



March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Welcome to Our Family

St. John welcomes all new families who have registered with our parish in recent months. From December 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016, some 97 families have registered as new members of Saint John the Evangelist. We welcome to our parish family the most recent registrants.

Aguilar Family
 Anderson Family
 Ross & Patricia Baiera
 Donald Barber
 Bruce & Patricia Beauchamp
 Bennett Family
 Louis & Camille Bertolami
 Dominick & Sandra Blasioli
 Teresa Brecht
 Thomas & Carol Breitenbach
 Samuel & Cathy Brnovich
 Sharon Brodbeck
 Mark & Nicole Brown
 Jonathan & Natalia Casimini
 John & Emily Costigan
 Thomas & Mary Creighton
 David Family
 Anthony & Talitua DeLuco
 Florence Demski
 Richard & Lucille Driscoll

Franklin & Regina Duane
 David & Margaret Elson
 Jonathan English
 Francis & Barbara Fleurant
 Ronald Fongemie
 George & Mary Gage
 Martha Gayford
 Susan Gayford
 Martine Gedeon
 John Gerdes
 Mathew & Ann Gibson
 Daniel & Dorothy Graziano
 Margaret Groyle
 Thomas & Patty Guilfoil
 Elizabeth Harris
 Leo & Karen Heifetz
 Michael & Melissa Hendler
 Jeffrey & Cindy Henning
 Bob Hill
 Douglas & Margaret Hogan

Vito & Linda Iovino
 Anna Johnson
 Kaiser Family
 Stephen & Ann King
 Klimek Family
 Kelsey Knight-Steinhardt
 Candice Kucharzak
 John & Darlene Liddell
 Jane Mago
 Makhlouf Family
 Giesela Malzer
 Mark & Mary Jane Mangino
 Rosena Marley
 Marti-Garro Family
 Jack & Diane McCarthy
 Caitlyn McGrath
 Bernard & Deborah
 McLoughlin

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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
March 19, 2016 Saturday	
8:00 AM + Harry Hammond	Edward James Synowka
Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM + Joseph DeFrancisco	Vickey
5:00 PM + Lambert & Louise Abell	Kathy & Bob Sims
March 20, 2016 Palm Sunday	
7:00 AM + Marget Igoe	Tim & Mary Pettay
9:00 AM + Steven Tauro (in Church)	Benito & Deborah Tauro
9:00 AM + Carolyn Abell McDonald (in PLC)	Kathy & Bob Sims
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners (in Church and in PLC)
1:15 PM + Frank Bellotti, Jr.	Mary Lynn
5:00 PM + Myra & Bob Auzat	Gwen Williams
March 21, 2016 Monday	
8:00 AM + Arthur Herron	John & Maureen Wurtz
9:00 AM + Thomas Gleason	Jim & Darlene Follese
6:30 PM	Gordon Huettl
March 22, 2016 Tuesday	
8:00 AM + Paul Fellin	Guidi & McCarthy Families
9:00 AM + Donald Wielosinski	Carole Wielosinski
6:30 PM	Andrew Goduti
March 23, 2016 Wednesday	
8:00 AM	Mass for the Unborn
9:00 AM	Agony in the Garden of Gethsemany
6:30 PM + Bob Stamant	Respect for Life Committee Marilyn O'Sullivan Bill & Mickey Keating
March 24, 2016 Holy Thursday	
8:00 AM	Morning Prayer
7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper
March 25, 2016 Good Friday	
8:00 AM	Morning Prayer
NOON	Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM	Liturgy of the Word
7:00 PM	"Prayer Around the Cross" with Veneration
March 26, 2016 Holy Saturday	
8:00 AM	Morning Prayer
8:00 PM	Saturday Vigil Mass for Easter Sunday Easter Vigil Gathering. Liturgy begins at sundown.
March 27, 2016 Easter Sunday	
7:00 AM + Philomena Perrotto Marsh	The Family
9:00 AM + Britton Gibson (in Church)	Jackie Gibson
9:00 AM + Paul Marinelli (in PLC)	Joan & Family
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners (in Church and in PLC)
1:15 PM + Patricia Sullivan	Dick Sullivan
5:00 PM + Christina Michelle Lansing	Maria & Josue Bernardes

PLEASE NOTE: The nursery will be closed on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 19, 2016

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
Spring begins

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 – 23:56 [23:1-49]

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 – 23:56 [23:1-49]

Monday, March 21, 2016

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Wednesday of Holy Week; Purim begins

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, March 24, 2016

Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21. **Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday, March 25, 2016

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday);

Fast and Abstinence

Is 52:13 – 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25;
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 – 19:42

Saturday, March 26, 2016 Vigil Mass for Easter Sunday

Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

a) Gn 1:1 – 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 – 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday, March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

MASS INTENTIONS...



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Campaign Corner

March 20, 2016

“God’s mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn.”

— Pope Francis

Palm Sunday: An Opportunity to Visit Our Whole Campus

If you have been away from the Catholic Church, whether it has been just a few days or decades, welcome! St. John is such an active and engaging positive force for mercy and joy in our little corner of the world, and we are so happy you have chosen to join us. Many people who pack our church on a weekly basis may never get a chance to see the rest of our beautiful campus, or experience the faithful community we enjoy year round. This Palm Sunday is a unique opportunity to take a few moments to explore Saint John the Evangelist. First, if you are attending some of our Sunday Masses, we have overflow at our Ballroom, which will have more seats for you and provide the same experience of the Eucharist and the Mass. Aside from the traffic getting in and out of the campus (and as we have asked people to be respectful when parking and heed the fire lanes so as to not make it even more difficult), you can walk around and visit several parts of our campus that you may not even know exist:

- **Prayer Garden:** As one of the most gorgeous and serene locations on campus, the Paniccia Prayer Garden entrances as you first walk into its lush environment. A water fountain helps you center yourself and prepare to enter. You are met by a statue of St. Francis of Assisi, sitting atop a waterfall. I have seen people spend hours reflecting and praying in this garden, and I hope you find some time to walk around the back of the church to visit our Prayer Garden.
- **Veteran Memorial:** At the front entrance to our church, there stands a statue of a soldier embracing Jesus, along with our flags and special memorial stones for veterans and their families. We can never show enough gratitude to our veterans and their sacrifices, and I am proud that we have such a touching tribute.
- **Memorial Garden:** We are very blessed to have such a fitting and beautiful location as a resting place for those who have gone before us. Our Memorial Garden is accessible through several hedge rows from the front of the church, and from the parking lot, with a Celtic Cross fittingly welcoming you into this sacred area.

These are just a few locations where I would recommend you spend a few precious moments this weekend. We continue to develop and 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.

You can also learn more information about the Campaign at: www.sjecc.com/future.

Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager
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BUILD OUR FUTURE - SERVE OUR PAST CAMPAIGN

MARCH 20, 2016 ~ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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
239.566.8740

General Manager
Jean-Paul Boucher: *Ext. 3910*
Fax: 239.566.9117
jp@sjecc.com

Parish Secretary
Deborah Marsh

Assistant to the Pastor
Tricia Schwarz

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist
Call the office

Choir Director
Ellie Roberts

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

Director of Religious Education
Natalie Campbell: *Ext. 3904 and 3909*

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

email staff members at:
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 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

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 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.*

PARISH INFORMATION...

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Hymns for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 19 & 20

Readings:	650 & 651 Year C
Entrance Hymn:	118 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Preparation Hymn:	131 Were You There?
Communion Hymn:	501 Now We Remain
	449 What Wondrous Love
Closing Hymn:	194 Lift High the Cross

Choral Anthems at 9 & 11:15 AM Masses

<i>Preparation</i>	Were You There?	<i>Spiritual, arr. L. Larson</i>
<i>Communion</i>	Crucified	<i>Craig Courtney</i>

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, March 21: Monday of Holy Week

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 35 (34): 1-2; 140 (139): 8*

Contend, O Lord, with my contenders;
fight those who fight me.

Take up your buckler and shield;
arise in my defense, Lord, my mighty help.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 102 (101): 3* Do not hide
your face from me in the day of my distress.

Turn your ear towards me; on the day when I call, speedily answer me.

Tuesday, March 22: Tuesday of Holy Week

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 27 (26): 12*

Do not leave me to the will of my foes, O Lord,
for false witnesses rise up against me
and they breathe out violence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will sing of your salvation.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Rom 8: 32*

God did not spare his own Son,
but handed him over for us all.

Wednesday, March 23: Wednesday of Holy Week

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Phil 2: 10, 8, 11*

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend
of those in heaven and on the earth and under the earth,
for the Lord became obedient to death, death on a cross:
therefore Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

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.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Liturgies

Palm Sunday Masses, March 20

Sunday Vigil Mass (March 19)

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

Sunday: 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

11:15 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

1:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday Liturgies, March 24

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Liturgies, March 25

8:00 a.m. ~ Morning Prayer

Noon ~ Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 p.m. ~ "Prayer Around the Cross"
with Veneration

Holy Saturday Liturgies and Mass, March 26

8:00 a.m. ~ Morning Prayer

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:00 p.m. ~ Easter Vigil Gathering;

Liturgy begins at sundown

Easter Sunday Masses, March 27

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

11:15 a.m. (Church and PLC Ballroom)

1:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

by Jean-Paul Boucher

General Manager

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#ToKnow, #ToLove, #ToServe — Enhancing Safety at St. John: Mercy and Joy at the Heart of the Catholic Faith

Palm Sunday at St. John is a perfect time to reflect on the love, joy, forgiveness, and mercy at the heart of the Catholic Church. Not only because we all need to have mercy as we navigate the parking lot (which we are looking forward to improving with our Capital Campaign), but also due to the amazing transformation we saw during the “24 Hours of Mercy” March 4-5. Our priests were busy for hours and hours, with lines ringing the entire church. Fr. John said in his homily that he personally experienced over 50 people who came to him after being away from the church for decades. They are coming back to our church because of the message of our Holy Father and the truth that is the Catholic faith:

Unfortunately, like the “many” in the Gospel, there is always someone who does not want to stop, who does not want to be bothered by someone else crying out in pain, preferring instead to silence and rebuke the person in need who is only a nuisance. There is the temptation to move on as if it were nothing, but then we would remain far from the Lord and we would also keep others away from Jesus. May we realize that we are all begging for God’s love, and not allow ourselves to miss the Lord as he passes by. “I fear the Lord passing by” said Saint Augustine. Fear that he will pass by and that I will let him pass by. Let us voice our truest desire: “[Jesus], let me receive my sight!”. This Jubilee of Mercy is the favourable time to welcome God’s presence, to experience his love and to return to him with all our heart. Like Bartimaeus, let us cast off our cloak and rise to our feet: that is, let us cast aside all that prevents us from racing towards him, unafraid of leaving behind those things which make us feel safe and to which we are attached. Let us not remain sedentary, but let us get up and find our spiritual worth again, our dignity as loved sons



and daughters who stand before the Lord so that we can be seen by him, forgiven and recreated. The word that perhaps touches our hearts today is the same word used to create man: “Rise up!” God has created us to stand up: “Rise up”.

Today more than ever, we Pastors are especially called to hear the cry, perhaps hidden, of all those who wish to encounter the Lord. We need to re-examine those behaviours of ours which at times do not help others to draw close to Jesus; the schedules and programmes which do not meet the real needs of those who may approach the confessional; human regulations, if they are more important than the desire for forgiveness; our own inflexibility which may keep others away from God’s tenderness. We must certainly not water down the demands of the Gospel, but we cannot risk frustrating the desire of the sinner to be reconciled with the Father. For what the Father awaits more than anything is for his sons and daughters to return home (cf. Lk 15:20-32). – Pope Francis, 3/4/2016 (https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20160304_omelia-liturgia-penitenza.html)

St. John is proud to be a Parish Family that actively lives our Pope Francis’ call, from welcoming every person that comes to our church with a smile, to serving in the soup kitchen in Immokalee, to creating community here with events and activities for all ages. Thank you for being such an integral part of our Family.

Pope Francis gives the homily during a penance service in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican March 4. (Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)

Welcome to Our Family

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William & Patricia Meyer
Paul & Patricia Mikus
Miller Family
Thomas & Anita Moore
Mullin Family
O'Brien Family
Sam & Linda Palazzole
Jack & Lauren Pavlovich
Robert & Paula Pawlowski
Ray & Dorothea Pratt
Pugh Family
William & Joyce Robertson
Ralph & Raffaella Romano
Ronald & Pamela Ryan
Roger & Donna Sabo

Frank Saitta & Iwona Chrulska
Carlos & Betty Jane Sanclemente
Scalise Family
Christopher & Ann Scanlan
Schutte Family
David Shepherd
Deborah Simon & Peter Moroni
Singler Family
Jeannie Sullivan
Thomas & Sandy Tarasevich
Richard & Maureen Theriault
Tom & Cindy Tiedeman
Margaret Toter
Ron & Cheryl Tryon
Deanna Vella
Yaismara Vazquez

John & Gaetana Volpini
Therese Warren
Harry & Betty Weingartner
Bryan & Sharon Lee Witt
Hayley Wonka
Wynn Family
Theresa Yourie
Zanella Family
David & Ann Zogbaum

We apologize if we have inadvertently left out any new registrants or misspelled any names.

Bishop Dewane Will Celebrate Easter Sunday Televised Mass for the Homebound

Bishop Frank J. Dewane will be the Celebrant of the Easter Sunday televised Mass for the homebound, which airs at 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday morning, March 27, in northern portions of the Diocese on the CW44 Television Network (check local listings for channel information); and at 10:00 a.m. in the southern portions of the Diocese (Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and DeSoto counties) on WFTX-TV (FOX-4).

Leaflet missals are available upon request by calling 941.484.9543 and asking about the TV Mass or by writing: TV Mass, Diocese of Venice, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285.

Chrism Mass Tuesday, March 22 in Venice Will Celebrate Fr. Jim's 25th Anniversary

The Chrism Mass which takes place during Holy Week every year will be held at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., in Venice, Tuesday, March 22 at 10:30 a.m.

During this Mass, the faithful of the Diocese join the Deacons, Priests and Bishop Frank J. Dewane for the blessing of the Holy Oils which are used in the administration of the Sacraments at each parish throughout the year. Deacons and Priests celebrating 25 and 50 years of Ordination are recognized at this Mass, including our own Fr. Jim, who will celebrate his Silver Jubilee.

All are encouraged to attend in support of our clergy and to participate in this important Holy Week celebration.



Easter Spiritual Bouquet

For the Intentions of ***(PLEASE PRINT)***

Living _____

Deceased _____

Your donation will furnish the Sanctuary with flowers during the Easter season and your loved ones will be remembered in the Easter Spiritual Bouquet during the Easter Masses. **DROP**

THE FORM AND DONATION IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS. *For your convenience, envelopes are also available in the Narthex.*

Donor Name _____ **\$** _____

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President/Contact Rick Beebe

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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. Phillis Crivelli: 254.0493 or Barbara Arthur: 956.357.1169**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 Gryskiewicz, 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:

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

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:

Ben Hinkley and Matt Muehling

May they rest in eternal peace.

AJM Nicholas Acqaviva Rich Annunziata Fernando Ardila Tomas Ardila Paschal Arpaia Marge Baker Stewart Bain Jean and Emmunal Ballmiro Sam Bartel Richard Becker Howard Begley Margie Benefico Ryan Bennis Barbara Berg Jeanne Bennett Linda Berry Kathleen Bradach James Brant Steven Bratcher Brennan Familly Carol Brooks John Brooks Rich Brown Connie Cahill Ron Caiazzo Nancy Campbell Steve Caputo Lauren Carr Tiffany Chill Frank & Joan Ciccarelli Kim Clayton Cindy M. Cleinman Rita Cooper Judy Coppinger Anthony D'Antuono Mark Dabronzo Chuck Dee Scott Delboccio Sandra Demski 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 Susan Foster Kathy Fry Madeline Gaffey Janet Gainey Frank Galvanovits Veronica Gasperak Edward Gaynor Dick Goepel Don Goodwillie Richard Granger Keri Grasso Josephine Hannigan Laura Harbrough Brad Harriet Luci Hartert Richard Henning Gerard Heyen Kim Hocker Charlotte Hollohan Donald Howe Mary Lou Howie Geri Hurkes Maria Janke JMG Charleen Kasabian Chester T. Kauffman Sean Keating Karen Kelly Muriel Kiley Kevin Kincaid Bill Kinchla Krista Leigh Kozowyk Jim Krauser Family Joanne & Glenn Krumel John Kuryea Kim Kuryea Josephine Lancia Judy Lane Ray & Joan LaPointe Tiffany LaPointe Lindsay Lavery Dan & Lu LeBlanc K.T. Lee Mary Lou and Ned Leibig Dennis Lello Deik Lindaman Rosemary Litwin Lynette Loleski Rosemarie Lopez	Lillian Luchini Dawn Luderma Joni Luiso Jean Lydon Margie Lynch Pat M John Maas Jeanne Macari Alex Malloy Maria and Family Ann Maniuszko Elizabeth Marin Barb Marsh Max and Arlene Joan Maier Oliver Marcelli Ross Mart Max and Arlene Kenneth J. McAvoy Barbara McCabe Kevin McDonagh Anniemai McDonnell Simone McGaffee John McGlenn Patricia McGrath Mary McKay Elizabeth McKeever McReynolds Family Beth Ann Meloche Michael Heather Milner Shirley Monacelli Keith Nagy Paige Nelson Gloria Oliver MaryLee Olsen Emma O'Rourke Maryla Panagos Anthony Parisi Sally Parmetier Peggy Mario Pelli Joanne Diamante Pesare Ann Petrillo Jamie Piazzon Pluc Family Susan Pomeroy Richard Pratt Richard Quemy Renee Rake Jason Ray Aurelia Rein Charles S. Roberts, Jr.	Ellen Roberts Rea Rossi Douglas Roth Teresa Roughan Jean Ruel Robert Sabatka Samowski Family Lisa Sanfelippo Darlene Scerbinski Isolde Scherer Eli Schneider Ben Schweninger Leonard Seidl Griffin Shallow Shallow Family Jane & Bob Shengulet Teresa Shengulet Bruce Sherman Marilyn Shields Lisa Siegarth Kevin Sissman Winnie Smith Nancy Stewart Susan Stokes Jeannie Sullivan Pat Sutter Joanmarie Switalski Lauren Taranto Rita Taranto James Thompson Joanne Timmerman Joseph Tomaszewski Maria Torres Andrew Torriero Jennifer Toth Patricia Trapnell Pat Velasquez Lena Vittolo Anne W. Patti Wakim Jonathon Warner Natalie Williams 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

MARCH 20, 2016 ~ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



**St. John Neumann High School
Faculty and Students**

invite our parish and school friends to join us for our

Pasquetta Picnic de Napoli

(Little Easter Picnic)

in appreciation to our parishes for supporting our school!

Monday, March 28th, Noon to 3:00 PM

at our School campus located at

3000 53rd Street SW, Naples, FL 34116

Great food, music and entertainment provided free as our gift to you, however, for planning purposes, pre-registration is required

Visit our online registration site and admission tickets will be mailed to you!

www.sjnceltics.org/picnic

To register by phone or for questions call

Mary Campo—239-307-9372

All are welcome!

**St. Vincent de Paul Society
Scholarship Deadline April 15**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Naples District Council has announced its annual scholarship program to assist needy students and their families in attending our local Catholic schools — both high school and elementary for the 2016-17 school year.

The Council will once again award the Martin J. Cuniffe Scholarships for students in a Catholic high school or those seeking admission. The scholarships provides \$3,500 in financial aid.

Also being awarded will be \$3,000 scholarships for those attending or seeking admission in one of our local Catholic elementary schools.

To request an application, please call 775.1667 and ask for Samatha or Kim. All applications must be received by Friday, April 15, 2016 to be considered. The deadline is strictly observed.

**Blessing of Easter Baskets
Saturday,
March 26
at 11:00 a.m. in the
Panaccia Prayer Garden.**

**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

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.

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt
for Children 12 and Under**



**Saturday, March 26, 2016
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

St. John's Parish Life Center, Courtyard and Ballroom

Easter baskets will be blessed.

For more information, contact Joe Lichwalla at 495.2001

Please include: Family Name, Number of Adults & Names & Ages of Children

Family Name _____ Number of Adults Attending _____

Names & Ages of Children _____

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Authorization for release and use of a child's image. I, the parent/legal guardian, hereby grant permission to Saint John the Evangelist of Naples, FL to photograph or videotape my child(ren) _____

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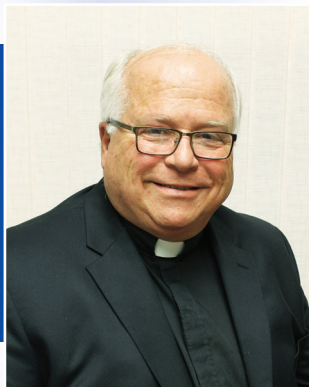
MUST FILL OUT FORM TO PARTICIPATE. Register by Wednesday, March 23.
Deposit form in church collection basket or return to parish office during business hours.

Or register online at:

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

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Fr. Jim to Celebrate Silver Anniversary with a Special Mass



A special anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Friday, April 1 at 5:00 p.m. here at St. John in honor of Fr. Jim Simko's 25th Anniversary of his Ordination of the Priesthood. Everyone is invited to attend the anniversary Mass.

Holy Land Collection Is on Good Friday

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Good Friday is the day when evil seemed to triumph, as the Innocent One suffered death on the Cross. It is a day that seems never to end in the Holy Land, where every day violence must be endured...

... Through the Good Friday Collection, parishioners join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land...

The Holy Land Collection in the Diocese of Venice will be taken up on Good Friday, March 25, 2016.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

Read the Bishop's full letter on our website at: <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/HolyLand2016.pdf>

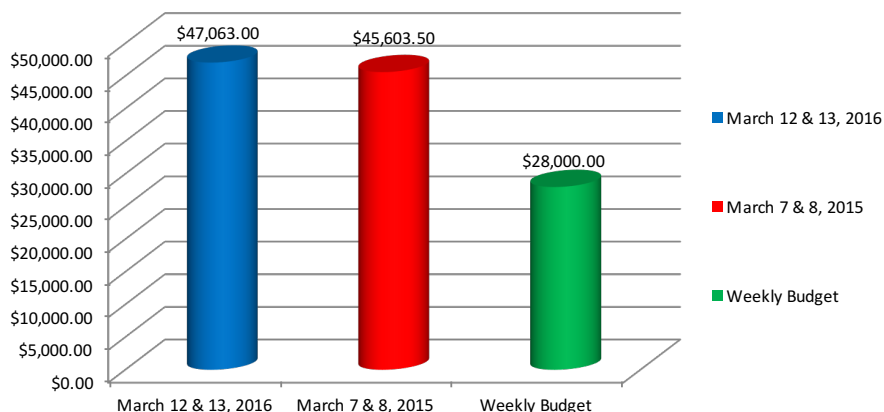
NURSERY NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE, The nursery will be closed on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

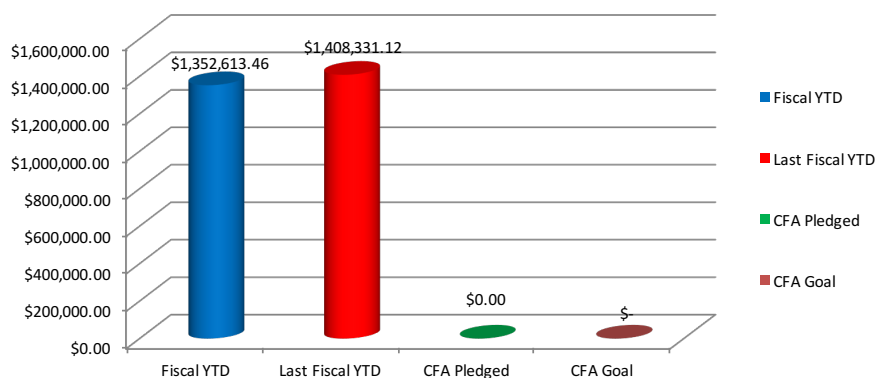
Wedding Banns

Second announcement between
Tess Wallace & Sevac Kachador

Collection Summary



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



SPELLIFE

women's wellness summit

Join us for our 3rd annual summit, at the Saint John the Evangelist Church Ballroom, as we share the knowledge and services within our community that help women live physically, emotionally and financially richer lives.

Saturday, April 2, 2016
9:00 AM - Noon

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Jill Bolte Taylor, Ph.D.
TED Talk Presenter and
New York Times Bestselling
Author of *My Stroke of Insight*



Presenting:
"How to Get Your Brain to Do
What You Want it to Do."

Also featured will be four breakout sessions based on topics related to the Eight Dimensions of Wellness

Tickets: \$50.00
available at
<https://slwWS2016.eventbrite.com>

Ticket includes admission into main keynote address and one breakout session; access to wellness resource booths of local businesses and entry into door prize drawings.

For more information call
239-262-6577



5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, March 20: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Readings **650 & 651 Year C**

Opening Song **118 All Glory, Laud, and Honor** Melchior Teschner

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22) Music by Tom Oram. © 2004, 2011 A Chasing After Wind Music (BMI.) All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Response
(cf. v. 2a)

My God, my God, why have you a - ban-doned me?

Gospel Acclamation

Lenten Gospel
Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

Preparation Song **Once Again** Matt Redman CCLI Song No. 1564362. © 1995 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). Matt Redman. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. CCLI License No. 2008891.

Verse 1) Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice: you became nothing, poured out to death; Many times I've marveled at your gift of Life, and I'm in that place once again, I'm in that place once again.

Once a - gain I look up - on the cross where You died... I'm

hum - bled by Your mer - cy and I'm bro - ken in - side...

Once a - gain I thank You, once a - gain I pour out my life...

Verse 2) Now you are exalted to the highest place: King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow; But for now, I marvel at your saving grace, and I'm full of praise once again. I'm full of praise once again. *(to chorus)*

Sanctus • **19A** Memorial Acclamation (A) • **20A**

Great Amen • **21A** Agnus Dei • **24A**

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Chorus) **This is the Body; this is the Blood; broken and poured out for all of us.**

In this Communion, we share in his love...This is the Body; this is the Blood.

Verse 1) I will remember ev'rything, Lord, that you've done for me
I won't take for granted the Sacrifice that set me free. I hunger and thirst for your love, come fill me today

Verse 2) We hunger and thirst for your love and your righteousness
We long for your Presence here, Lord...Be with us again...

Amazing Love (You Are My King) B.J. Foote CCLI Song No. 2456623 ©

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Verse) I'm forgiven because you were forsaken; I'm accepted; you were condemned
I'm alive and well; your Spirit is within me: because you died and rose again (*to Chorus*)

Chorus



A - ma - zing love, — how — can — it be, — that you my King — would die for me?
— A - ma - zing love, — I — know — it's true; — it's my joy — to hon - or you,
— in all — I — do, — I hon - or you. —

Bridge) You are my King; you are my King. Jesus, you are my King, Jesus, you are my King.

Closing Song **Jesus, Remember Me** Jacques Berthier Reprinted under OneLicense.Net #A-718037.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.
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The Word & Life

The Story of the Triumphal Entry and the Scandal of the Cross

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. During Holy Week we contemplate the events that have given us salvation in Christ. We should reverently live this week in prayer and contemplation. It is hard to believe that over 2000 years ago the people welcomed Jesus with open arms, waving olive branches and proclaiming him to be a king, only to find that within a few days they were demanding that his arms be opened and nailed to the cross. Such is humanity — always open to such contradiction and sin. It is exactly for this reason that Jesus died on the cross — the once and for all sacrifice made to take away the sins of the world.

The drama of the cross is very complex; it involves fulfillment of the prophecies of the suffering servant as well as the politics of Jesus' day. Jesus' message disturbed the status quo and made God an imminent reality for the people of his time. The religious establishment feared his revolutionary approach to God — they feared it would

ultimately undermine their safety, their teachings and security. Jesus thus became a problem, one which needed to disappear. What was their response? Their answer lay in using Roman occupation to the religious leaders' advantage. Jesus is accused of being a subversive to the civil order and is handed over to be crucified, putting an end to Jesus' life and message — so they thought!

It is amazing to think that on one day the crowds cheer Jesus with shouts of hosanna; then a few days later, an evil anger inspires the people to cry out for His crucifixion. This evil brought upon Jesus is also forgiven by him. In crying out a seeming abandonment, Jesus passes over his spirit to the Father whose will, he prayed, would be done. A mother's love accompanies Jesus as he walked the Via de la Rosa. Could you imagine the pain that pierced Mary's heart that day as she watched her son slowly die? How did His followers feel after they scattered as if seed against the wind? No words can describe the cost that brought our salvation. We just know that Jesus sacrificed much to free us from our slavery to sin.

During this week we are asked to contemplate how the Passion plays a role in our lives. Many of us have experienced betrayal in our own lives. Maybe we have betrayed someone or someone has betrayed us. Either we or those belonging to us have experienced the painful reality of someone denying us our dignity or even our friendship. Perhaps there have been times when we have done what is right and the consequences have brought rejection upon us. In all of these experiences, Jesus shows us through the Sacred Passion how we are to react and have hope. Every Holy Week leads us to the joy of Easter. And so it is with us — through every painful experience, we are always offered the joy of hope!

The Crucifixion of Christ by Simon Vouet/WikipediaCommons

Reflection Questions

1. Since Jesus died for me, then what am I going to do for Him?
2. What does Jesus' death signify?
3. How does the event of Calvary open the gates of heaven for me?
4. What does "sacrifice" mean for me?
5. What am I willing to sacrifice?
6. If Jesus died for my sin – what does that mean in the way that I make my choices/my lifestyle?
7. Am I willing to sacrifice for others and for my God?
8. What kind of risks am I willing to take?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, so much love you had for the world that you gave your only Son. As we move through this most holy of all weeks, may we be inspired by the sacrifice of your Son. Help us to feel passionate about our faith and about others. Enable us to see your plan for our salvation. As we look upon the image of your crucified Son, let us remember the great cost for our salvation and respond to that with selfless giving. Amen.

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



Voices of Faith

A Holy Week of Passion

For three years the disciples walked on
Accompanying their rabbi and friend
They witnessed his calming and challenging words
As he forgave the sinner and confronted embittered hearts

Miracles and signs the disciples did see
The dead were raised, the blind did see
With lepers cleansed, the oppressed set free
God stirred them on to see heaven wedded to earth

Companions on a journey they are taught by God
They are fed by the one who provided for five thousand hungry hearts
Who was their Living Bread
They tasted the water made wine by Jesus, the True Vine

The disciples looked on
As Jesus brought peace to those possessed by evil
And set them free to be possessed by the love of God
They saw the calming of the storm and their Master walking upon the waters

But now they walk on to face the week of all weeks
To realize what Jesus meant to carry the cross
Men and women of the passion they will be
Put to the test they might flee

The triumphal entry to the city stirs them on
As they see branches waved and Blessed Song
Welcoming their teacher, savior and friend
Lost in this euphoria they are unaware of the awaiting passion

And so the divine drama of that week unfolds
Cunning plots play out as Spy Wednesday does pay
Silver pieces placed in betrayer's hand
Who will watch and wait to deliver his friend by that fateful kiss

The Passover is celebrated as a Last Supper of Christ
He tells of his betrayal and the fragility of Peter's resolve confronted
The master takes the unleavened bread of deliverance and the cup of promise
"This is my body.....this is the Cup of my blood.....do this in memory of me." He does say.

Curious minds understand not of what is taking place before them
And so the sacred meal does end and sacred passion begin
As Jesus leads them out to the Mount of Olives
And invites his friend to pray bidding them not to undergo the test

As Jesus communes with the Father
He prays that His will be done
As his agony in the garden begins and his sweat becomes like blood
The disciples grow fragile and weak and so fall prey to sleep

Jesus returns to find followers sleeping from grief
He bids them sleep not as to not undergo the test
As the darkness descends
And so a crowd and his betrayer does approach

A kiss on the face of Christ is all it takes
To hand Jesus over into the hands of death
Betrayal now evident the disciples thrash out
But Jesus commands them to stop healing the high priest's servant's ear

Taken into custody, Jesus is set to face his trial
In High Priest's courtyard, Peter sits down
Questioned three times he does demand
that with this Jesus, he does not stand

And so the cock crowed as Jesus did promise
The eyes of Jesus and Peter meet in that moment
"Before the cock crows today, you will deny three times"
The words of Jesus ring true, as Peter retreats and weeps bitterly

But scribes and Sandhedrin question on
"If you are the Christ, tell us"
To which he replies:
"You will not believe that I Am"

From the hardness of "religious" hearts
Into the presence of a dictatorship Jesus stands
Of him is asked if he be a king
"You say so" says the great I Am

Pilate sees no guilt within the man
And fears the evil in man's plan
He thus hands Jesus on into Herod's hands
The people mock and jeer him and clothe him in insulting garb

Like a dish broken and cast away
Jesus returns to Pilate in the light of day
A custom will free the way, Pilate thought
"Crucify him, crucify him..." The people's taunt

Barabbas, rebellious and murderous is set free
The gentle shepherd is taken to be nailed to a tree
"Father forgive them for they know not what they do!"
The earnest plea of the one who will die to set us all free

In hanging on the tree all stripped and torn
Is sneered at, the Savior of all
Sin recognizes innocent and makes his plea
"Today you will be with me in paradise," says the one who sets man free

At noon darkness covers the land
"Father into your hands I commend my spirit."
Last words of the earthly plan
And so the Shepherd breathes his last

And so the king of kings is taken down
With thorns on his head not golden crown
He is placed into the care of Joseph of Arimathea
And in linen wrapped he is reverently placed in a tomb hewn awaiting God's plan

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

Faith Formation

Presents

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: CAVE QUEST 2016

Following Jesus—
the Light of
the World



JUNE 13TH - 17TH • 9:00AM-12:00PM

- New friends
- Amazing Experiments
- Spelunker Sports
- Lip-smacking Snacks
- Suprising Adventures
- Incredible Music

At Cave Quest, kids explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus' love! Cave Quest VBS is filled with incredible Faith-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch and even taste!

Volunteer Registration OPEN NOW!

Volunteers Forms online: <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/forms>

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Student Registration for kids ages 4 - entering 5th grade begins April 3rd!
Stay tuned!

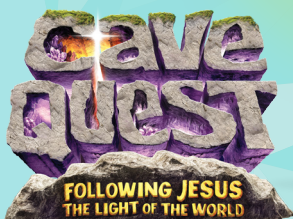
Early Donation Requests

As we prepare the CAVE and all the adventures, we are accepting the items listed below. Please take to Parish Office.

Wet Wipes
Ziploc Bags (any size)
Clipboards (used or new)
Pens & pencils
Band-aids
Solid colored bed sheets
Flashlights
Playdoh
Glue dots

Empty 2 liter or 1 liter soda bottles
Empty plastic spray bottles
Fishing net
Masking tape
Paper towel tubes
Wrapping paper tubes
Bags of cotton balls
Colored and white chalk
Plastic drinking straws

Jesus
Loves
you!





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 (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 to learn more!

"As By a New Pentecost" Series Begins March 29

With this DVD Series, participants can enjoy a spiritual journey with the Holy Spirit and uncover the riches of our Sacramental heritage and prepare for the feast of Pentecost 2016. Everyone is invited to attend a seven-week DVD series, "As by a New Pentecost", sponsored by Mother of Mercy Chapter of Magnificat. A prayer journal will be provided for mediation and personal responses for each participant.

The series begins Tuesday, March 29 and runs through Tuesday, May 10. It will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at St Cecilia's Parish Center, 5632 Sunrise Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33919. The cost is \$5 and includes the prayer journal. Please RSVP by Monday, March 21. For more information call Lois Mader at 218.8233.

Please send a check to Magnificat Mother of Mercy, care of Peg Mengle, 5017 Westminster Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33919.

Collier Harvest & the National Association of Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive May 14

The 24th annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive is May 14. Please consider donating unopened non-perishable food and deliver it to your local postal branch or your mail room. Also on May 14 you can leave the items next to your mail box. Your contribution will help to feed Collier County's less fortunate. Thanks for your kindness. For more information, please visit: CollierHarvest.org or call 239.455.Food (3663)

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreat April 2

If you have ever had an abortion, give yourself the gift of a Project Rachel Healing Retreat during the Year of Mercy - the perfect time to experience the healing provided through the retreat. The next one is scheduled for Saturday, April 2. For confidential information, contact Fonda at 239.719.7210 or Fonda.rachel@gmail.com.

Here's what a recent retreatant shared: "Many thanks for the experience of a day filled with love, understanding and not one ounce of judgement. Please thank all your staff...what marvelous ladies...and the priests showed such kindness and demonstrated what Pope Francis wants Jesus's disciples to do...teach us that God is MERCY and LOVE. I was blessed to have been in the company of ten women who were open, honest and caring. It was beyond my expectations. I know I was led there. What a nearness I feel with God."

Please join us for a special Mass to celebrate
The Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.



Divine Mercy Novena Begins Good Friday

An appropriate time for the Divine Mercy Novena is from Good Friday until the Saturday after Easter. Given to Saint Faustina by Jesus to do on those days (*Diary #1209*), it makes obvious the connection between Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God's great mercy, which Jesus instituted when he appeared to the Apostles after his Resurrection, breathing upon them and giving them power to forgive sins as he himself had when people came to him for healing miracles.

The Gospel of the Sunday after Easter, namely (not "or" as in the English translation) Divine Mercy Sunday, has this story as well as that of Jesus' handling of Thomas and his doubts (*John 20:19-31*), itself a great mercy.

Pope John Paul II, who gave approval for Divine Mercy Sunday in 2000, died just after the Vigil of Divine Mercy Mass in his room in 2005, was declared Blessed on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2011, and he was canonized Saint John Paul on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2014.

Pamphlets of the Divine Mercy Novena are available at the main entrance of the Church.

"BRYLCREAM IS BACK!"

St. John the Evangelist Church and Knights of Columbus Council 11281 Present:

"CONEY ISLAND OLDIES NIGHT"

Featuring "NATHAN'S FAMOUS" HOT DOGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BALLROOM

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"If you were here last August for the White Castle Oldies Night, you were awed by the doo wop and accapela sound of Brylcream. Brylcream has graced the stages with legendary performers like the Coasters, Joey D and the Starlighters, Davey Jones and the Monkees, Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge, the Temptations, the Four Tops, and many, many more..."



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Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

The First 500 Years: the Fathers, Councils, and Doctrines of the Early Church

Resumes Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. and continues for four weeks.



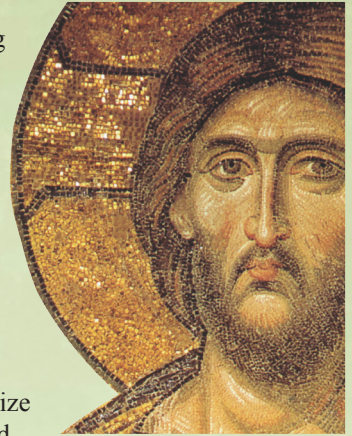
The Church Fathers debated the doctrines that shaped theology as it developed over the first few centuries of the Church and have defined our beliefs as Catholics over the millennia. If you want to know why we believe what we believe join this comprehensive look at the formative years of the Catholic Church. This program goes deep into Church history and doctrine with real theological substance and perspective.

Discover where our doctrines about Mary as the Mother of God came from and understand the influence of the great Sts. Leo and Augustine as well as the role of monks and missions.

This program provides more than a few simple explanations or brief answers to frequently asked questions. Register now at jack@sjecc.com or leave a voice mail message at 239.566.8740, ext. 3918.

How Well Do You Know Jesus?

Jesus is the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Join us as we deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through Bishop Robert Barron’s DVD-based Study Program: *Priest, Prophet, King*.



Through this deeply biblical program, you will better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission, received when you are baptized “into Christ.” Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Bishop Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament.

For five weeks beginning Wednesday, April 6 at 11:30 a.m. and Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. we will meet in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center to explore *Priest, Prophet, King*. Register now at jack@sjecc.com or leave a voice mail message at 239.566.8740, ext. 3918.



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Celtic Ball 2016

“Hooray for Hollywood”

**Saturday,
December 3, 2016
at Grey Oaks
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Dinner, silent auction, entertainment, and much more! Don't miss out on St. John Neumann Catholic High School's biggest event of the year.

For sponsorship info contact Emily Sumpmann in the Development Office at 239.455.3044, ext. 213

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



BIG BAND DANCE

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Tuesday, March 22, 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*

*Next Dance
of the Season*

*Singles Welcome
Sponsored by
the Men's Club*

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.)

**Big Band
Dance
Schedule**

**Tuesday,
March 22**

**Tuesday,
April 12**



Silent Ignatian Retreat from Sunday, April 3 to Wednesday, April 6

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice invites those interested to an Ignatian Preached Retreat from Sunday, April 3 to Wednesday, April 6. This is a silent retreat that includes scheduled conferences each day, Mass, and an opportunity to meet with the retreat director.

The topics center on Ignatian spirituality, prayer, and discernment. There will be opportunities provided for private prayer where the retreatant may bring into their own spiritual life those elements discussed within the conferences. Scripture passages will be provided for personal prayer and meditation.

All rooms are single occupancy with a full size bed and private bathroom and shower. Retreat Cost is \$395. For more information or to register for a retreat, please call 941.486.0233 or email gazo@olph-retreat.org.

Prison Outreach Opportunity Available During Year of Mercy

During this Year of Mercy, consider joining a team of volunteers who share God's love and mercy with those incarcerated in any of the 23 jails/prisons throughout the Diocese of Venice. No previous experience required; newcomers are paired with experienced volunteers.

Please contact Robert Hiniker at 863.558.0407 or hinbob5@hotmail.com; or Deacon Sam Puleo at 716.316.1061 or sgp@ThePuleoFamily.com for further information.

Salute to Veterans

The Venice Veterans Salute will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Venice Performing Arts Center in Venice. Sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., the event is a salute to United States military veterans with a special recognition to soldiers of the Vietnam War. The show will feature the Beatles tribute band Nowhere Band.

Tickets are \$20. All proceeds will benefit programs and services of Catholic Charities that assist veterans. For information or tickets visit www.veniceperformingartscenter.com.

Substitute Teachers

Substitute teachers needed at Royal Palm Academy for the remainder of this school year and beyond. Contact Academic Dean, Mrs. Estela Zeik, at ezeik@royalpalmacademy.com.

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



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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
 - \$300 to spend onboard for two

Promotion extended until March 31! Two perks with ocean view or higher

Exclusive Cruise Rates:

Balcony	
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
Ocean View	
Category 8:	\$1,074
Interior	
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.



“Non parishioners welcome”



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For additional information and booking
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or awilliams@cruiseandtravelexperts.com

*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

Join your Saint John Friends on the Annual Cruise to the Caribbean organized by the Cruise & Travel Experts



CELEBRITY EQUINOX

DATE	PORT LOCATION	TIME
Jan. 20, 2017	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	4:00pm
Jan. 21, 2017	Day at Sea	
Jan. 22, 2017	Day at Sea	
Jan. 23, 2017	Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas	8am-5pm
Jan. 24, 2017	Basseterre, St. Kitts & Nevis	7am-3pm
Jan. 25, 2017	Bridgetown, Barbados	9am-6pm
Jan. 26, 2017	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	2pm arrive
Jan. 27, 2017	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	5pm depart
Jan. 28, 2017	Day at Sea	
Jan. 29, 2017	Day at Sea	
Jan. 30, 2017	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	7am



**Pre-cruise Reception
January 7, 2017**

Booking Bonuses:

- * Pre-Cruise Wine and Cheese reception January 7th at Saint John's
- * Roundtrip Bus from Saint John's with free parking behind Claussen Center
- * Continental Breakfast day of departure January 20th at Saint John's
- * Cocktail Party onboard ship
- * Private Masses with Fr. John
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Exclusive Cruise Rates:

Suite

Category CS (Celebrity suite):	Prevailing rate
Category S2 (Sky suite):	Prevailing rate

Balcony

Category C2 (Concierge class):	\$1,994
Category C3 (Concierge class):	\$1,894
Category 1A:	\$1,884
Category 1B:	\$1,864
Category 1C:	\$1,844
Category 2B:	\$1,784
Category 2C:	\$1,744

Ocean View

Category 8:	Prevailing rate
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Interior

Category 9:	\$1,434
Category 10:	\$1,394

*All package taxes and fees of \$170 per person not included in rates above. Reserve your cabin for only \$450 per person plus insurance, which is highly recommended.

Document Concierge Service available for \$25 per cabin which includes completing passenger registration, printing and mailing all applicable documents.

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