered the seminary first at St. John Vianney, Miami, and then St. Thomas, Denver.



“Until the age of 30, I saved my money to open a retail shop. I asked myself the question, ‘And then what?’ I’ll have another shop. ‘And then what?’ I’ll have my 1.8 children and a dog. The answers to the question, ‘And then what?’ were never enough. However, studying for the priesthood was more than enough. Even though I gave up the aforementioned (except the dog) the days were and continue to be filled with new surprises,” Fr. Jim said.



He served in parishes in the Denver area and was the pastor at Our Lady of the Mountains in Estes Park, CO from 1996 to 2002. A year later Fr. Jim returned to Southwest Florida.



Prior to coming to St. John, Fr. Jim was at St. Francis Xavier parish in Fort Myers, where he served the parish from 2009. Indeed, his ministry has lived up to his expectations.

“When one works in the service of God and others, you have to be ready for the unexpected. Everyday is unique and filled with surprises. When there is nothing on the calendar for the day, stand back! I’ve worked with street gangs, drug addicts and people living on the street. In addition to the homebound, the very lonely, families, and all the issues surrounding them, it has certainly been an interesting 25 years,” Fr. Jim said.

Parishioners and visitors will remember Fr. Jim’s homilies — sometimes because they are on the long side and other times because they generally include homework.

“In the seminary we were trained for eight to eleven minute homilies. Whatever!” he justifies as the reason for the length.

“Many folks are into headline news and instant everything. Coming to Mass is a time of honor. We give praise and glory to God to move in our lives and that is a very individual matter. I was trained to preach without notes. In the homily you will note one key idea supported by three corollaries. Watch for these and listen!” he instructs.

As for homework, he says, “Every homily should apply the scriptures to everyday life. I like to allow people to participate in this process by giving them ‘homework’...go, ‘get ‘er done!’”

Parishioners and especially the staff always know Fr. Jim is in the building by his infectious and laugh-out-loud laugh.

“My dad’s greatest gift to me was my laugh. His dad gave the gift to him as well! I think it’s a Hungarian thing. Why not?!” he says.



Born in Springfield, IL, Fr. Jim is one of four siblings. He has a brother who resides in Atlanta, a sister in Mobile, AL and another sister in Brisbane, Australia.

Fr. Jim and his family moved to Bradenton, FL in 1971, when he was just 16 years old. “I was a parishioner at St. Joseph’s in Bradenton where Fr. Rourke served as pastor in 1974.”

Fr. Jim enjoys traveling, beaches, Florida history and “everything Florida has to offer, as well as my Terrier-Schnauzer.”

On his anniversary, June 8, Fr. Jim will be traveling.

“On that day, I will be in Joure, in the Netherlands. It is a little town of 12,000 people. The town is known for making Frisian wall clocks from scratch. I hope to have one made while I am there.”

**Altar Servers:**

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**Adult Faith Formation.** See page 19

**AA.** Monday, 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Al-Anon.** Monday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday - beginners, 11:30 a.m.; and noon - discussion. Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. St. Leo Catholic Church, Juan Diego Building, Carol: 804.306.5323. Thursday evenings 7:00 p.m. Juliette: Lysack

**Ala-Teen.** Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Arimatheans.** A group of caring parishioners who support parishioners by attending funerals as representation of our faith community. Elaine: 566-8160

**Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist.** Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. For information: *scoutmaster@troop-226.com*

**Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist.** All 1st - 5th grade boys welcome. Meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. For information: *pack226naples@gmail.com*

**Choirs:****Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Residents and seasonals welcome. Call the office: 566.8740

**Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:25 p.m. Grades 1-5. Call the office: 566.8740

**Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Call the office: 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 566.8740

**Companion Driving Ministry.** Ongoing "Need a Ride/Give a Ride" program offered to anyone in need of transportation to attend church services. For more information or to sign up for a ride or to become a volunteer driver, contact the parish office at 566.8740 or the ministry director, Beth Lucci at 877.6254 or email *sjeride@gmail.com*

**Cursillistas.** Third Tuesday monthly at 7:00 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 restrooms). **Winter Season Hours:** Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. If interested in volunteering in the gift shop contact Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

**Divorced and Separated Support Group.**

Anyone who is going through a separation or has experienced it in the past (no matter how many years ago) is welcome. Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Lhara Echevarria: 239.293.3694 or *Lhara@sjecc.com*

**Faith Chat.** Wednesdays at 5:45-7:30 p.m. Nancy Griffin: 239.777.0575

**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. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

**Grief Support.** The next 7-session series begins February 16 and ends March 29 (Tuesdays only). For any concerns related to the Bereavement Ministry contact Dee: 594.7193

**Hospitality Ministry.** Volunteers serve light refreshments for parishioners who gather after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses for sharing, communicating and extending fellowship.

If interested in helping contact Elida Gil: 239.597.8909 or Judy Hemond: 561.779.6024

**Job Search Skills & Support.** Thursdays 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the library. This is an open meeting for anyone who is unemployed or seeking a career change. Free. Carol Marlow: 948.0050

**Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.**

Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6:30 p.m.; business meeting at 7:15 p.m. Social meeting last Monday of the month. Visiting Knights are welcome. Scott Schwarz, Grand Knight: 293.6876

**Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308.** Meets third Tuesday of every month at Noon except January and February when they meet at 6:30 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K Gary Ray: 821.5115

**Knitting & Crocheting.** Tuesdays from 10:00 - 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. Vicki Brenner: 498.9900

**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 Carolyn McNichols at 239.919.2675 or *carolyn@tsusa.us*. 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.** Our organization combines service work in support of the parish with social activities. We always welcome new members. Monthly meetings are held at 2:00 p.m. on the second Thursday. Joe Lichwalla: 239.495.2001

**Narcotics Anonymous.** Thursday, Saturday, 8 p.m.

**Pinochle.** Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Joseph DeJesus: 598.9865

**Project Rachel Lay Companion.** A post-abortion healing ministry providing one-on-one counseling. Loretta Judy: 239.293.5897 or *lnbjudy@comcast.net*

**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. Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941

**Sewing Group.** Meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. New members are invited. Nancy Cote: 514.0410

**St. Vincent de Paul.** Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass. SVdP Office: 775.1667

**Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites.** Phyllis Grysiewicz, 566.7307

**Women's Bible Study.** Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Mag: 239.566.8878.

■ Please check the Event Sheets on the building doors for the meeting location of the group. Groups do not always meet in the same location from week to week. ■

# PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

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## 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 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:*

<b>Cpl. Francisco Alvarenga</b> U.S. Marines	<b>Lt. John Meyers</b> U.S. Army
<b>Sp. Petrus Botha</b> U.S. Army	<b>LCpl. Randy A. Novak</b> USMC
<b>S. Isaiah Brutus</b> U.S. Air Force	<b>LCpl. Ryan D. Novak</b> USMC
<b>Ensign Stuart Campbell</b> U.S. Navy	<b>Ryan D. Novak</b> USMC
<b>BM2 Charley Davidson</b> U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	<b>Cpt. Daniel Palmer</b> U.S. Army
<b>Adam Decker</b> U.S. Air Force	<b>Cpt. John Palmer</b> U.S. Army
<b>Nicholas Detloff</b> U.S. Air Force	<b>Cpt. Martin Palmer</b> U.S. Army (Afghanistan)
<b>Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante</b> U.S. Army	<b>Lt. Robert Pedrighi</b> U.S. Army
<b>Joshua Emmons</b> U.S. Air Force	<b>Lt. Joseph Schafer</b> U.S. Army
<b>LCpl. Conor Fleurant</b> USMC	<b>Pvt. 1st Class Aron Siwek</b> U.S. Army
<b>Lt. Colin Flood</b> U.S. Army, Special Forces	<b>Pvt. 1st Class Aron Siwek</b> U.S. Army
<b>Lt. Bernardo Garcia</b> U.S. Marines	<b>Ensign Gabriella Scudato</b> U.S. Coast Guard
<b>Lt. Joseph Gilig</b> 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	<b>MidShipman Micaela Scudato</b> U.S. Naval Academy
<b>Cpl. Dylan Granza</b> U.S. Army Ranger	<b>Houng Tran</b> U.S. Army
<b>Specialist Shelby Granza</b> U.S. Army	<b>IT2 Jason E. Tydingco</b> (USN)
<b>Gunnery Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer</b> USMC * Embassy Security (New Zealand)	
<b>Specialist Douglas Hennessy</b> U.S. Army	
<b>Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett</b> USMC	

### **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. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

### **Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina**

One hour of peaceful, silent and beautiful prayer and contemplation. Mondays: 5:30 p.m. Maria Jones: 348.5361. Wednesday morning

Centering Prayer in the Parish Library following the morning Mass. John Roy.

### **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. Phyllis Gryskiewicz, 566.7307

### **St. John Charismatic Prayer Group**

#### **"Blazing Hearts"**

Meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

## PRAYER LIST

*We remember those who have died recently, especially:*

Mary Ann DuBois, John "Jack" Gaffey and Eugene Zilavay

*May they rest in eternal peace.*

AJM Nicholas Acqvaviva Rich Annunziata Fernando Ardila Tomas Ardila Paschal Arpaia Marge Baker Jean and Emmunal Ballmiro Patty Barry Sam Bartel Richard Becker Linda Berry Margie Benefico Ryan Bennis Barbara Berg Jeanne Bennett Linda Berry Kathleen Bradach Steven Bratcher Vicki Brenner Carol Brooks John Brooks Rich Brown Diane Buhrke Connie Cahill Anthony Caiazzo Ron Caiazzo Nancy Campbell Steve Caputo Glenn Carroll Tiffany Chill Frank & Joan Ciccarella Cindy M. Cleinman Danielle Coutinho Vivian Daleo Anthony D'Antuono Mark Dabronzo Leo Dauwer Chuck Dee Rick Derkman Jim Diamante Julie Dieter Al DiMenna Lauren Di'Orio DK Ciaran Doherty Pat Doherty Dee Donnelly Shelly Drummond Tricia Easton Dr. Steve Evans Brian D. Fay Wendy Bui- Fewell	Donna Flynn Anna Focht Follese-Fiedler Family Susan Foster Kathy Frye Madeline Gaffey Janet Gainey Frank Galvanovits Veronica Gasperak Edward Gaynor Dick Goepel Richard Granger Keri Grasso Josie Hannigan Laura Harbrough Cindy Harold Brad Harriet Joyce A. Harris Luci Hartert Monica Henkel Richard Henning Jerry Henry Gerard Heyen Kim Hocker Charlotte Hollohan Donald Howe Mary Lou Howie Geri Hurkes Maria Janke JMG Maria Joyce Charleen Kasabian Chester T. Kauffman Sean Keating Karen Kelly Muriel Kiley Kevin Kincaid Bill Kinchla Jim Krauser Family Glenn Krumel Kim Kuryea Josephine Lancia Ruth Lang Ray & Joan LaPointe Tiffany LaPointe Lindsay Lavery Mary Lou and Ned Leibig Dennis Lello Deik Lindaman Rosemary Litwin Lynette Loleski Rosemarie Lopez Lillian Luchini	Joni Luiso Jean Lydon Margie Lynch Pat M Jeanne Macari Julia Maciocia Betty Maher Alex Malloy Maria and Family Ann Maniuszko Elizabeth Marin Barb Marsh Max and Arlene Joan Maier Joann Harris Mandola Ross Mart Kathleen Maxwell Kenneth J. McAvoy Barbara McCabe Kevin McDonagh Anniemai McDonnell Simone McGaffee John McGlenn Patricia McGrath Mary McKay Elizabeth McKeever Carolyn McNichols McReynolds Family Beth Ann Meloche Michael Heather Milner Gilbert & Shirley Monacelli Jane Murphy Keith Nagy Paige Nelson Roger Nottmeier Gloria Oliver MaryLee Olsen Emma O'Rourke Maryla Panagos Sally Parmetier Mario Pelli Joanne Diamante Pesare Jamie Piazzon Pluc Family Joe Pohrer Susan Pomeroy Richard Pratt Richard Quemy Renee Rake Aurelia Rein Patricia Richichi	Charles S. Roberts, Jr. Ellen Roberts Rea Rossi Douglas Roth Robert Sabatka Samowski Family Paul Sanchez Lisa Sanfelippo Joan Scariati Isolde Scherer Eli Schneider Ben Schweninger Tony Scire Leonard Seidl Jane & Bob Shengulet Teresa Shengulet Bruce Sherman Rae Siebel Marilyn Shields Thomas Sissman Winnie Smith Nancy Stewart Susan Stokes Jeannie Sullivan Pat Sutter Joanmarie Switalski Lauren Taranto Rita Taranto Beth Ann Thompson Joanne Timmerman Joseph Tomaszewski Maria Torres Andrew Torriero Jennifer Toth Patricia Trapnell Pat Velasquez Lena Vittolo Anne W. Patti Wakim Jonathon Warner Max West Brenda Wood Bob Wright John & Mary Yotis Helen Zaks Ed Zerrer
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**LET US PRAY...**

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740, or email: [info@saintjohntheevangelist.com](mailto:info@saintjohntheevangelist.com)

FEBRUARY 21, 2016 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## Catholic-Jewish Dialogue

### Walking God's Paths Session 2 "Shared Origins, Diverse Roads"

Sunday, March 13, 2:00 p.m.  
St. John Claussen Family Center  
625 111th Ave. N, Naples 34108

FREE Event



This session explores the Late Second Temple period that gave birth to Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism. Participants will see how the

centrality of the Torah for Jews and of Jesus Christ for Christians was significantly intensified by the destruction of the Temple by the Romans. The session consists of a 15-minute video and dialogue questions.

The facilitators are Rabbi Mark Gross from Jewish Congregation of Marco Island and Fr. Jim Simko from Saint John the Evangelist.

Please RSVP to [cjdialogue@naples.net](mailto:cjdialogue@naples.net) or phone 239.370.4277 (for preparation purposes).

### ***Emerald Ball Will Be Saturday, March 19 at Ritz-Carlton Beach***

The annual Emerald Ball will be held on Saturday, March 19, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort in Naples. All proceeds will benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice Inc. in Collier County which include financial assistance, professional counseling, food pantries and food programs, refugee services, senior services, immigration and legal services, soup kitchen, clothing room and shower program, English classes for mothers, and special projects like Undy Sunday, the Weekend Power Pack Food Program, and holiday gift and food distribution.

The evening will include a cocktail hour, auctions, dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$300 a person. For information call 239.455.2655 or email [maryshaughnessy@catholiccharitiescc.org](mailto:maryshaughnessy@catholiccharitiescc.org) or visit [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org).

## *The Mercy of the Knights of Columbus*

The Mercy of the Knights of Columbus is not only demonstrated here with our St. John the Evangelist Council, but, is present throughout the world. Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson recently announced efforts to **help persecuted Christians**. Anderson mentioned that Pope Francis has called for "concrete action" to stop the persecution of Christians in the Middle East and also added that Pope Francis communicated his personal thanks to the Knights of Columbus **for the \$3 million they have raised already**.



The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic men's fraternal organization in the world with close to 2 million members. The charitable contributions of this organization number in the millions of dollars and thousands of hours each year.

**Join us! Knights of Columbus Recruitment Weekend  
March 5 and 6.  
Be part of this wonderful Ministry.**

# HELP SAVE LIVES

FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 20

### *Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and children*

From February 10 — March 20, our city will join with hundreds of other cities for 40 Days for Life, a life-saving campaign made up of three components:



PRAYER & FASTING



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



PEACEFUL VIGIL

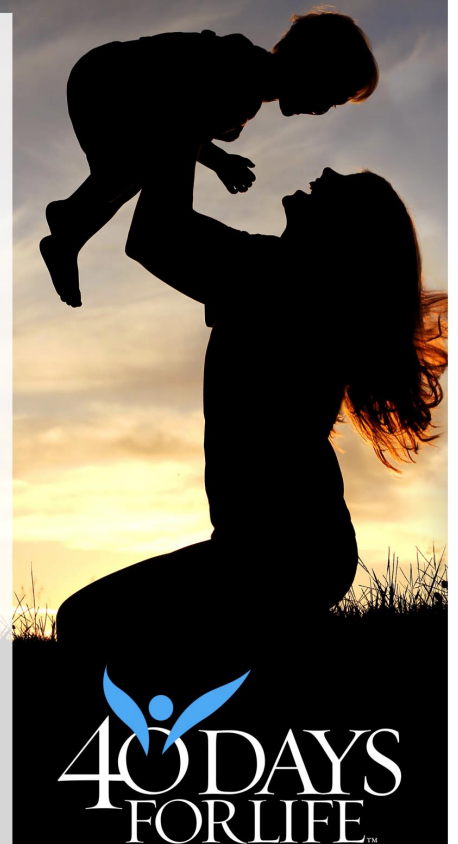
40 Days for Life is a peaceful pro-life effort ... and 675,000 volunteers in 607 cities across 32 nations have taken part. With God's help, 40 Days for Life has seen **11,165** babies saved from abortion, **127** abortion worker conversions, and **64** closed abortion centers. Pray and get involved, and **YOU** can help save lives!

#### **ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST 40 DAYS FOR LIFE DATES:**

- **February 23 (Tuesday) 9am-5pm**
- **March 2 (Wednesday) 9am-5pm**

Signup after Mass on February 13/14, or contact Nancy or Paul Curti at [plancurti@gmail.com](mailto:plancurti@gmail.com) or 612-616-5535.

Join us outside of Planned Parenthood at 1425 Creech Rd to pray for an end to abortion.



Author-in Residence Program  
featuring  
New York Times Best Selling Author  
Edwin Black  
February 21 – 24, 2016



**Wednesday, February 24, 2016**

*War Against the Weak*

Join award-winning author Edwin Black as he discusses his bestselling book *War Against the Weak*, an exhaustive investigation of the eugenics movement in the United States and how it inspired the Nazi Regime.

This event is part of The Holocaust Museum & Education Center's new **Author-in-Residence** program. The event is open to the public, and reservations are required. Suggested donation of \$25 to help cover program costs.

**Time: 6:30pm**

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

**Reservations required**

**R.S.V.P. to The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of SWFL at 239-263-9200**

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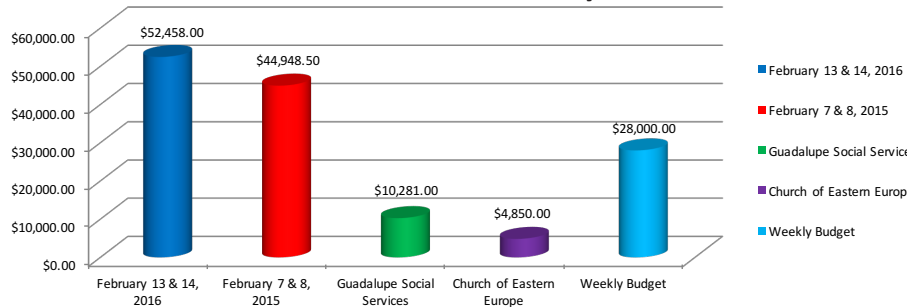


**Valentine's Day Dance  
Thursday, February 11, 2016**

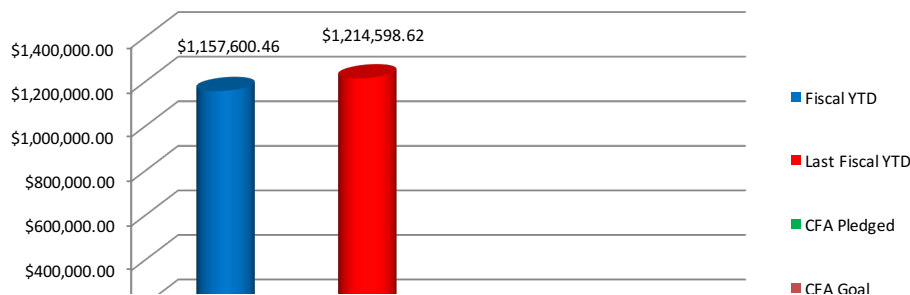


See more photos from the dinner dance sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in a future bulletin.

**Collection Summary**



**Fiscal YTD (7/1/2015-6/30/2016) & CFA Summary**



**Saint John the Evangelist  
Lenten Liturgies**

**Daily Masses will be:**

8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday Morning Masses will be:**

8:00 a.m.

**Stations of the Cross will be:**

Fridays at Noon

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m

**Chili Supper Contest Winners**

The winners of the Knights of Columbus Chili Supper Contest were: Bob Wright - first place; Lorraine Phelps and Clay Bailie tied for second place.

Congratulations to the winners!



# Closing Song

# Awesome God

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## Verse 1

When he rolls up his sleeves, he ain't just 'puttin' on the ritz'  
 Our God is an awesome God!  
 There is thunder in his footsteps and lightning in his fists  
 Our God is an awesome God!  
 And the Lord wasn't joking when he kicked 'em out of Eden  
 It wasn't for no reason that he shed his blood  
 His return is very close and so you'd better be believin'  
 That our God is an awesome God! *(to chorus)*

## Verse 2

When the sky was starless in the void of the night  
 Our God is an awesome God!  
 He spoke into the darkness and created the light  
 Our God is an awesome God!  
 Judgment and wrath he poured out on Sodom;  
 Mercy and grace he gave us at the Cross  
 I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten  
 That our God is an awesome God!

5 Our God is an awe-some God, He — reigns from hea-ven a - bove with  
 wis - dom, pow'r, and love, our God is an awe - some God!

Direct from the Emerald Isles: The Saint John the Evangelist

## St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday, March 13  6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Dinner by Frisco's  Dancing  Harp & Thistle Band  
 Tir-Na-Nog  Open Bar  Traditional Corn Beef Dinner

*Casual Dress: Be Wearing Your Green!*

## Music by Erin's Blend

**Tickets: \$25.00 per person.**

On sale in the parish office and on our website at:

<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2016St.PatricksDayCelebration>

Please make checks payable to: Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

# The Word & Life

*Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

*Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14*

*Philippians 3:17 – 4:1*

*Luke 9:28B-36*

## *The Voice That Calls to Each of Us*

*I*n our gospel today we recall the event of Christ's transfiguration. As the apostles headed out for a walk with their Rabbi, they probably had no idea what would happen as they climbed the mountain to pray. They encounter the extraordinary magnificence of God on what they thought would be another ordinary day. Peter, James and John witnessed the face of Jesus change in appearance as well as his clothes. In this moment the apostles realize that Jesus is more than they ever imagined. One could say that they experienced Christ in his divinity and glory. The voice from heaven tells them, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Jesus' authority is given him by heaven – an authority that brings eternal life, not only to the apostles but to the entire world.

The voice spoken from heaven, also invites us to listen to words of Christ. Every time we hear the gospel proclaimed, we encounter God's voice speaking to us. Jesus always speaks to the heart of the matter in the midst of the vast circumstances in which he finds himself. Whenever we hear the words of Christ calling us to forgive, to heal and transform our lives in the proclamation of the gospel and the homily of the priest, God is speaking to the heart of our own situation – especially when the Liturgy of the Word strikes a chord.

We are also all called to see the extraordinary reality of God in the ordinary things that we take for granted. If we look through the lens of our Christian experience, then we will ultimately find Christ in places where he has always been. The face of Christ changed in appearance on the mountain 2000 years ago – today that face is transfigured in many different guises. Jesus, God's Son, continues to speak to us every time we come to the mass. Jesus is present in the Sacred Word proclaimed to us. Jesus appears to us at the altar under the forms of Sacred Bread broken, and blessed

### **Reflection Questions**

1. Identify the ways that Jesus speaks to you?
2. What challenge is he giving to you?
3. How does the gospel shape your life?
4. In what ways does the reality of Jesus change your life?
5. If Christ were sitting in your living room with you, what do you think that he would be asking you?
6. Are you willing to respond to such wisdom?
7. Where do you feel that Christ is present in the world?
8. What does that mean for you?

wine outpoured. However, his presence is not to be limited to our Mass. At the very end of the Mass, we are called to go in peace and encounter Christ in society. We are challenged to see Christ's presence in the face of the poor, to hear his voice in the voices of the vulnerable who have no-one to speak for them, and to embrace Christ in the needs of our world. This act of listening involves a great sacrifice and act of will to recognize the divine fingerprint of God engraved upon the shattered souls of our society.

The event of the Transfiguration reminds us that God reveals himself throughout human history. Peter, James and John receive a foretaste of Christ's divinity and resurrection. As we recall this experience today, we call to mind the glory of Christ that will be revealed to us in the transition from this life to eternal life. As we, and all those belonging us leave this world, Christ will illuminate the darkness of death and lead us to a place of eternal light.

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



## Prayer

*As we continue to go through our Lenten journey, we pray that we open our hearts and our eyes to your presence around us, O Lord Jesus. May we be attentive to the needs of others around us. Enable us to hear your voice calling out to each one of us. Inspire us to be generous with our time and our treasures to transfigure the darkness of the world into a beacon of light and hope. Amen.*

## Wisdom of the Fathers

“Today’s Gospel reading also reminds us of this, re-proposing to us the episode of the Transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor. Awestruck at the sight of the transfigured Lord who was speaking with Moses and Elijah, Peter, James and John were suddenly overshadowed by a cloud, out of which came a voice which proclaimed: “This is my beloved Son on whom my favour rests; listen to him”.

When one has the grace to live a strong experience of God, it is as if one is living an experience similar to that of the disciples during the Transfiguration: a momentary foretaste of what will constitute the happiness of Paradise. These are usually brief experiences that are sometimes granted by God, especially prior to difficult trials.

No one, however, is permitted to live “on Tabor” while on earth. Indeed, human existence is a journey of faith and as such, moves ahead more in shadows than in full light, and is no stranger to moments of obscurity and also of complete darkness. While we are on this earth, our relationship with God takes place more by listening than by seeing; and the same contemplation comes about, so to speak, with closed eyes, thanks to the interior light that is kindled in us by the Word of God.

The Virgin Mary herself, among all human creatures the closest to God, still had to walk day after day in a pilgrimage of faith (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, n. 58), constantly guarding and meditating on in her heart the Word that God addressed to her through Holy Scripture and through the events of the life of her Son, in whom she recognized and welcomed the Lord’s mysterious voice.



*Pope Benedict XVI from the window of his apartment overlooking St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican February 17, 2006. (Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)*

And so, this is the gift and duty for each one of us during the season of Lent: to listen to Christ, like Mary. To listen to him in his Word, contained in Sacred Scripture. To listen to him in the events of our lives, seeking to decipher in them the messages of Providence. Finally, to listen to him in our brothers and sisters, especially in the lowly and the poor, to whom Jesus himself demands our concrete love. To listen to Christ and obey his voice: this is the principle way, the only way, that leads to the fullness of joy and of love.”

— *Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Address: 12 March, 2006*

# Faith Formation

## 2015-2016 School Year

### CATECHIST SPOTLIGHT

My names is Alexa Guadagno.

My mother, Michele Guadagno, and I work together in teaching third grade Faith Formation. Almost three years ago, we made a trusting decision to move from New Jersey to beautiful Naples, Florida. My mom taught fifth and sixth grade Faith Formation in Millstone, New Jersey, while I was still taking



classes, getting ready to make confirmation. During those faith sessions I learned so much about God and was so dedicated to being a true Catholic. My religion teachers inspired me greatly, and I knew that when I was able, I'd imitate their actions and teach the faith as well. I remember saying to myself that if I could touch peoples' hearts and transform their spirit the way they did to me, then I would be fulfilling a part of my life's purpose. Finally, when we moved here, I was able to respond to that duty, and I couldn't be happier doing so.

When God wants something done and it's his will, then the situation will unfold and and become simple. Walking into St. John, I was quite nervous to ask to volunteer in Faith Formation, as I looked like I should be taking the classes rather than teaching. However, the process couldn't have been more perfect, as I quickly adjusted and began doing small tasks.

Eventually, I was able to help in a classroom with first graders, and I absolutely loved it. It's amazing how young children are so innocent and believe in Jesus without any doubt. Now, I teach third grade Faith Formation with my mom, and I feel like I'm doing what God wants me to do. Jesus' last request was to go and teach the word of God, and volunteering in this religious program is the perfect way to do just that. Young minds are fragile, precious, honest, and quite intelligent. Teaching them and seeing their reactions and amazement is unexplainable. The way they take in the information and begin to develop their own ideas at such a

young age is a great thing to be a witness to. Though I know a lot about Catholicism, I find that every week these children teach me, and make me more aware of how I should view life. With such a fast paced stressful world, it's easy to lose sight of the beauty in this world, but my class helps me to see it more and more every week. The morals and knowledge that children develop growing up, will stay with them, and determine the future generations. I feel called to bring God into every young person's life so that when they go through trials, they will do so with God by their side, and in turn, making the world better than it is today.

Both my mom and I are very pleased with our class and share God's message in and out of the classroom. We are the perfect team and each have something special to offer. I look up to my mom and hope that I touch as many lives as she did and still does. I know my mom is also learning something new each week, and truly enjoys being a part of the church in this way. Every week we talk about how wonderful it is to be a part of the Faith Formation program, and how much we get out of it. Not only are we helping the children grow in love of the Lord, but together we share a special bond as a mother and daughter and grow in God's love together.

My mom has been the best role model for me, and the values she brought me up with are helping me to become a strong and faithful individual. Without her example and bright spirit guiding me step by step, I wouldn't be the young lady I am today. Each and every day she lifts my spirit and points me in the way of the Lord. I'm very grateful for all she does for me, and I know that she is the perfect person to teach the Catholic faith. When she told me she wanted to teach religion classes this year, I was so excited because I know that her presence in these children's lives will make a difference and bring them closer to God. I wish everybody could have a friend, teacher, and mother like her, then the world would be a better place. Every time I'm complimented about my nature and well-developed faith at such a young age, I have to give the gratitude to both my mom and God. The children in our class will leave knowing how much they are loved, and also how much they are called to love.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6).*

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# Faith and Wine

This Event Has Been Rescheduled for  
**Thursday, March 31, 2016**  
6:30-8:30 PM

Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, a Catholic author, EWTN host, and inspirational speaker known and admired around the world has revealed very little about her personal history until now. In her memoir, **The Kiss of Jesus**, she unveils the very crooked path her life has taken. Donna-Marie will offer us a huge dose of hope discussing how she overcame the harrowing turns, abuse, darkness, and pain she has suffered. She emphasizes the exquisite beauty of the Cross of Jesus, help from the saints, including her mentor and "spiritual mother" Mother Teresa, along with the importance of prayer and redemptive suffering. Donna-Marie's story is sure to encourage and inspire everyone. This event is open to men and women.

**Invite your friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners to this GREAT event!**

**Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. — FREE Babysitting**

(Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

featuring

**Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle**



**"The Kiss of Jesus: A Life of Love, Mercy, and Joy Amid the Pain."**

**This Event Open to Men & Women**

*Appetizer Display:*  
European Cheese Display  
Miniature Quiche

*Buffet:*  
Pork Tenderloin via Chef's Carving Station  
Shrimp Scampi Pasta • Whipped Bliss Potatoes  
Yellow and Green Beans w/ Casino Butter  
Green Goddess Salad • French Baguettes  
Red Velvet Dessert Shooter

**Cost: \$30 prepay • NO WALK-INS!**

**Please prepay for this event no later than noon on Wednesday, March 30** by going to [www.faithandwine.com](http://www.faithandwine.com) (using Paypal) or dropping off your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." to the St. John parish office. Or you can mail (**postmarked before Thursday, March 24**) your check to Kathleen Millard at 1937 Crestview Way, Unit 172; Naples, FL 34119

**Event held at:** St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom  
625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL

**Go to [www.FaithandWine.com](http://www.FaithandWine.com) to learn more!**

## St. Vincent de Paul of Naples Golf Outing - Quail Creek Country Club April 18, 2016

**\$150.00 per player**

Open to women and men (limited to a field of 144)  
(includes golf, continental breakfast and luncheon)

7:00 a.m. Practice/Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Play begins

12:30 p.m. Fellowship/Awards Luncheon



**Register online at: [www.svdpneples.org/svdp-golf-outing](http://www.svdpneples.org/svdp-golf-outing)**

**For further information or to register by phone, call 239-775-1677 ext 305**

**100% of all monies raised will be used to help the poor in the Greater Naples Area.**

## *Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida Annual Celebration February 28*

"The Notre Dame Club of Southwest Florida will host its annual Universal Notre Dame Celebration on Sunday, February 28, at Bishop Verot High School.

The event starts with a Mass at 9:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the BVHS Cafeteria. The speaker for this year's celebration is Father Paul Kollman, Executive Director, Center for Social Concerns at the University.

All alumni, students, parents and friends of the University are invited. The cost is \$20 for the brunch. Contact Andy Wyrick 239.823.6483 or Dave McDole 937.307.1696 for reservations or more information.

# Family Fun and Ministry Day

Sunday, February 28 from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Meet with representatives from the Ministries

**FREE** and enjoy a family fun-filled afternoon.

Event will be held in the courtyard, ballroom and back fields near the Claussen Center.

If you are a retiree, single parent or the parents of a family of 12,  
Please Come and Enjoy Our Parish Family!



## Something for Everyone!

- bounce houses and obstacle courses
- a climbing wall
- numerous crafts
- face painters
- and many more activities



## Food and More Food!

- a full picnic fare complete with hamburgers, hot dogs, mac and cheese
- snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn and more!
- beer and wine

*Food Service hosted by the St. John's Men's Club.*

**ABSOLUTELY FREE, but you must RSVP by February 26.**

**FREE**

RSVP with the form below or online at:

<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2016ParishPicnic>



**Please RSVP  
Absolutely  
FREE**

### Family Fun and Ministry Day RSVP

Please complete and drop in the collection basket or drop off in the parish office by February 26. Thank you for your co-operation.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number in family attending \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of children attending \_\_\_\_\_

# Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

## *A Journey Through Lent*

### **The Gift of Life, Death & Dying, Life & Living**

Fr. Thomas Keating, together with Fr. Carl Arico, engaged in a dialogue focused on the transformative process of death and dying as part of, rather than the end of, life's journey. This conversation was recorded and forms the basis for this video series. Their perspective offers a vision of hope which counters the cultural norms that view death as a tragedy. Fr. Keating is well known for the Centering Prayer method, which is an essential tool for making this transformation.

This program consists of Fr. Keating's reflections, group discussions facilitated by Mike Viola, and ten minutes of Centering Prayer at the end of each session.

This three week program will be offered at two times of the day. The sessions will be on Monday mornings February 29, March 7, and 14 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and on Tuesday evenings March 1, 8, and 15 at 7:00 p.m., each 90 minute session will be held in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center. You can attend either session, or the morning session some weeks and the evening session other weeks.

Please register by email to [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com) or by phone 239.566.8740, ext. 3918 so there is room for you at the table.

### **Catechumen and Candidates at the Cathedral**

At the 9:00 a.m. Mass last Sunday, the Catechumen and Candidates in the RCIA program were recognized for the progress they have made in their spiritual formation and celebrated the Rite of Sending to the Bishop for the Rite of Election of Catechumens and Candidates Call to Continuing Conversion.

During an impressive ceremony that afternoon Bishop Frank J. Dewane declared our catechumen to be a member of the elect and recognized our candidates as hearing the Lord's call to conversion. In his homily, he exhorted all attending to not only receive God's mercy, but to pass it on in mercy to others. Over 300 catechumen and candidates from 38 parishes across the diocese were recognized.

During Lent three scrutinies will be conducted at various Masses as these elect continue their time of purification and enlightenment toward their baptism and reception into the church at the Easter Vigil.

### **Deacon Hal Brenner presents:**

#### ***The Incredible Mercy of Our God***

Pope Francis has issued a papal bull (letter) entitled *The Face of the Father's Mercy* (*Misericordiae Vultus*) explaining in great detail the incomprehensible mercy of God.



*(Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)*

Deacon Hal will review and explain Pope Francis's letter and also investigate what other popes, religious leaders, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church have to say about the mercy of God. Join us to explore the richness of God's mercy.

The seminar will be repeated three times:

- Monday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m., in the Seminar Room
- Tuesday, March 1 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, in the Ballroom
- Friday, March 4 at 11:30 a.m. brown-bag lunchtime session, in the Seminar Room

All are welcome and there is no fee for admission. Refreshments will be served at all sessions, and remember to bring your lunch to the lunchtime session.

For more information or to register, please call Deacon Hal Brenner at 239.228.3916 or send him an email at [hal@sjecc.com](mailto:hal@sjecc.com). Just leave your name, phone number, and which session you will be attending so we can plan accordingly.

In mid-March Deacon Hal will present another seminar examining the richness of our Eucharistic celebration.



**Front Row:** Stephanie Masone, Gina Manfredi, Bishop Dewane, Lou Altieri, Jessica Poaletta. **Back Row:** Jack Kindsvater, Patricia Yolich, William Wieckert, Michael Mick, Nick Lomas, Kent Grissom. *(Photo by Bob Reddy, Diocese of Venice)*

To register or for more information about any of these programs:

Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator. Call 239.566.8740, ext. 3918 or email [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com)



**Community Pregnancy Clinics Host Life Saver Event March 2**

Community Pregnancy Clinics will host their annual Life Saver fundraising event on March 2 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs. The featured speaker is Laura Ingraham, the most listened-to woman in talk radio in the United States. Laura is also a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and a passionate spokesperson and advocate for the work of CPCPI to save babies from abortions and help moms.



For additional information, please contact Geri Kull at 239.262.6381 or [gkull@community4life.com](mailto:gkull@community4life.com).

**CEILI DANCE LESSONS**

Learn to dance in time for the St. Patrick's dinner dance which will be on March 13.  Join the fun: Fridays in the Library, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.: February 19, February 26, March 4, and March 11. Contact Kathy Millard, 239.260.7289 with any questions. 

The Knights of Columbus will host  
**“Friday Night Fish Fest”**



at Saint John the Evangelist PLC during Lent  
 Dinner will be served from 5 PM to 7 PM

**Fish Fest Dates:**  
 Remaining Friday Nights in Lent: February 26, March 4,  
 and March 11. (No Fish Bake on Good Friday)

**NEW Items!**

**Baked Fish Platter ~ \$12.00**

Lemon butter baked fish, cup of New England clam chowder, rice, cole slaw, fresh baked garlic roll, dessert, soda, lemonade, coffee, tea.

**Shrimp Scampi ~ \$14.00**

Linguini pasta with shrimp in a scampi sauce, cup of New England clam chowder, cole slaw, fresh baked garlic roll, dessert, soda, lemonade, coffee, tea.

**Beer Battered Fried Cod Filet with French Fries ~ \$15.00**

2 piece beer battered fried cod basket (7 oz.), cup of New England clam chowder, cole slaw, fresh baked garlic roll, tarter sauce, dessert, soda, lemonade, coffee, tea.

**Children's meal under 10 years old \$5.00**

Mac & Cheese, ice cream

Tickets for Wine & Beer Available at \$3.00 each. (Take Outs Available)

**Fish Fest Tickets only available at the door.**

**BIG BAND DANCE**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**Next Dance of the Season**

**Tuesday, February 23, 2016**

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist PLC

*Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era*

*Featuring the Live Southwest Florida 16-piece Orchestra*

*Sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller & Stan Kenton*



**Big Band Dance Schedule**

Tuesday, February 23

Tuesday, March 8

Tuesday, March 22

Tuesday, April 12

**Admission:**

\$10.00 cash only at the door ~ includes snacks

**Cash Bar:** Water and Soda ~ \$1.00

- Beer ~ \$2.00 per 12 oz. cup; \$7.00 per 60 oz. pitcher

- Wine and Mixed Drinks ~ \$3.00

**Dress:** Country Club Casual (No shorts please.)

*Singles Welcome*

*Sponsored by the Men's Club*

**Charity Concert**  
Presented by  
**Jamaica Outreach Program**



**Paul Todd and Paul Todd, Jr.**

**Monday, February 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

*St. John the Evangelist Ballroom*

**Tickets: \$25.00**

Available online at [www.JamaicaOutreach.org](http://www.JamaicaOutreach.org)

or call Roger 239-948-2145

Tickets will be sold after Masses on weekends  
of February 20-21 & February 27-28.

*Tickets will be sold at the door, subject to seating capacity.*

**concert benefits Jamaica Outreach Program**

St. John Cub Scouts Pack 226

**Pancake  
Breakfast**  
with sausage this  
weekend, Sunday,  
**February 21**

Available after  
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.  
and 11:15 a.m. Masses  
in the St. John Ballroom

Enjoy breakfast with other parishioners  
and support Saint John the Evangelist's  
Cub Scout Pack 226 this Sunday,  
February 21. Pancakes, eggs, sausage,  
orange juice and coffee will be served.

This is an important fundraiser  
for our Cub Scouts  
and a fun morning for you!

Thank you for planning  
to support them.

~ Donations Accepted ~



**SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST**  
**26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH**

**Friday, March 18, 2016 • 5 P.M. Mass**  
Followed By Dinner/Dance and St. Joseph's Altar

**Traditional St. Joseph Feast Italian Dinner**

Catered by Frisco's

**APPERTIVO:** Wine, Soda, Beer **ANTIPASTO:** An assortment of grilled vegetables,  
olives and Italian cheeses served with crusty bread and olive oil

**MINESTRA ZUPPA (soup):** Minestrone

**PRIMO PIATTO (first dish):** Shrimp scampi over pasta

**SECONDO PIATTO (main dish):** Eggplant Parmesian, Broiled White Fish

**CONTORNO:** Vegetable **DOLCE (dessert):** Italian Cannoli

**DRINKS:** Caffe/Tea **Mangia, Mangia, Mangia**

**ENTERTAINMENT:** by New York City's Lisa Coppoletta  
& Danny DeLuccija "The Manhttan Connection"

All Tickets \$40.00 per person

To Purchase Tickets: via website at:

<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2016SaintJosephMassandParty>

- on sale in February and March after Masses
- or contact Bill Warvel [wwarvel@aol.com](mailto:wwarvel@aol.com) or call: 239.331.7151

Knights of Columbus Council # 11281

(Tables of 8 available)



Breads and Altar  
Offerings/Blessing  
"la tavola di San Giuse"



Procession to PLC



Celebrant/Homilist:  
Very Rev. Fausto  
Stampiglia,  
S.A.C., S.T.D., V.F.

## (SET) Training Offered at Surrounding Parishes

Remaining SET Training dates at area locations include:

**March 3** 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
**March 5** 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
 St. Ann, Naples  
 239.262.4256

Please contact the parish secretary at the location you wish to attend with your name and telephone number at least two weeks prior to the training.

Additional training dates and locations are available at: [www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment).

**The St. John local Farmers Market is open every Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in our middle parking lot (next to baseball fields and tennis courts)**

## Milestone Anniversary Mass March 12 at St. Leo

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: February 13 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice and March 12 at St. Leo Parish in Bonita Springs. Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Registration is through the local parishes.

### CRUISE SPECIAL BONUS EXTENDED

Parishioners who make their reservations before February 28 for either the 8-day Thanksgiving 2016 cruise (November 20-27 — see ad on the right) or January 2017 annual cruise can get two of the four perks listed in the cruise ad (on the right under Booking Bonuses).

This is for an ocean view or higher cabin as it states in the flyer.

See the January 24 bulletin, page 22, for more details on the annual winter cruise.

## Thanksgiving at Sea



### CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE

DATE	PORT LOCATION	TIME
Nov. 20, 2016	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	4:30pm
Nov. 21, 2016	Day at Sea	
Nov. 22, 2016	San Juan, Puerto Rico	3:30-9pm
Nov. 23, 2016	Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas	8am-5pm
Nov. 24, 2016	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	8am-5pm
Nov. 25, 2016	Day at Sea	
Nov. 26, 2016	Day at Sea	
Nov. 27, 2016	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	7am



**Celebrity X Cruises**  
 That's modern luxury.™

## Back by popular demand! Limited space

### Booking Bonuses:

- \* Roundtrip Bus from Saint Johns
- \* Cocktail party & Bottle of champagne
- \* Receive a one-category upgrade for past Celebrity passengers. Ask for details.
- \* Receive \$50 discount per person when making final payment by check.
- \* Book and deposit an oceanview stateroom or higher and choose one perk below:
  - Classic beverage package for two
  - Prepaid Gratuities for two
  - Unlimited internet for two
  - \$150 to spend onboard for two

**Promotion extended until February 28! Two perks with ocean view or higher**

### Exclusive Cruise Rates:

<b>Balcony</b>	
Category S2 (Sky suite):	Prevailing Rate
Category C3 (Concierge class):	Prevailing Rate
Category 1A:	\$1,204
Category 1B:	\$1,124
Category 1C:	\$1,114
Category 2A:	\$1,154
Category 2B:	\$1,074
<b>Ocean View</b>	
Category 8:	\$1,074
<b>Interior</b>	
Category 9:	\$864
Category 10:	\$854

\*All package taxes and fees of \$161 per person not included in rates above. Reserve your cabin for only \$250 per person plus insurance.

## Cruise & Travel EXPERTS

Parish Contact: David Quist  
 239.594.2071 [dquist@comcast.net](mailto:dquist@comcast.net)

\*Price is per person, cruise only, based on double occupancy. Prices are subject to change and are based on availability at time of booking. Air fare, insurance, and pre and/or post night hotel packages can be added to your vacation at an additional charge. Saint John the Evangelist Parish, the Diocese of Venice and/or any of their employees, shall be held harmless in the event of liability or litigation. FL- ST40081 1/5/16

For additional information and booking  
 Contact April Williams at  
**800.940.2394**  
 or [awilliams@cruiseandtravelexperts.com](mailto:awilliams@cruiseandtravelexperts.com)