



March 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Month of March Offers Host of Activities

From pancakes to rummage sales, from dining and dancing to celebrating the Irish, from spiritual renewal to stocking food pantries, from “The Kiss of Jesus” to celebrating Holy Week and the Resurrection of the Lord, the month of March provides a host of activities – hopefully, something for every parishioner. Here are just a few of the upcoming events.

Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast – March 6, after 7:00, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. Masses, *see page 10*

Men’s Club Big Band Dances – March 8 and 22, 6:00 p.m., *see page 20*

Boy Scout Rummage Sale – March 12 and 13 starting at 8:00 a.m., *see page 11*

JOP Food Drive – March 12-13, *see page 7*

Catholic-Jewish Dialogue “Shared Origins, Diverse Roads” – March 13, 2:00 p.m., *see page 17*

St. Patrick’s Day Celebration – March 13, 6:00 p.m., *see page 20*

St. Vincent de Paul St. Patrick’s Day Mass and Reception – March 17, 9:00 a.m., *see page 11*

Knights of Columbus Feast of St. Joseph Mass and Dinner – March 18, 5:00 p.m., *see page 18*

Magnificat Breakfast – March 19, 9:30 a.m., Holiday Inn Airport, *see page 17*

Palm Sunday and Holy Week – March 20 - 26, *see page 7*

Chrism Mass – March 22 in Venice, 10:30 a.m., *see page 21*

Easter Egg Hunt – March 26, 9:00 a.m., *see page 10*

Blessing of Easter Baskets – March 26, 11:00 a.m. in the courtyard, *see page 10*

Easter Sunday – March 27, *see page 7*

Faith and Wine for Women and Men – March 31, 6:30 p.m., *see page 17*



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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 5, 2016	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Sharon K. McCarthy	Joseph McCarthy
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM	+	Lambert & Louise Abell	Kathy & Bob Sims
5:00 PM	+	Paul C. Marsh	The Family
March 6, 2016	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Nick Defrancesca	Peter
9:00 AM	+	John Claussen	Bob & Norma Claussen
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Grace Zambri	Janet D'Addario
5:00 PM	+	Robert Greg Williams	Gwen Williams
March 7, 2016	Monday		
8:00 AM		Neil King	Dick & Helen Fedeli
9:00 AM	+	Tony Terzi	The Money Counters
6:30 PM	+	Elizabeth & Michael Chiaccio	Mr. & Mrs. William Shelton
March 8, 2016	Tuesday		
8:00 AM	+	Edna D'Antuono	Noreen & Ross Edlund
9:00 AM	+	Josephine Gallarelo	Mary Lou Stallone
6:30 PM	+	Ruth Carroll	Paul & Mary Wondrasch
March 9, 2016	Wednesday		
8:00 AM	+	Flora Raimondi	Guidi & McCarthy Families
9:00 AM	+	Janice Legjeza	Phyllis Barbaro
6:30 PM	+	Robert Sisk	Terry Sisk
March 10, 2016	Thursday		
8:00 AM	+	Robert P. Dahmer	Henry White
9:00 AM	+	Leo O'Connor	Douglas O'Connor
6:30 PM	+	Gaspere Barbaro	Phyllis Barbaro
March 11, 2016	Friday		
8:00 AM	+	Angela & Enrico Longobardi	Filina DiNardo
9:00 AM	+	Florence A. Jay Rose	Robert & Rita Pritchard
6:30 PM	+	Anne Roth	Don & Nancy Gayhardt
March 12, 2016	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Cecilia & William Schultz	The Family
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM	+	Jerome Paul VanderHorst	Vicki VanderHorst
5:00 PM	+	Grace & Dominick Corbino	Vincent & Kathryn Corbino
March 13, 2016	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Sharon McCarthy	Marian Haley
9:00 AM	+	Dorst Williams	Gwen Williams
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Thomas Gillick	Mary Gillick
5:00 PM	+	Erin Conant	Melanie & Randy Harrison & Family

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, March 5, 2016**

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday
First Saturday**

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 6, 2016**Fourth Sunday of Lent; Girl Scout Sunday**Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32. **At 1:15 Mass for Second Scrutiny:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]**Monday, March 7, 2016****Ss. Perpetua and Felicity**

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 8, 2016**St. John of God**

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 9, 2016**St. Frances of Rome**

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 11, 2016**Abstinence**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 12, 2016

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Saturday Vigil Mass for SundayIs 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11; *Alternate readings (Year A):* Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]**Sunday, March 13, 2016****Fifth Sunday of Lent**Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11; *Alternate readings (Year A):* Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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 emministry@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.

MASS INTENTIONS...



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Campaign Corner

March 6, 2016

“Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own home. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor.”

— Blessed Mother Theresa

Claussen Family Center: Library and Adult Space

You may have heard from Fr. John last weekend about the amazing progress we have made so far with our Capital Campaign. He also told you a little about the rest of our plans that we are continuing to work towards. We have gone through our needs for the church and the PLC. The most recent building on our campus currently is the Claussen Family Center, named for a pillar of our Catholic community, Bob Claussen, and his family. Those of you who attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass in particular know of his warm and engaging personality. This building was developed with several functions in mind. It provides meeting space, offices for Faith Formation, and classrooms. As we have discussed before, these classrooms are effective for youth engagement, especially Faith Formation classes, but not supportive for small group discussions of adults. We plan to resolve this issue with several major improvements to the building design, along with several important repairs:

- **Air Conditioning:** When the Claussen Family Center was designed, the air systems were planned on several separate units, all controlled independently. In order to deploy a more energy efficient system, we will be implementing a central cooling unit for the entire structure, with the ability to service each area with different temperature ranges and humidity management.
- **New Library:** I have had a hard time describing our current “Library” in the PLC. There is nothing about it that makes it a Library. We will be designing and implementing a large library within the current Youth Room space in the Claussen Family Center. This library will include study space and both digital and paper books for those wanting to expand their knowledge of the Catholic Church and faith. It will include a group discussion space too, with video conferencing with the Diocese and around the world so we can connect to experts and theologians whom we would not be able to reach otherwise.
- **Choir Room Renovation:** With our upcoming enhancements to the music program here at St. John, we anticipate the need to increase the Choir Room’s usage for small music events as well as the various choirs’ rehearsals. We also plan to implement taping capabilities, with a new sound system and built-in digital recording system. That way, our wonderful choirs will be able to get their music out to all of us to enjoy, no matter where we are.



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.

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BUILD OUR FUTURE - SERVE OUR PAST CAMPAIGN

MARCH 6, 2016 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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566.8740

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Jack Kindsvater: *Ext. 3918*

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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 the 4th Sunday in Lent, March 5 & 6

Readings:	646 Year C	at Sun 1:15 PM	644 Year A, for the 2 nd Scrutiny
Entrance Hymn:	532	Gather Us In	
Preparation Hymn:	457	Amazing Grace	
Communion Hymn:	238	Taste and See	
	101	Spare Us, Lord / <i>Parce, Domine</i>	
Closing Hymn:	114	The Glory of These Forty Days	

Choral Anthems at 9 & 11 AM Masses

Preparation	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	<i>Merman, Allen, arr. Ringwald</i>
Communion	Taste and See	<i>Tom Oram</i>

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, March 7: Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 31 (30): 7-8*

As for me, I trust in the Lord.
Let me be glad and rejoice in your mercy,
for you have seen my affliction.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will praise you, O Lord, for you have rescued me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ez 36: 27*

I will place my spirit within you
and make you walk according to my laws;
and my judgments you shall keep and observe, says the Lord.

Tuesday, March 8: Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Is 55: 1*

All who are thirsty, come to the waters, says the Lord.
Though you have no money, come and drink with joy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 23 (22): 1-2*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

Wednesday, March 9: Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 69 (68): 14*

I pray to you, O Lord, for a time of your favor.
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your salvation that never fails.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is gracious and merciful.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Jn 3: 17*

God did not send his Son into the world
to judge the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

Thursday, March 10: Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 105 (104): 3-4*

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Jer 31: 33*

I will place my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people,
says the Lord.

Friday, March 11: Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 54 (53): 3-4*

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, defend my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
give ear to the words of my mouth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Eph 1: 7*

In Christ, we have redemption by his Blood,
and forgiveness of our sins,
in accord with the riches of his grace.

Saturday, March 12: Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 18 (17): 5, 7*

The waves of death rose about me;
the pains of the netherworld surrounded me.
In my anguish I called to the Lord,
and from his holy temple he heard my voice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. 1 Pt 1: 18-19*

By the precious Blood of Christ, the Blood of a spotless and unblemished Lamb, we have been redeemed.

#ToLove, #ToServe — Enhancing Safety at St. John: Crowd Management and Safe Environment

And the Academy Award for Best Motion Picture goes to: *Spotlight*

In case you missed my discussion about the importance of the movie *Spotlight* when it was released last November (<http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/continuing-to-create-our-safe-environment-for-the-entire-parish-family>),

I underscored the fact that the Catholic Church is currently under the microscope for our behavior and lack of action in the face of real suffering at the hands of the members of our communities. This is real. This is not something that can just be forgotten or swept under the rug. The story of *Spotlight* is the uncovering of abuse that occurred in Boston by the Catholic Church in 2002. It continues to remind us that we must remain vigilant for all those who

come to St. John, in search of healing, love, and acceptance, no matter if they are 5 years old or 105. We are all vulnerable in some way, and it is our responsibility to create this safe environment here within the campus of St. John, a sanctuary where people can worship, laugh, cry, and come together in a joyous and restorative way every single day.

I have to take a moment to thank all of our ministries and their members for embracing this environment and moving forward with our Safe Environment program for all active ministers. It is essential to our Parish Family to make sure that every face they see at St. John not only illustrates the loving and merciful gaze of Jesus, but that they are ready to provide the protection of our Catholic Church. This program includes a Safe Environment Training program, which is only two hours long and full of important information on how to keep people safe and the warning signs we should be able to spot for people in trouble.



Several groups that are directly responsible for our safety, namely the Ushers and Greeters and the Knights of Columbus, have started the next step in our Safe Environment program. We



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were able to have the North Naples Fire Department come to St. John this past week to train and certify over 20 members in Crowd Management. What is Crowd Management? It is the ability to understand the physical environment and the people within it to ensure their safety. For example, we had over 750 people attending the Parish Picnic last weekend (a record, by the way). We needed to ensure that everyone was able to attend safely and that there was adequate emergency support for someone in case they had a medical issue, as well as to see when the room was over capacity to communicate the outdoor seating. Some of it is common sense. Some of it is situational awareness. Looking around the church, seeing it bursting

at the seams during many Masses with standing room only, you can see how important Crowd Management is to our church.

St. John is unique in this area for putting such an emphasis on your safety. We are proud of that fact. In fact, the other churches send their ministers to our offices and ask us questions about how to implement Safe Environment. It is not always easy and the systems are not perfect, by a long shot, so I appreciate all of your patience if you have had an issue in your background checks.

My wife can attest to the fact that I stay awake at night worrying about the safety of each one of you who so generously choose to make St. John part of your life. It is part of the fabric of our Parish Family that every single person who comes to our campus can feel safe and protected by God's love and mercy.

*Image: Rachel McAdams, Mark Ruffalo, Brian d'Arcy James, Michael Keaton and John Slattery star in a scene from the movie **Spotlight**, which chronicles the **Boston Globe's** uncovering of the clergy sex abuse scandal in the Archdiocese of Boston in 2002. (Catholic News Service photo/Open Road Films/2-29-2016)*

Jamaica Outreach Program



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**Fighting Hunger,
 Feeding Hope!**

The Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP) is a local nonprofit organization founded in 1997 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Naples, Florida. Its goal is to make a difference in the lives of the poor in St. Pius X parish located in a desperately poor section of Kingston, Jamaica.

Annually the JOP replenishes a Food Pantry on the grounds of St. Pius X church. This year the Food Drive at St. John will be held next weekend. The shipping container will hold up to 1,000 cartons of food. Can you, would you help us fill it?

Where do your food donations go?

The Food container travels from Naples to Coconut Creek, FL, where *Food for the Poor* puts it on an ocean-bound ship. From there the container is dropped on the docks in Kingston, and, after it passes "muster" with Jamaica Customs, is transported by truck to *Food for the Poor's* warehouse in Spanish Town, just outside Kingston. The contents are confirmed as to destination and, finally, the container with its contents is delivered to the St. Pius X Food Pantry. The parish staff and volunteers unload the container into the food pantry storage area; later they divide the food into family portions. Twice per month the St. Pius Food Pantry distributes food as available to up to

500 families. To those who donate, we extend heartfelt thanks for your willingness to help those among us who have the very least.



**Bringing relief
 to over 500
 families.**

JAMAICA OUTREACH PROGRAM

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.



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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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 Ultraya 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:

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 Pedrigi 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)	
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:

Edith Griffin

May they rest in eternal peace.

AJM Nicholas Acqaviva Rich Annunizata Fernando Ardila Tomas Ardila Paschal Arpaia Marge Baker Jean and Emmunal Ballmiro Patty Barry Sam Bartel Richard Becker 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 Ron Caiazzo Nancy Campbell Steve Caputo Lauren Carr Tiffany Chill Frank & Joan Ciccarelli Cindy M. Cleinman Danielle Coutinho Kim Clayton Vivian Daleo 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 Laura Harbrough Cindy Harold Brad Harriet Luci Hartert Richard Henning Gerard Heyen Kim Hocker Charlotte Hollohan Donald Howe Mary Lou Howie Geri Hurkes Mary Janke JMG Charleen Kasabian Chester T. Kauffman Sean Keating Karen Kelly Muriel Kiley Kevin Kincaid Bill Kinchla Krista Leigh Kozowyk Jim Krauser Family Glenn Krumel John Kuryea Kim Kuryea Josephine Lancia 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 Joni Luiso Jean Lydon Margie Lynch Pat M Jeanne Macari Betty Maher 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 Carolyn McNichols McReynolds Family Beth Ann Meloche Michael Heather Milner Shirley Monacelli Jane Murphy 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 Aurelia Rein Charles S. Roberts, Jr. Ellen Roberts Rea Rossi Douglas Roth Jean Ruel Robert Sabatka Samowski Family Paul Sanchez Lisa Sanfelippo Isolde Scherer Eli Schneider Ben Schweninger Leonard Seidl Jane & Bob Shengulet Teresa Shengulet Bruce Sherman Marilyn Shields Thomas 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 6, 2016 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. John Cub Scouts Pack 226

Pancake Breakfast

with sausage this weekend, Sunday, March 6

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, March 6. 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 ~

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.

**Catholic Relief Services Collection
March 5 and 6**

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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Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____ Phone Number _____

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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HELP SUPPORT BOY SCOUT TROOP 226



RUMMAGE SALE

WHEN?

Sat. March 12 & Sun. March 13
8:00 a.m. -1:00p.m

WHERE?

St. John's Back Parking Lot

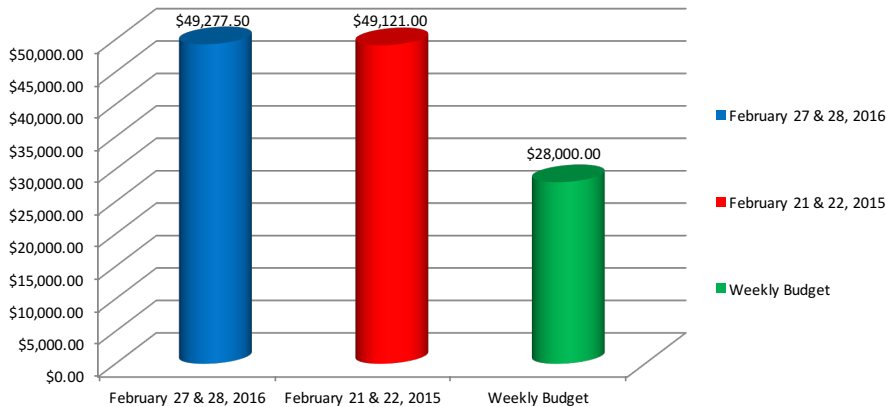
COME BY FOR A SNACK & GRAB A FRESH-OFF-THE-GRILL HOT DOG TOO !

**If you have items you would like to donate to the sale, please call or text:
Claudine Ehlers: 777-6566 or ClaudineEhlers@gmail.com
Nicole Zumaeta: 595-3360**

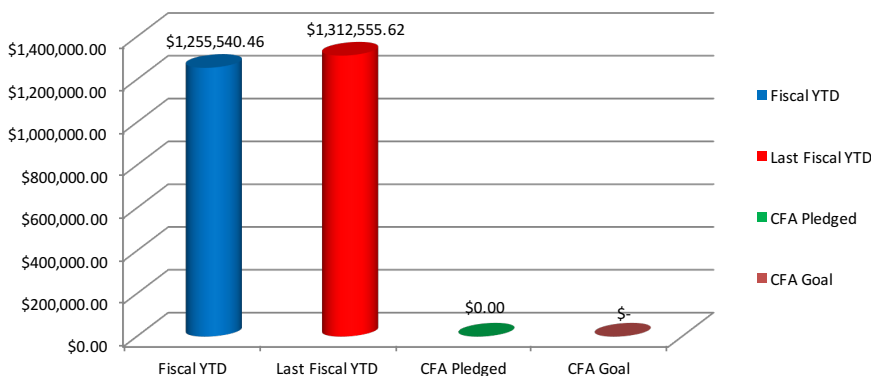
Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

Monday, March 7 Intentions of the Holliday Family	10:00 AM	Aristocrat req. by Peggy Holliday
Tuesday, March 8 For the health of Kim and John Kuryea	11:00 AM	Brookdale req. by Barbara Kuryea
Wednesday March 9 + Lauren Mathews Kelly	3:00 PM	Aston Gardens req. by Maureen & Bob Andwood
Thursday, March 10 + Pauline Karafotias	10:00 AM	Solaris Health Care req. by Maureen & Bob Andwood

Collection Summary



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




Mass in Celebration of St. Patrick Thursday, March 17

The Celebration of St. Patrick Mass will be on Thursday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m. The 8:00 a.m. Mass will be the regular daily Mass.

Immediately following 9:00 Mass St. Vincent de Paul will host a reception with Irish coffee in the Parish Life Center.

All are invited.



CEILI DANCE LESSONS. Learn to dance in time for the St. Patrick's dinner dance which will be on March 13. Join the fun. The final Friday dance lesson will be in the Library, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. March 11. Contact Kathy Millard, 239.260.7289 with any questions. 

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.

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, March 6, 2016: the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Opening Song **Everlasting God** Brenton Brown CCLI Song No. 4556538. © 2005 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). Brenton Brown | Ken Riley. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. CCLI #2008891

Strength will rise as we wait up - on the Lord, we will wait
 up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord. Our God,
 You reign for - ev - er. Our Hope,
 our strong De - liv - er.
 You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev -
 er - last - ing God You do not faint, You
 won't grow wea - ry You're the de - fend - er of the weak,
 You com - fort those in need. You lift
 us up on wings like ea - gles. ea - gles.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 34) Music by Tom Oram. © 2006, 2012, A Chasing After Wind Music (BMI). All rights reserved. Used w/permission.

5 Taste and see, taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord; Taste and
 see, taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.

Preparation Song **Better Is One Day** Matt Redman CCLI Song No. 1097451 © 1995 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) Matt Redman All rights Reserved. Reprinted under CCLI License #2008891.

V.1) How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty,
For my soul longs and even faints for you.
For here my heart is satisfied within your Presence
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings (to chorus)

Verse 2) One thing I ask and I would seek:
to see your beauty,
to find you in the place your glory dwells
(repeat, then to chorus)

3 Better is one day in your courts, bet-ter is one day in your house, bet-ter is
6 one day in your courts than thou-sands else-where; — Bet-ter is one day in your courts, bet-ter is
9 one day in yourhouse, better is one day in yourcourts than thousands elsewhere; — than thousands else-where. —

Communion Songs **238 Taste and See** James E. Moore

Fragrance Prayer Tom Booth. Reprinted under LicenSing Online #U19759. Text by Bl. John

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Refrain: Dear Je - sus, help me to spread your fra-grance ev - 'ry-where
that I go. Dear Je - sus,
flood my soul with your spir - it and your love.
Final: Dear Je - sus, dear Je - sus, dear Je - sus.

Verses 1, 2:
1. Pen - e - trate and pos-sess my be - ing so ut-ter - ly that all
2. Shine through me and — be so in me that ev-'ry soul I come
to Refrain

1-3 to Verse
1. my life may on - ly be a ra - di-ance of you.
2. in con - tact with may feel your pres-ence in my soul.

Verse 3:
3. Let them look up and see no long - er me but on - ly you, my Je - sus.
3. Stay with me and then I shall be - gin to shine as you shine so to shine
2 to Refrain
3. as a light to all.

Closing Song **Just Like You** Matt Maher CCLI Song No. 4510938. © 2000 spiritandsong.com. Matt Maher. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. www.ccli.com. CCLI License No. 2008891

Verse 1) Revive my heart, renew my soul
In you, O Lord, I am made whole!
No more in fear will I wander,
'Cause you're my God, my Lord, and Lover.

Verse 2) Oh lift me up, God my Father,
In all this world, there is no other!
I'm dancing in your holy presence,
and your glory fills all my senses.

**I want to be holy, just like you; I want to go where you lead me to,
With reckless abandon to your Truth, I want to fall deeper in love with you!**

The Word & Life

Joshua 5:9A, 10-12
Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Friend of Sinners

Today's gospel account is often called the "Parable of the Prodigal Son". We could also name this parable "The Parable of the Compassionate & Forgiving Father", or "The Parable of the Reluctant Forgiver". Jesus is criticized for his association with tax collectors and sinners. His religious contemporaries looked upon such people with disdain and most definitely disassociated themselves from such company. Jesus' choice to be with the tax collectors and sinners is a radical statement from God who wishes to dwell with those who are most in need of His message of redemption. Jesus' choice of parable is likewise a radical statement of the Incarnate Word, pointing out that God's initiative differs from that of the religious contemporaries of his day.

Let us examine this parable. The younger son is no stranger to sin. He disgraces his father by asking him to give him what would be naturally given him after his father's death. Such an action would bring disappointment to a father. After sinning, the young man decides to turn to his father for help. The response of the father in the story is unconditional love. Obviously, the older son resents the sinner — he refuses to celebrate the return of

the prodigal son. This is a very human response to a very broken situation. The father invites the older son to participate in his compassion, mercy and forgiveness. Jesus is clearly demonstrating that it is the will of the Father in heaven to celebrate when a sinner returns to Him and offer his unbounded mercy and forgiveness. He is also teaching us that everyone has the right to be forgiven no matter what sin we have committed. Once we are contrite, the Father waits for our return. The older son represents the resentment that many often feel when someone has been given a second chance. The father in the parable ultimately shows us that we should turn such resentment into gratitude.

This parable challenges all of us to examine the way that we deal with the hurt that others can cause in our lives or those whom we love. When we ponder this parable, most of us could imagine ourselves, if we are honest with ourselves, occupying the shoes of every character of the story. It may well be the case that we have disappointed others by what we have said or done. Hopefully, we have thought about the wrong we have done and have been contrite for such sin and have asked for forgiveness. We might find ourselves in the shoes of the older brother resenting someone we know because of the pain they have inflicted upon us or someone

Reflection Questions

1. Explore each of the three characters in this parable. What does each character represent?
2. When the father catches sight of the prodigal son, who makes the first move in this exchange? Why?
3. How does my personal experience mirror the various aspects of this story?
4. What does sin mean to me?
5. What does it mean to be contrite?
6. When are some of the moments where I have experienced similar reconciliation and mercy?
7. What is my attitude toward those who have sinned against me or others?
8. What is God's attitude toward those people?
9. How is this parable relevant to me?

we know. We often find ourselves reluctant to forgive because we fear being hurt again or find it hard to trust. The character of the father shows us that Jesus invites us to love unconditionally, to forgive unconditionally, and to celebrate the generosity of our God. We are called to hate the sin but always to love the sinner. When Jesus Christ befriends the sinner, he is teaching us that we must do the same. At this point in our Lenten journey we are asked to search deep within and see if there are any person(s) or situations that need to be reconciled. If there are, we are invited to show the mercy and forgiveness of the compassionate Father.



Prayer

Lord, help us to be more like you. Let us turn any resentment we have into a gratitude that mirrors your compassion and concern for the world. Help us to be your instruments of forgiveness and peace. Amen.

Voices of Faith

A Parable of Mercy

Father: I formed my son in love
Creating a home, I provide for his care
My wisdom he heeds not
His mind is filled with countless voices

Son: My life is my own
The world is my oyster
I am free to do what I will
And devour what will satisfy me

Father: All that I have is his
My estate I promise to him
My treasure I offer to my son
To bring him security for future days

Son: But why toil on my Father's land
Why wait for freedom in future days?
His estate, his expectations I despise
For they are most displeasing to me in this
day and hour

Father: If only my son could realize
His delight and fulfillment is offered him
now
For our home is his shelter
The power of my love is his strength

Son: I want to wait not for a share of delight
Give mine inheritance now
For the world of indulgence waits for me
The world of delusion entices me

Father: My son I let you go free
With a heart beaten by worry
I surrender my treasure into your hands
Do with it what you will.... I will stand
watchful for your return.

Son: Now I hold treasure in my hand
Free to use it as I see fit
Eat, drink and be merry
Treasure spent on ladies used

Father: Here I stand in blessed estate
Waiting and watchful of the horizon
To catch a glimpse of a son's return
And welcome him to the warmth of home

Son: My stomach is now swollen
And groin wasted in sinful pleasure
My desires grow faded, dim and grey
Famine brings me to my knees to
recognize hunger of heart

Father: As my son's heart grows hungry, here
I stand in blessed estate
Waiting and watchful of the horizon
To catch a glimpse of a son's return
And welcome him to the warmth of home

Son: My stomach grows hungry with treasure
squandered
The heart within me yearns for home
"Father I have sinned against heaven and
against you," are my thoughts
"Call me not your son!"

Father: The heart of stone now becomes
flesh, here I stand in blessed estate
Waiting and watchful of the horizon
To catch a glimpse of a son's return
And welcome him to the warmth of home

Son: My journey home sees life spent



And now I capture sight of blessed estate
My Father catches of me and runs to me
"Father I have sinned against heaven and
against you, call me not your son!"

Father: With my arms wide open I welcome
you home
I bid my servants "Quickly bring the finest
robe and put it on him;
put a ring on his finger and sandals on
his feet.

Take the fattened calf and slaughter it.
Then let us celebrate with a feast,
because this son of mine was dead, and has
come to life again;
he was lost, and has been found."

Son: My Father asks not for reasons of
treasure squandered
And bids me welcome home
For freedom and treasure lies here
In the warmth of my Father's home

Father: To you, my son, who look on
You are always with me in blessed estate
Everything I have is yours
Grieve not your brother's return
Your brother was dead and has come to life
again;
He was lost and has been found!
Share with me your Father's mercy!

Image: *The Return of the Prodigal Son*/Rembrandt/WikipediaCommons

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

Faith Formation

2015-2016 School Year

CALENDAR

Faith Formation Classes on Wednesdays are from 5:45-7:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Classes on Sundays are from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

High School Confirmation Classes are on select Sundays from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

MARCH

6 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class
High School Faith Formation

9 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class

13 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class
High School Faith Formation

NO CLASS ON MARCH 16, 20, 23 & 27

30 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class
First Communion Activity Night - Ballroom

Upcoming High School Confirmation Classes:

March 6, March 13, April 3, and April 17. Classes are in the Claussen Center from 6:15-7:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Catechists Needed for Upcoming 2016-2017 School Year

With approximately 425 kids in our Faith Formation program this year, we are in need of several Catechists for the next school year. We are looking for catechists to serve the needs of our Pre-K through 12th grade students. If you are interested, please contact Natalie at natalie@sjecc.com.

Confirmation at St. John Set for April 9 at 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass

All are welcome to join as we celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at St. John on Saturday, April 9 at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will be the celebrant of the Mass, joined by our priests. There will be a cake reception outside of the church immediately following.

Faith Formation Office Hours

Mondays: 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. (on days of Faith Formation Class only)

Fridays: 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Sundays: 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. (on days of Faith Formation Class only)

Vacation Bible School

Cave Quest: Following Jesus, The Light of the World

June 13 -17, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Volunteer Registration forms are now available online and in the Parish Office. Registration forms for online registration will



be available beginning April 3. Currently, we are putting together a core team of volunteers who are willing to begin planning early! For our Core Team and early planning, we need volunteers who are interested in leading Decorations, Crafts, Drama Adventures, Games, Photography, Video Adventures, the Mission

Project and Directing the Preschool.

This year the VBS team will be preparing for a CAVE QUEST Adventure, Following Jesus the Light of the World! It will take many hands, prayers and lots of team work to make this week the best ever! Each week as we prepare, we will put information here as to how parishioners, parents and volunteers can help or contribute if you wish! If you have any questions or would like to know how you can help, please contact Natalie at natalie@sjecc.com.

Here's what we are working on this week: If you would like to donate the following items, please feel free to drop off to the parish office and leave for Natalie Campbell. Please indicate that these are for Vacation Bible School. Feel free to recycle items you have at home. Many of the items do not have to be new. Thank you so much for your help! Please keep checking back as this information will be updated weekly.

Wet Wipes	Empty- 2 liter or 1-liter soda bottles
Ziploc bags (any size)	Empty plastic spray bottles
Black Sharpie markers	Fishing net
Clipboards	Masking tape
Pens	Paper towel tubes
Band-aids	Wrapping paper tubes
Solid colored sheets	

To find the Volunteer Registration forms online at our parish website, please visit: <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/forms>.

Early Vacation Bible School registration for St. John parishioners begins Sunday, April 3.

Natalie Campbell, Director of Religious Education
natalie@sjecc.com 239.566.8740, ext. 3909



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!

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 or phone 239.370.4277 (for preparation purposes).

Next Magnificat Breakfast Is March 19

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women. The breakfast will be held Saturday, March 19, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. The speaker is Mother Lucille Cutrone, a founding member of the Community of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (CFR). Since the time of her final vows, in 1995, she has served as General Superior. The aim of the CFR Sisters is to live the Gospel in simplicity according to the ideals of St. Francis, as handed on by the Capuchin tradition. Under Mother Lucille's leadership, the community has grown to three convents in the Archdiocese of New York, one mission in England and another mission in Ireland.

Please send a \$20 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Joanne Tarantino, 3315 Bermuda Isle Circle, Unit 128, Naples, FL 34109, 239.631.6661, or Shirley Ruehl, 11451 Pembroke Run, Estero, FL 33928, 239.949.7015. Requests must be postmarked by Friday, March 11.

Family Fun and Ministry Day

Over 750 parishioners and guests attended the annual Ministry Fair and Parish Picnic last Sunday. There was food, drink, ice cream and entertainment for everyone.

More photos will be featured in a future bulletin.



some photos by Ria Ruane



SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST 26th 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 Parmesan, 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 or call: 239.331.7151

Knights of Columbus Council # 11281

(Tables of 8 available)



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



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



Procession to PLC

Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

Restless Heart — the sequel



Continue to Explore of the Confessions of Saint Augustine

If you are one of the many people who viewed the movie *Restless Heart* two weeks ago and came away with a desire to continue to explore Augustine's life and teachings, join others in a follow-on discussion group on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center.

Mike Viola and Dee Schwartz will guide the further study of St. Augustine's timeless story and how we face the same temptations of the world, and the flesh today.

Let us know you will be attending by sending an e-mail to jack@sjecc.com or leaving a voice mail message at 239.566.8740, ext. 3918.

Deacon Hal Brenner presents the second of his winter programs, *Your Invitation to the Perpetual Eucharist*

The Mass is central and perhaps the most important aspect of our Catholic life, but how much do we really understand about what is contained in the Eucharistic celebration? What does the Catechism mean when it says "the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life?" Have you wondered who offers what at the Eucharist, what is the most important part of the Mass, what the gifts of bread and wine placed on the altar represent, or why it is important to stay until the Mass has ended?



To learn the answers to these questions and gain a better understanding of the Eucharist join Deacon Hal Brenner at one of three sessions beginning this week on Friday, March 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center. There will also be an additional session on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

To register send an e-mail to hal@sjecc.com or leave a voice mail message at 239.566.8740, ext. 3916.

Continuing Programs

You are invited to join one of these programs to see for yourself what Adult Faith Formation is like, no obligation.

On Monday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass or Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

The Gift of Life, Death and Dying, Life and Living. A vision of hope which counters the cultural norms that view death as a tragedy.

On Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. or Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

CATHOLICISM. This week - "The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit."

And don't forget the invitation from St. William parish for a "behind the scenes" look at ***A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People.*** It is Monday March 7 at 9:15 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Contact Kristi at 239.261.5831 for more information

Becoming Catholic –Being Catholic



At the Ministry Fair last Sunday hundreds of parishioners were able to explore the breadth and depth of programs offered adults in our parish community. For more information about any aspect of Adult Faith Formation, contact Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator, by sending an email to jack@sjecc.com or leaving a voice mail message at 239.566.8740, ext. 3918.

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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

BIG BAND DANCE

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Next Dance of the Season

Tuesday, March 8, 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,
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*

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

"CONEY ISLAND OLDIES NIGHT"

FEATURING NATHAN'S FAMOUS HOT DOGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 • 6:00 P.M.

WITH MUSIC BY "BRYLCREAM"

Chrism Mass Tuesday, March 22 in Venice

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.

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

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.

Thanksgiving at Sea

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
 - \$300 to spend onboard for two

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

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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Exclusive Cruise Rates:

Category	Prevaling Rate
Balcony	
Category S2 (Sky suite):	Prevaling Rate
Category C3 (Concierge class):	Prevaling 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.

**Cruise & Travel
EXPERTS**

Parish Contact: David Quist
239.594.2071 dquist@comcast.net

For additional information and booking
Contact April Williams at
800.940.2394
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



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
- * Receive a one category upgrade for past Celebrity passengers. Ask for details.
- * Receive \$50 discount per person when making final payment with 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:

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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