

May 8, 2016

*The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*

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

*Families in Christ Introduces CYO Programs to the Parish*



If you did not get a chance to see the excitement light up in the youth of our Parish Family this past Sunday at Families in Christ, you missed a sight. From the reveal of our new logo for our T-shirts and jerseys for our sports teams, to the chance to play an electronic water piano or use a 3D printer as part of our Full STEAM Ahead Summer Camps and After School Program starting next Fall, to singing along with the VBS music coming in June, everyone had a great time. We discussed the three core areas of the St. John Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), our social programs, sports and wellness, and the music and arts classes. We even had programs for the parents and adults to get into, from the Blue Zone program to our new Book Study on Pope Francis' essential Exhortation on the pastoral care of families, *The Joy of Love*.

Most importantly, we asked all the families to fill out our online survey so we can prioritize these amazing programs. We all left the Ballroom with a feeling of fellowship and anticipation for our future together.



*text and photos by Jean-Paul Boucher,  
Director of Family Mission and General Manager*



625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108 • Phone 239.566.8740 • Fax 239.566.9117  
www.sjecc.com • E-mail: info@sjecc.com

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.

Scan this tag with your smartphone to view our mobile website.

**Mass for Deceased (\*) and Special Intentions Requested by**

**May 7, 2016 Saturday**  
8:00 AM + Carol Duffy Mr. & Mrs. Peluchette

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**  
3:00 PM Janet VanderHorst Vicki VanderHorst  
5:00 PM + Robert Ulliana Marion & Philip Ulliana

**May 8, 2016 Sunday**  
7:00 AM + Diane Centenaro Powell Family  
9:00 AM + Mary Ann Tavoletto Roberta Dalton  
11:00 AM For Our Parishioners  
1:00 PM + Mildred H. Stone Michael & Ane Colleary  
5:00 PM + Ziggy Marszalek Jennifer Sadallah

**May 9, 2016 Monday**  
8:30 AM + Victoria Ciprich Frank Anastasia

**May 10, 2016 Tuesday**  
8:30 AM + Linnae Eddy Fedeli Dick & Helen Fedeli

**May 11, 2016 Wednesday**  
8:30 AM + Alessandra Papa Hugo & Olivia Papa

**May 12, 2016 Thursday**  
8:30 AM + Robert Ulliana Marion & Philip Ulliana  
6:30 PM + George Whelan Dolores Kernochan

**May 13, 2016 Friday**  
8:30 AM + Gene Hay The Gallo Family

**May 14, 2016 Saturday**  
8:00 AM + Sebastian Nagy Carrin Turnbull

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**  
3:00 PM + Patricia Seibert Dorothy Weis  
5:00 PM + Col. David Lucci The Lucci Family

**May 15, 2016 Sunday**  
7:00 AM + Mary Linzalone Steven & Susye Linzalone  
9:00 AM + Ramy Garrido Elida Gil  
11:00 AM For Our Parishioners  
1:00 PM + Barbara Gagnon Husband  
5:00 PM + Brian Alexander Donna Strickland

*Wine and Host in Memory of Alice and Larry ~ requested by Lee Youlio*

**Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities**

**Thursday, May 12 10:00 AM Solaris Health Care**  
Intentions of Holliday Family req. by Peggy Holliday

**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](mailto: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.

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, May 7, 2016**  
First Saturday  
Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

**Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday**  
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or  
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

**Sunday, May 8, 2016**  
Ascension of the Lord; Mother's Day;  
World Communications Day  
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or  
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

**Monday, May 9, 2016**  
Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday, May 10, 2016**  
St. Damien de Veuster  
Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday, May 11, 2016**  
Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday, May 12, 2016**  
Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras  
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday, May 13, 2016**  
Our Lady of Fatima  
Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday, May 14, 2016**  
St. Matthias  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

**Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday**  
Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

**Sunday, May 15, 2016**  
Pentecost Sunday  
Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

**FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5** available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.

**MASS INTENTIONS...**

# Campaign Corner

May 8, 2016

*“Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours...”*  
— Saint Teresa of Ávila



A Capital Campaign for  
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Need Your Feedback: Online Survey Now Available

Over four years of dedication and hard work have gone into planning the future of Saint John the Evangelist. From the idea of this building as a simple gymnasium for a few activities, to the now fully fleshed out Life Center, alive with constant activities and programs for our Parish Family and the larger community, it has been an exciting adventure. At certain junctures along the way of this Capital Campaign to **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past**, we have asked for our entire parish's opinions and priorities. From the initial focus groups that identified that there was a need for such a building and program in our community, to the question and answer sessions when we kicked off the campaign, this has been a completely open effort to serve you and your needs.

We have that chance again right now. St. John is asking each and every one of you to participate in our online survey on the programs we have described in this column over the past month. From arts and music, to social and spiritual, to sports and wellness, we anticipate the development of dozens of programs starting this Fall for every age group. The only way we can ensure we are meeting your needs is if you tell us what you want. Please go to our website: <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/featured/the-future-is-now-catholic-youth-organization-and-catholic-adult-organization-priorities-survey> and fill out the survey. When you fill out the survey, there are two “techie” items I want to alert you to:

1. If you are using a mobile device, there is a link on the webpage you should use in order to view the survey properly. Please click on that link and it will take you to the proper site.
2. After the first screen of the survey, introducing the New Programs, you will be asked to select the age group for which you want to answer the questions about. Please select as many as you want so it can build your survey for you. It will darken each choice. Once you have chosen your final age group, you will see that the option has turned into a “Confirm Choice?” selection. Click that option again and it will take you to your survey.

While the money has been pledged in our **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past** capital campaign to accomplish the facility and some of our other urgent needs, we still need our entire Parish Family to give in order to reach our additional goals, including the detailed execution of the above programs. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Lichwalla, the Campaign Coordinator at 239.495.2001 or email: [campaign@sjecc.com](mailto:campaign@sjecc.com).

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

Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager  
[jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

New Programs at Saint John

SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**New Programs at Saint John**

Saint John the Evangelist will be creating new and persistent programs to enliven and engage our Parish Family and the larger community.

In order to accomplish this feat, we need to know what activities and programs would be most impactful to you. There will be activities for Sports and Wellness to Arts and Music to Social and Spiritual.

Please choose the various age groups you are interested in providing feedback and you will have an opportunity to voice your opinion. Thank you so much!

pinnion Start

New Programs at Saint John

What age group(s) of programs are you interested in?

SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Children (Infant - 12)

Youth (13 - 18)

Young Adult (19 - 35)

Confirm Choice?

Experienced (61+)

pinnion Continue

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@sjecc.com)

## PARISH REGISTRATION

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

## St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

625 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Naples, FL 34108

*Phone: 239.566.8740*

*Fax: 239.566.9117*

[www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com)

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

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
(until all are heard)

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Daily Mass:**

*Monday-Friday*

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

*Saturday - 8:00 a.m.*

### **Saturday Vigil Masses:**

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

### **Sunday Masses:**

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

## FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the front office at 239.566.8740 or email: [info@sjecc.com](mailto:info@sjecc.com)  
Thank you!

## BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Please submit all ordinary time submission requests by Thursday at 10:00 a.m. **10 days prior** to the Sunday publication you are requesting. You can e-mail: [kathys@sjecc.com](mailto:kathys@sjecc.com) or drop your submission off in the parish office.

### **Mass Intentions**

We are now accepting 2017 intentions.

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

We have 2016 wine and host and flowers availability. Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

### **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*To Know, To Love, and To Serve God  
in His church and our community.*

## PARISH INFORMATION...

SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH • [WWW.SJECC.COM](http://WWW.SJECC.COM) • [INFO@SJECC.COM](mailto:INFO@SJECC.COM)

## Hymns for Ascension Sunday, May 7 & 8

Readings:	<b>669</b>
Entrance Hymn:	<b>150</b> A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
Preparation Hymn:	<b>179</b> Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
Communion Hymn:	<b>525</b> We Are One Body
	<b>362</b> I Have Loved You
Closing Hymn:	<b>174</b> Crown Him With many Crowns

### Choral Anthems at 11 AM Mass

<b>Before Mass:</b>	<b>Lord of the Dance Carter</b>
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>Carry me Home Spiritual</b>

## ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

**Monday, May 9: Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Acts 1:8*

You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you, and you will be my witnesses, even to the ends of the earth, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Jn 14:18; 16:22*

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come to you again, and your heart will rejoice, alleluia.

**Tuesday, May 10: Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Rv 1:17-18*

I am the first and the last, I was dead and am now alive. Behold, I am alive for ever and ever, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Jn 14:26*

The Holy Spirit, whom the father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of all I have told you, says the Lord, alleluia.

**Wednesday, May 11: Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Ps 47 (46):2*

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Jn 15:26-27*

When the Paraclete comes, whom I will send you, the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me, and you also will bear witness, says the Lord, alleluia.

**Thursday, May 12: Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Heb 4:16*

With boldness let us approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace as a timely help, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Jn 16:7*

I tell you the truth, it is for your good that I go; for if I do not go away, the Paraclete will not come to you, says the Lord, alleluia.

**Friday, May 13: Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Rv 1:5-6*

Christ loved us and washed us clean of our sins by his Blood, and made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Jn 16:13*

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will teach you all truth, says the Lord, alleluia.

**Saturday, May 14: Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Jn 15:16*

It was not you who chose me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Jn 15:12*

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you, says the Lord, alleluia.

## #ToKnow, #ToLove — 50th World Communication Day: Mercy at the Heart of the Catholic Faith

This weekend is a special moment for the Catholic Church. It is the 50th World Communications Day. We have these special collections each year for this essential component of the Catholic Church, but what does it really mean? Why do we focus every year on the need to communicate our faith in a tangible way? World Communications Day stems from one of the decrees of the Second Vatican Council, *Inter mirifica* (“The Means of Social Communication”). Initially focused on the press and media outlets like movies and TV, it has expanded to mean all types of communication, from verbal to written, electronic or paper, video and pictures. If you think about how meaningful “communication” is for you and your life, you can understand why our Church puts such a special emphasis on communication.

Our Holy Father, in his message for this weekend, clearly lays out the need to communicate to every single person on the planet in a loving and merciful way:

*As sons and daughters of God, we are called to communicate with everyone, without exception. In a particular way, the Church’s words and actions are all meant to convey mercy, to touch people’s hearts and to sustain them on their journey to that fullness of life which Jesus Christ was sent by the Father to bring to all. This means that we ourselves must be willing to accept the warmth of Mother Church and to share that warmth with others, so that Jesus may be known and loved. That warmth is what gives substance to the word of faith; by our preaching and witness, it ignites the “spark” which gives them life.*

*Communication has the power to build bridges, to enable encounter and inclusion, and thus to enrich society. How beautiful it is when people select their words and actions with care, in the effort to avoid misunderstandings, to heal wounded memories and to build peace and harmony. Words can build bridges between individuals and within families, social groups and peoples. This is possible both in the material world and the digital world. Our words and actions should be such as to help us all escape the vicious circles of condemnation and vengeance which continue to ensnare individuals and nations, encouraging expressions of hatred. The words of Christians ought to be a constant encouragement to communion and, even in those cases where they must firmly condemn evil, they should never try to rupture relationships and communication.*

*For this reason, I would like to invite all people of good will to rediscover the power of mercy to heal wounded relationships and to restore peace and harmony to families*

by Jean-Paul Boucher  
General Manager  
[jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)



*and communities. All of us know how many ways ancient wounds and lingering resentments can entrap individuals and stand in the way of communication and reconciliation. The same holds true for relationships between peoples. In every case, mercy is able to create a new kind of speech and dialogue. Shakespeare put it eloquently when he said: “The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed: it blesseth him that gives and him that takes. (The Merchant of Venice, Act IV, Scene I). – Pope Francis ([https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco\\_20160124\\_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html](https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20160124_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html))*

How does that translate here at St. John? The best way I can think of is a story I wrote a few years ago, about how we treat a butterfly, the moment of encounter that may take place at the front of the church, or at the grocery store, or even in our own homes.

When a butterfly lands on our hand, we have several possible reactions to it, just like when we are called into a moment of encounter with another person. We could be so shocked of the beauty of that butterfly that we freeze, and do not move. We are passive. The butterfly will soon fly away to find more fertile ground. Or, we could be so scared to lose the butterfly that we close our hands around it, possibly hurting it in our attempt to keep it just where we want it to be. If we did not hurt it, the butterfly will find a way out between our fingers and fly away, as frightened as we were to lose it. We will have scared it away by trying to contain it, or put rules around it. Or, we could nurture and respect the butterfly so much, that we simply put our other hand up to protect it from the buffering wind around us, creating a safe place for it to sit. The butterfly will stay with us, calmed and sheltered.

Let us make St. John that safe, loving, joyous place where any butterfly can find peace, love, mercy, and fellowship.



## Spotlight on Ministry

### *Many Needy People Benefit from Sewing Group's Labor of Love*

The Sewing Group ministry of St. John is a unique group of retired women was organized in 1996-97 by Eileen DiCarlo. In the beginning years the ladies started sewing for our sister parish on the island of Jamaica, St. Pius X. They sewed children's dresses, skirts, pants, shorts and tops and even school uniforms. Additionally, the group donated two sewing machines to help the Jamaican women learn to sew.

Nancy Cote relieved Eileen as chair in 2006. Some years later, the group divided the sewing between Jamaica and Immokalee, recognizing the needs in our own backyard. Then, since Immokalee received benefits from other local sources, the Sewing Group repositioned its efforts to a more needy clientele: the children of abused women, abused children, a group called "Baby Things" for babies of unwed mothers and a Mom and Tots program through Catholic Charities, all located in Naples and Bonita Springs. For the past four to five years the ever-

busy ladies have made over 400 types of children's clothes and most recently pajamas and blankets for children in the school next door, Naples Park Elementary School. Additionally, one member knitted 16 sweaters for the pre-schoolers, distributed at a Christmas Party at the school. The Sewing Group also sew for Grace Center Orphanage in Ethiopia, which was started by parishioner Marcie Erickson.

What are the needs of the Sewing Group? More hands. The Sewing Group welcome new members for whatever time they can offer. Usable fabrics and notions and, of course, monetary donations are always welcome. The group sews on Wednesdays from November to April from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in Room 101 of the PLC Center.

As of March 2016, Phyllis Crivelli and Barbara Arthur have volunteered to serve as the new co-chairs.

*text submitted by Nancy Cote, Sewing Group*



**Altar Servers:**

Jean-Paul Boucher  
jp@sjecc.com

**Arts & Liturgical Environment:**

Kay and Andy Sanfelippo 949.7122

**Eucharistic Ministry**

Maureen Reed  
EMMinistry@sjecc.com

**Homebound**

Call the Office 566.8740

**Hospital**

Mary Ellen Metro  
maryellen@sjecc.com

**Greeters & Ushers:**

Bill Fuller wfuller1@comcast.net  
239.280.8870

**Jamaica Mission:**

Jeanne Stamant 514.0290  
(summer) 239.248.3248

**Lectors:**

Philip Baier Lectors@sjecc.com

**Youth & Family Mass Lectors**

Miguel Castillo miguel@sjecc.com

**Prayer Group:**

Linda Reilly 821.8982

**Respect Life:**

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

**Pastoral Stewardship Council:**

President/Contact Rick Beebe  
psc@sjecc.com

**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). **SUMMER Hours:** Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed Monday through Friday. 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. Meets every other Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meeting dates are: May 4 and 18 and June 1, 15 and 29. Lhara Echeverria: 239.293.3694 or Lhara@sjecc.com and Beth Lucci: 239.877.6254.

**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.** Keep checking here for the next 7-session series. For any concerns related to the Bereavement Ministry call the office: 566.8740

**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. Lanelle Bishop: 352.1860

**Men's Club and Ladies Auxiliary.** 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

**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 lnjudy@comcast.net

**Recovering Couples Anonymous.** Saturday, 7 p.m. Britta: 348.5031 or Roger: 250.6888

**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. Phyllis Crivelli: 594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: 250.4162

**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: 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...

8 SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH • WWW.SJECC.COM • INFO@SJECC.COM



## PRAYER GROUPS

### *Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

We pray in the Church every morning except Sunday. We begin 45 minutes before Mass. Please join us. *(We have printed guides with the prayers.)*

### **Cenacle of Life Prayer Group**

Blessed John Paul II said "a great prayer for Life is urgently needed!" Cenacle participants pray for an end to the Culture of Death every Tuesday evening, 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. In the powerful presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we offer 10 mysteries of the rosary and related prayers and we fast one day a week on our own. All are welcome! Please call the parish office for the Chapel code.

### THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

*Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military:*

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

### **Divine Will Prayer Group**

Are you hungering and thirsting for the Lord. Come. Grow in the knowledge of his most adorable will where you will be filled to overflowing with his love. The group meets on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

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

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

Centering Prayer will resume in the fall.

### **Liturgy of the Hours**

Members of the third order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites pray the Morning Prayer after the 8:30 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:*

Thomas A. Brown, Babara McCabe and Gordon Sundin

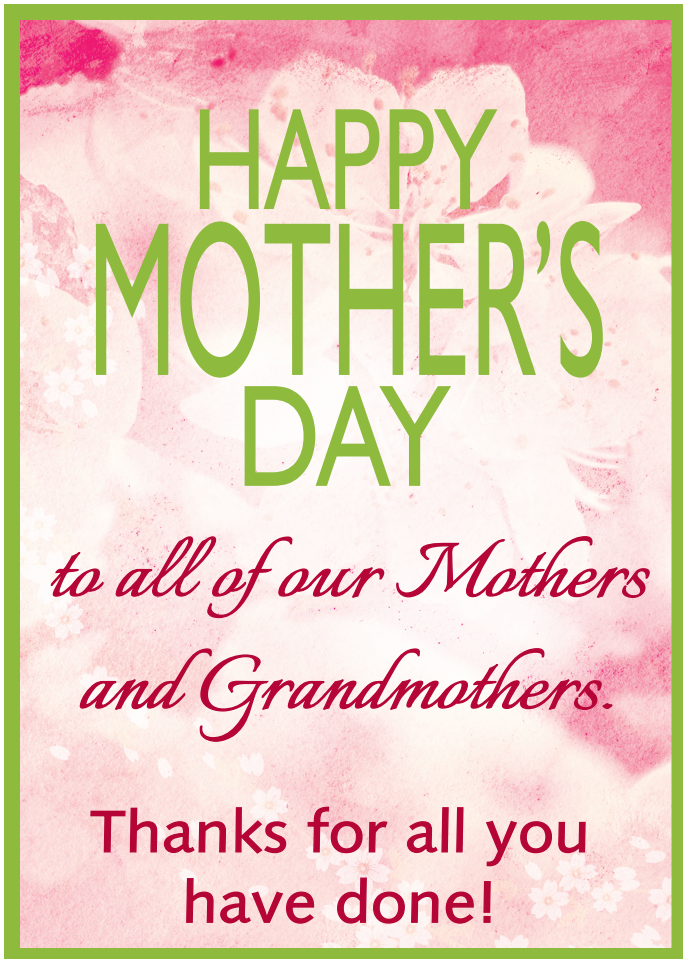
*May they rest in eternal peace.*

AJM Nicholas Acqaviva Rich Annunziata Fernando Ardila Tomas Ardila Paschal Arpaia Paul Arpaia Stewart Bain Marge Baker Jean and Emmunal Ballmiro Richard Becker Howard Begley Margie Benefico Jeanne Bennett Ryan Bennis Barbara Berg Linda Berry Kathleen Bradach James Brant Brennan Familly John Brooks Konrad C. Selma C. Connie Cahill Ron Caiazzo Nancy Campbell Lauren Carr Tiffany Chill Hannah Christenson Frank & Joan Ciccarelli Kim Clayton Cindy M. Cleinman Bob & Nancy Comeriato Frank & Becky Comeriato Sam Comeriato George Conser, Jr. Rita Cooper Judy Coppinger Ed Cristantello Anthony D'Antuono Mark Dabronzo Chuck Dee Scott Delboccio Florence Demski Sandra Demski Rick Derkman Julie Dieter Al DiMenna Lauren Di'Orio DK John E. Donegan Dee Donnelly Barrett E. Tricia Easton Michael Erwin	Veronica Fawcett Brian D. Fay Carolyn Felner Wendy Bui-Fewell Justine Flanagan Donna Flynn Anna Focht Susan Foster Marie Frieih Kathy Fry Madeline Gaffey Janet Gainey Frank Galvanovits Edward Gaynor David Gibson Dick Goepel Ronald Goggin George Gonsler Jr. Don Goodwillie Lisa Granger Richard Granger Keri Grasso Josie Hannigan Laura Harbrough Brad Harriet Luci Hartert Richard Henning Gerard Heyen Kim Hocker Donald Howe Mary Lou Howie Geri Hurkes Jens Jansen JMG Charleen Kasabian Chester T. Kauffman Sean Keating Yvonne Keenan Ashley Kelly Karen Kelly Michelle Kelly Muriel Kiley Kevin Kincaid Bill Kinchla Dee Kochinsky Krista Leigh Kozowyk Jim Krauser Family Joanne & Glenn Krumel Mary Kuhn Josephine Lancia Judy Lane Joan LaPointe Tiffany LaPointe Lindsay Lavery Dan & Lu LeBlanc Mary Lou and Ned Leibig Dennis Lello	Deik Lindaman Rosemary Litwin Lynette Loleski Rosemarie Lopez Lillian Luchini Dawn Luderman Joni Luiso Jean Lydon Margie Lynch Pat M. John Maas Patti Mahoney Fran & Bernard Maier Alex Malloy Kaylee Manbeck Ann Maniuzko Annette Mantia Oliver Marcelli Maria and Family Elizabeth Marin Barb Marsh Ross Mart Max and Arlene Kenneth J. McAvoy Barbara McCabe Mary McCue Kevin McDonagh Simone McGaffee John McGlenn Patricia McGrath Mary McKay Elizabeth McKeever McReynolds Family Beth Ann Meloche Amanda Merhige Michael Heather Milner Anthony Miro Shirley Monacelli Keith Nagy Nancy Paige Nelson Maxine Newman Jerry O'Brien Gloria Oliver MaryLee Olsen Emma O'Rourke Patricia Oxx Maryla Panagos Anthony Parisi Sally Parmetier Peggy Mario Pelli Ann Petrillo Philip Petrone Pluc Family Susan Pomeroy Richard Pratt	Richard Quemy Renee Rake Jason Ray Sean Reilly Aurelia Rein Charles S. Roberts, Jr. Ellen Roberts Cindy Rosman Rea Rossi Douglas Roth Teresa Roughan Jean Ruel Robert Sabatka Samowski Family Lisa Sanfelippo Isolde Scherer Eli Schneider Pat Schuler Ben Schweninger Lisa Schwippert Leonard Seidl Griffin Shallow Shallow Family Bruce Sherman Marilyn Shields Lisa Siegwarth Thomas Sissman Winnie Smith Vincent Spinella Nancy Stewart Susan Stokes Jeannie Sullivan Ronnie Summerville Pat Sutter Joanmarie Switalski Darlene Szczerbinski Lauren Taranto Rita Taranto James Thompson Maria Torres Andrew Torriero Jennifer Toth Patricia Trapnell Barbara Uzzi Mae Velez Lena Vittolo Patti Wakim John and Chris Walsh Vincent and Susan Walsh McKenna Weinstein Brenda Wood Bob Wright Stephanie Wyka John & Mary Yotis Helen Zaks Robert Zazzara Ed Zerrer
---	---	---	--

**LET US PRAY...**

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

MAY 8, 2016 ~ THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



**Give the Gift of a Mother's Love!**

Honor your mother this Mother's Day with a gift that will help homeless mothers and their children. Our Mother's House of Catholic Charities in Venice provides a safe environment for residents to achieve increased self-sufficiency through education, vocational training, and personal growth. A mother's love can change the world. You can help a needy mother succeed!

To donate, visit [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org) or call 941.485.6264 or email [ourmothershouse@ccdis1.org](mailto:ourmothershouse@ccdis1.org).

**Retreat For Religious**  
**June 13-18, 2016**  
 "Looking at God looking back at you..."  
 Directed by Fr. Shawn Monahan, OMV  
 at  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat  
 & Spirituality Center  
 3989 South Moon Drive, Venice, FL 34292  
**Cost is \$400/per person**  
*Includes private accommodations and all meals*  
*\$50.00 non-refundable deposit by June 1st*

Call 941.486.0233 or email [gazo@OLPH-retreat.org](mailto:gazo@OLPH-retreat.org)  
 To make your reservation



**Attention Parents and Graduating Students of**

**Barron Collier HS \* Gulf Coast HS \* Lely HS \* Naples HS \* Palmetto Ridge HS \* Lorenzo Walker Technical High \* Seacrest Country Day School \* St. John Neumann Catholic HS \* Community School of Naples AND All Other Schools**

**ALL** St. John's graduating seniors will receive special recognition at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, June 5. Graduating seniors from private and public schools and those who are home schooled should register for this Mass by sending your name and future plans to Mary Beatty at [mary@sjecc.com](mailto:mary@sjecc.com).

Please also send the same info with or without a digital senior photo to [kathys@sjecc.com](mailto:kathys@sjecc.com). Info and digital photo must be received by 5:00 p.m. Monday, May 16 for publication in the June 5 bulletin. **NOTE:** if you include a photo, a parent/guardian must also return the form below or email his/her consent for use of the photo in the bulletin and on our website. Email digital photo/consent to: [kathys@sjecc.com](mailto:kathys@sjecc.com) or drop the form off at the main office.

Graduate's Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT

Future Plans: \_\_\_\_\_

Parental consent to publish photo of the above individual in St. John the Evangelist Bulletin and on the St. John website.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 PARENT SIGNATURE DATE

## ***Final Spring SET Class Will Be Offered Here Saturday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m.; Additional Classes at Surrounding Parishes***

All parishioners participating in active ministries and parish-sponsored events at St. John are required to take a two-hour Safe Environment Training (SET) class, which is offered at various locations in the diocese throughout the year.

The SET class provides information about abuse and how to detect abuse, statistics and phone numbers for reporting abuse, as well as how to maintain a safe environment at all times.

The last SET class to be offered here this spring will be on Saturday, May 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center. Pre-registration for the class is required. Call the parish office at 566.8740 by 4:30 p.m. of the day before the class, if you wish to attend. Additional SET classes will be offered at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Port Charlotte and St. John XXIII in Fort Myers.

**St. Charles Borromeo Parish** Thursday, May 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
To register, call 941.625.4754

**St. John XXIII** Saturday, May 21, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
To register, call 239.561.2245

Please contact the parish secretary at the location you wish to attend with your name and telephone number at least two weeks prior to the training. Directions to the training site may be found at <http://www.dioceseofvenice.org> Additional classes may also be found here.

## **Annual Memorial Day Mass Monday, May 30 Will Honor Those Who Died for Our Freedom**

We will honor those members of our Armed Forces who answered the call and made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom at a special Memorial Day Mass, Monday, May 30 at 8:30 a.m. Choir Director Ellie Roberts will celebrate these heroes with special prelude music and ceremonies.

The names of our loved ones who paid for our freedom with their lives will be read aloud and remembered, so as to properly observe Memorial Day.

Please contact the office to provide the names of those loved ones who served our country and lost their lives for our freedom. Those names will be read aloud and remembered during our Memorial Day Observance Mass.

## ***Guadalupe Center's Upscale Resale & Consignment Shop Needs Household Donations; Will Pick Up Furniture***

The Guadalupe Center's Upscale Resale & Consignment Shop needs your donations of gently used furniture, artwork, and other household items.

Free furniture pick up is available. The Shop is located across from Steinmart on 8100 Trail Blvd. (parallels 41) in north Naples. Call 594.2696 for more information or to arrange for furniture pick up. All proceeds go toward educating more than 1,100 children a day, beginning at infancy and continuing through college.

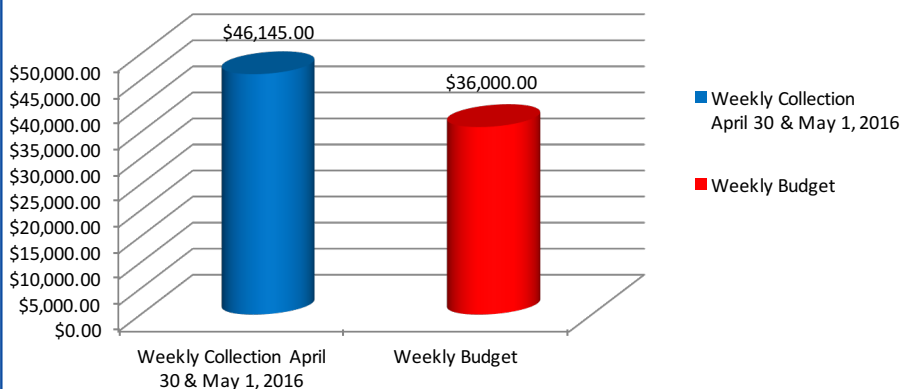
## ***Collier Harvest Food Drive Is May 14; Volunteers Needed***

The National Association of Letter Carriers ask that you help us feed our hungry neighbors, Saturday, May 14. They will sort and distribute the non-perishable foods collected by NALC and they need additional help from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. They particularly need more volunteers in the late afternoon when the food starts pouring in.

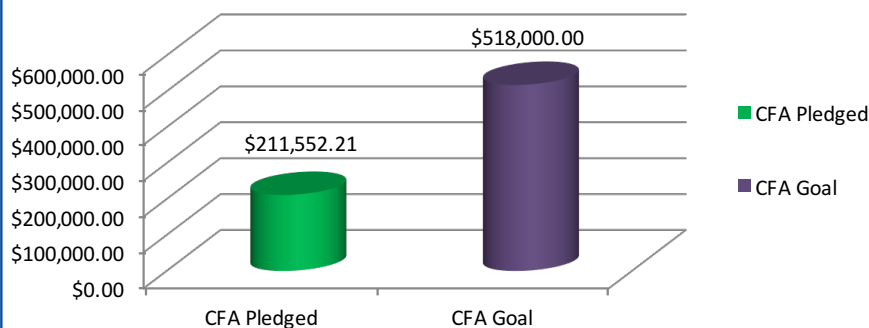
The location of the event is 4451 Mercantile Avenue in Naples. They ask that you bring: a happy smile, close-toed shoes, and cool clothing. NALC will provide: happy smiles, beverages, pizza and snacks and live entertainment!



### **Weekly Collection Summary**



### **CFA Summary**





# Communion Songs

## Remembrance

Matt Maher / Matt Redman

CCLI Song No. 5484616. © 2009

Thankyou Music | spiritandsong.com | sixsteps music | Said And Done Music | Icel (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). CCLI License #2008891.

*Verse 1)* Oh, how could it be  
 That my God would welcome me into this mystery?  
 Say, 'take this bread, take this wine':  
 Now the simple, made Divine—for any to receive.  
 By your mercy we come to your Table,  
 By your grace you are making us faithful.

*Chorus)* Lord, we remember you,  
 And remembrance leads us to worship.  
 And as we worship you,  
 Our worship leads to Communion.  
 We respond to your invitation, we remember you.

*Verse 2)* See his Body, his Blood:  
 And none too lost to be saved,  
 None too broken or ashamed,  
 All are welcome in this place.  
 By your mercy we come to your Table,  
 By your grace you are making us faithful

*Bridge)* Dying you destroyed our death,  
 Rising you restored our life,  
 Lord Jesus come in glory (*repeat line*)

## 179 Hail, Mary, Gentle Woman

### Closing Song

### Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Rick Founds

CCLI Song No. 117947. © 1990 Maranatha Praise, Inc. All rights Reserved. CCLI License No. 2008891.

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your  
 prais - es. I'm so glad You're in my life;  
 I'm so glad You came to save us.  
 You came from heav - en to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross  
 my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave,  
 from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high.

*Acts 1:1-11*

*Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9*

*Ephesians 1:17-23 or*

*Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23*

*Luke 24:46-53*

# The Word & Life

## *Ascending Hope*

A few years ago the conference of Catholic Bishops decided to transfer the feast of the Ascension to the following Sunday so that all Catholics would appreciate the importance of this event. The Ascension is very important in the history of salvation because hidden within its reality is the very gift of our

destiny and salvation. Once Jesus had accomplished his ministry and won victory over death, then he returns to heaven to take his place with the Father. Such a sight must have been so life-changing. Although the first disciples saw Jesus vanish from their sight, they also saw the glory and divinity that truly belonged to him. Jesus was not simply a holy man with a divine message. Jesus was also divine with a human message that continues to transform the world.

Before Jesus ascends to heaven the disciples asked, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of Israel?" Jesus tells the group of believers that it is not for them to know the time or season but to discern how restoration will take place through the gift of the Holy Spirit. To put it in a very human way, the disciples are asked with God's help of the Spirit to figure it out for themselves.

Years later, even though we have not experienced Jesus in his public ministry, we have a mystical experience of Jesus Christ. The Church constantly challenges us to recognize Jesus in the guise of the poor, the broken and the disadvantaged. Every time we gather for the Holy Eucharist we are reminded that

### Reflection Questions

1. What did Jesus' ascension represent for the disciples?
2. Consider the emotions the disciples experienced.
3. Why did they pay homage to Christ?
4. What does the ascension mean to you?
5. How does this event offer you hope for your future?
6. Are there times when Christ seems to be far from your experience?
7. When do you feel close to Christ?
8. How can you challenge yourself to experience Christ in a more profound way?
9. How do the sacraments help solidify Christ's ongoing mission in your life and the life of the Church today?
10. Name the concrete ways in which Christ may be experienced for yourself and others.

Jesus is present in the people gathered in prayer, in the Sacred Word and in the real presence of the breaking of the bread. The priest is called to act in persona Christi – his transparency should ultimately allow Christ to speak and act through him. At the end of the mass we are called to take Christ to the world and to proclaim the same Jesus who vanished from the disciples' sight on the day of the ascension. We are invited to figure out what it means to experience the kingdom already, but not yet. The fullness of God will be revealed to us at the end of time. However, we have to discern the will of God in our everyday activities. We only have to look at the way we relate to ourselves, others, and God to see how we integrate such wisdom. God continually calls people of every time, language, and way of life to share in the reality of his love.

It may well seem that we are the unfortunate ones who believe without seeing the events that gave us our salvation in Christ. However, we are reminded that we are blessed for having not seen but yet believing in his message. To trust and believe in God requires a huge leap of faith – it sometimes means that we step out into the unknown in order for Christ to make himself known to us. If we trust the Word to be the Truth, then we rise with Christ in the resurrection, our hope ascends as He ascended, and our joy will be complete!

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



### Prayer

*Dearest Lord, may we look for you in the gift of one another. We know that you journey with us even though we cannot see you. Help us to cherish your Word and Sacrament as we approach the altar to offer you fitting praise. Enable us to discern your presence so that we may follow the divine will. May our prayers ascend to heaven as your Son ascended in that glorious event. Amen.*

## Voices of Faith

### The Ascension

Men of Galilee listen to heaven's Rabbi  
Healed by His wounds  
They are disciples of resurrection's truth  
The reality of the Risen Lord  
Bathes them in the light of a promise

Their Christ had to suffer  
For bringing humanity back to God  
Hearts are changed with his victory over death  
Repentance offered once again  
With forgiveness as His aim

Immersed into Jesus' life  
These men of Galilee delve into His Truth  
Baptized by John, they are cleansed  
The Baptism of the Spirit will come  
Consuming them by the power of love

On that day of days  
Heaven's gate opens wide  
As their Christ is taken from their sight  
God's angels bid them on  
As they announce the future return of the Risen One

To Jerusalem the disciples return  
To await the gift of the Father  
Which will set them ablaze  
With the power of His life  
And the Truth of His Love

Engraved upon their memory  
Is a sacred story  
Of One who healed the sick  
Cleansed the leper, forgave the sinner  
And raised the dead – to show His glory

And so the disciple journeys forth  
Ready to serve and to wash the feet  
Of hearts yearning for God  
And souls bruised and torn  
Waiting to be touched by love

Man must not look into the skies to find his Christ  
For Christ walks with all on the journey of life  
The sacred ground of his presence remains in the home  
And on the streets of homeless abodes  
Let man hold fast to this sacred threshold

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



*Ascension of Christ  
/Wikimedia Commons*

# Faith Formation

## 2015-2016 School Year

### CALENDAR

#### MAY

- 8 ~ May Crowning of Mary during 11:00 a.m. Mass
- 11 ~ First Communion Family Celebration Dinner

#### JUNE

- 5 ~ VBS Volunteer Workshop, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
- 13 ~ 17 Vacation Bible School, 9:00 - Noon
- 17 ~ VBS Family Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

#### *At the Teaching Mass for Families Fr. John Blesses the Blessing Cups Made by First Communicants*

Fr. John celebrated a very special Teaching Mass for families and children who received First Communion this past Saturday, May 7. During the Mass, he explained the parts of the Mass, the vestments of the clergy and other wonderful traditions in the church. It was an amazing



learning experience for all. At the end of the Mass, Fr. John blessed the First Communion Banners and the Blessing Cups for the children. He explained to families that the

Blessing Cup was a reminder of this very special occasion in their life, receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. He encouraged families to bring out the Blessing cup at other key moments in their life and to pass the cup and share with each other.

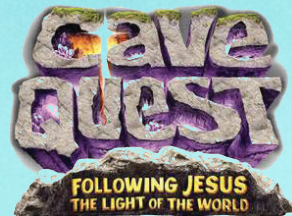


*Natalie Donahue's Sixth Grade Faith Formation students celebrate a year of Faith Formation together.*

Natalie Campbell, Director of Religious Education  
[natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com) 239.566.8740, ext. 3909

### Vacation Bible School June 13 - 17 from 9:00 a.m.- Noon

We are busy preparing for a great week at Cave Quest! Adult volunteers are still needed to fill the following spots, 1 Photographer, 1 VBS Mission Coordinator, and 3-4 Early morning Kitchen Help in the Cavern Cafe beginning at 7:30 a.m. If you are interested, please contact Natalie in the Faith Formation Office.



### Registration Open for VBS PreK-5th Grade

Please register for VBS by May 11 so we can order T-shirts in a timely manner, as well as supplies. Registration prices increase slightly beginning May 12. Thank you for your understanding.

Registration forms are available in the parish office. You may also register online at our website.

Go to [www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com). Then go to the FAITH FORMATION tab, choose Grades PreK-12th Grade, scroll down to the VBS forms to register online.

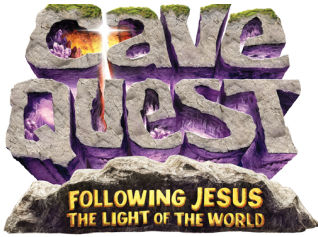
### Calling all Current 8th Graders!

Several of you received your First Communion here at St. John back in 2010! Would you believe we still have several of your First Communion light blue banners that have not have been picked up! Yes, the time has gone by quickly. We welcome all 8th graders — those of you who are currently enrolled in Faith Formation, as well as those of you who have been away for awhile and those of you who are new to our parish, to register for High School Confirmation classes for next year! The proposed High School Calendar is already up on our website at [www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com) under the Faith Formation tab and in the K-12 Section. In the Diocese of Venice, youth may receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when they are age 15 and in at least the 10th grade, having had two consecutive years of Faith Formation. For current high school students who have not yet been confirmed, we welcome you as well! There will be 15 classes on Sunday evenings from 6:15-7:30 p.m. throughout the next school year. For more information please contact Natalie at [natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com). Registration is now open!

### Go Online to Print Registration Forms

Registration Forms are now available to print at [www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com). To access the calendar and the forms, go to the Faith Formation tab at the website homepage and then go to the drop-down marked "Grades Pre-K to 12th Grade." Forms are all located at the bottom of that page.





St. John the Evangelist Vacation Bible School
2016 Registration Form
June 13-17 from 9 a.m. – Noon

Please fill out a form per child registering (age 4 years to 5th Grade).
Attach \$30 Tuition per child (checks payable to St. John the Evangelist).

Mail to:

Jasmine Dina, 7121 Timberland Circle, Naples FL 34109 Phone: 239-289-0585

Early registration for volunteers' children and St. John parishioners: April 3 – April 16 (\$30 per child).
Open registration: April 17 – May 11 (\$30 per child). ~ Late registration: May 12 – May 19. (\$35 per child)

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Returning VBS Participant? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Parish your family is registered with \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade As of Fall 2016 \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M/F \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency, Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want any of your family members grouped together? (Crew leader, Jr. Crew leader, siblings) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
Elementary and pre-school children do not travel together.

Any special needs your child might have that you would like us to take into consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: (Circle one) YXS (4-6) YSmall (6-8) YMed. (10-12) YLarge (14-16) Adult Small

Please note: when ordering shirts, they may run small!

Pre-order your music this year!! Sing & Play Rock Music– DVD \$20.00; CD \$10.00; and Download Card \$10.00

# \_\_\_ DVD # \_\_\_ CD # \_\_\_ Download Card (Please pre-pay & add amount to registration tuition.)

TO REGISTER ONLINE, please visit: https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2016VBS

PHOTO RELEASE FORM

Authorization for release and use of student image in photo, videotape or other media.

I, the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby grant
permission to Saint John the Evangelist to photograph or video my child and to use a photograph/video of my child in
connection with Cave Quest, Vacation Bible School. I grant permission for Saint John the Evangelist to use the image of
my child in a Spotlight slideshow at the end of each day and at the Cave Quest Party. Pictures may be posted on the Saint
John the Evangelist website and/or in the Saint John the Evangelist bulletin or the FloridaCatholic newspaper.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Children's Choir Prepares for First Holy Communion



The SJE Children's Choir has been preparing music all season for one of the most important Masses for children at our church: First Holy Communion. Many of the SJE Children's Choir made their first Holy Communion this Saturday, May 7. The Children's Choir was proud to provide music for the Mass and to participate with their peers on this most important day in their lives. The Children's Choir is such a blessing to our parish and worship experience. If your child wants to participate in the Children's Choir next season, please contact Ellie Roberts for more information at [ellie@sjecc.com](mailto:ellie@sjecc.com).

## Stroke Recovery: What's Possible – Myths and Facts! Presentation Thursday, May 12 at St. John

Balance Issues, Caregiver Support, Insurance Caps and so much more will be discussed in this two-part program on Thursday, May 12, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The event will be held here at St. John. Physical Therapy Veteran and Entrepreneur Bruce Meert will first discuss some of the most current PT techniques to solve mobility and balance issues.

Then, Survivor, Author and Stroke Recovery Foundation Founder Bob Mandell will discuss stroke from a patient perspective. He will describe several little known techniques he has used to transform himself from his days as a nursing home resident to today's presentation. You will learn about the work of the non-profit *Stroke Recovery Foundation* ([www.strokevictor.com](http://www.strokevictor.com)) and how it helps stroke survivors and their caregivers.

Soft drinks and light refreshments will be served. The event is free, however, please RSVP by calling 239.254.8266.

Donations are welcome.

If you aren't feeling fully "in the game" at your current high school, come visit Neumann.



Keep Faith in Your Education.  
**ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Accepting freshman and transfer student applications for this fall.  
Go to [www.sjnceltics.org](http://www.sjnceltics.org) / or call Admissions 239.455.3044 x201

# Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

*Amoris Laetitia* cries for discussion in...parishes!

...and here at Saint John the Evangelist we are beginning this week.

Each week, after reading one of the chapters, you are invited to meet in dialogue groups to discuss what the Pope said, and how it relates to our daily commitments and challenges today.

Following the advice of Thomas Reese, SJ, whose Study Guide we will be using, we will start with Chapter 4, Love in Marriage.

“Chapter 4 is a masterpiece. It should be read by every couple planning to marry and every couple who has been married for no matter how many years.”

Beginning with a meditation on St. Paul’s lyrical passage on love in First Corinthians (13:4-7), the tone is pastoral and inspirational. “One can only conclude that as a priest and bishop he spent countless hours listening and dialoguing with couples about their lived experiences.”

N.B. (note well) that men are specifically encouraged to attend since this focuses on couples, and that means both parties. With the option of multiple days and times even couples with different schedules can participate in the discussion individually and then continue it at home with their spouse.

Looking ahead, the next week we will jump to Chapter 8, Accompanying, Discerning and Integrating Weakness. Although it is of particular interest to divorced Catholics, “it is worth reading for everyone. It is probably the best discussion of conscience and sin that I have ever seen come out of the Vatican.”

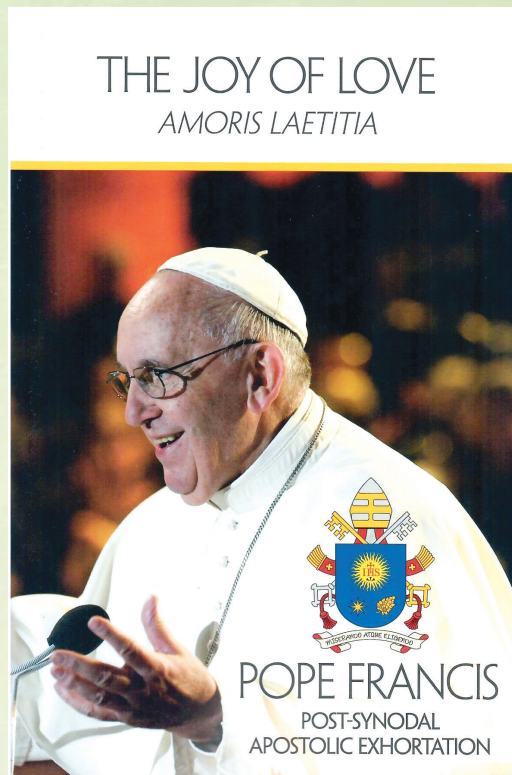
In weeks 3 and 4 we will read and discuss Chapter 5 which deals with children and Chapter 7 dealing with the education of children, including topics such as “technological disconnect.”

To get started, here is what to do.

**First: Get a copy of *Amoris Laetitia*.**

It can be downloaded **free** from a number of websites including,

- Our [www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com) website,
- from the Vatican: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>
- for an e-reader: <http://sperolaus.com/2016/04/download-amoris-laetitia-ereaders-mobi-epub-pdf/>



A printed copy is available in the Parish Office and Divine Gift Boutique for only \$10.

**Next: Read Chapter Four.** Take your time, remember Pope Francis “does not recommend a rushed reading of the text. The greatest benefit...will come if each part is read patiently and carefully.”

**Then: Let us know which session you will attend this week.** Each will be held in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center and last no more than 75 minutes, although some may choose to remain and continue discussion.

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 10 (after the morning Mass)

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 10

1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 12 or

9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 15 (before the 11:00 a.m. family Mass)

*(Please email or call so we will know how many to plan for.)*

**Finally: Review the Study Guide Questions for Chapter Four** that are available in the Parish Office and online at <http://ncronline.org/blogs/faith-and-justice/study-guide-amoris-latitia>

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

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

**Thanks to  
our Sponsor  
Advertisers for  
Their Support!!!  
Rep Will Be Here  
This Week**

Joe Sheehy, a sales rep from Messner Publications, our bulletin publisher, will be with us this week, contacting current and prospective advertisers for the parish bulletin.

The revenue from these ads allows Saint John the Evangelist to receive free shipping and printing of the bulletins each week.

We thank all those loyal sponsors who have renewed their ads as well as our new sponsor advertisers. Please patronize these generous sponsors and let them know you saw their ad in the bulletin. Anyone who may be interested in placing a new ad can still call for ad size availability and rates.

Mr. Sheehy can be reached directly at 203.231.0727 or by email, [jshuehy@messnerpublications.com](mailto:jshuehy@messnerpublications.com).

If you are a business owner, self-employed, a contractor, in the legal or medical profession, would you please consider supporting the weekly bulletin by placing an ad? The ads are priced competitively so these advertisers see a tangible return on the investment they make in advertising their business.

## ST. PIUS X ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

10 Olympic Way, Kingston 11

Telephone : 876-923-5014

Email address: [stpiuscom@cwjamaica.com](mailto:stpiuscom@cwjamaica.com)

April 27, 2016

Jamaica Outreach Program  
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
111<sup>th</sup> Ave. North  
Naples, Florida

Peace be with You All!

On behalf of the St. Pius X Church Community I wish to thank you all for your generous donation of food items send to the parish.

The donation was well received and greatly appreciated.

May the Risen Lord continue to bless you all as you continue to do the wonderful work for His kingdom.

Peace and Blessings



Rev. Fr. Raphael Assamah

Pastor



## CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

*And We're Helping Grow The Build Our Future, Serve Our Past Capital Campaign!*



Between now and March 31, 2018, if a Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church parishioner lists or sells their home with us, we will make a donation at closing in honor of the parishioner (or a person of their choice) to the Capital Campaign; this donation will be 25% of our commission. To learn more, please contact us.

**GORDIE LAZICH**

239.777.2033

[gordie.lazich@sothebysrealty.com](mailto:gordie.lazich@sothebysrealty.com)

*New Parishioner*

**MARK MARAN**

239.777.3301

[mark.maran@sothebysrealty.com](mailto:mark.maran@sothebysrealty.com)

Premier | Sotheby's  
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

Each office is independently owned and operated.



# Thanksgiving at Sea

Back by popular demand!  
Limited space



## CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE

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



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

### Booking Bonuses:

- \* Roundtrip Bus from Saint John
- \* 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

### Exclusive Cruise Rates:

#### Balcony

Category S2 (Sky suite):	Prevailing Rate
Category C3 (Concierge class):	Prevailing Rate
Category 1A:	Prevailing rate
Category 1B:	Prevailing rate
Category 1C:	\$1,114
Category 2A:	\$1,154
Category 2B:	Prevailing rate

#### 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”



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](mailto: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**



Parish Contact: David Quist  
239.594.2071 dquist@comcast.net

### Booking Bonuses:

- \* Pre-Cruise Wine and Cheese reception January 7th at Saint John
- \* 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

### Exclusive Cruise Rates:

<b>Suite</b>	
Category CS (Celebrity suite):	Prevailing rate
Category S2 (Sky suite):	Prevailing rate
<b>Balcony</b>	
Category C2 (Concierge class):	Prevailing rate
Category C3 (Concierge class):	Prevailing rate
Category 1A:	Prevailing rate
Category 1B:	\$1,864
Category 1C:	Prevailing rate
Category 2B:	Prevailing rate
Category 2D:	\$1,744
<b>Ocean View</b>	
Category 8:	Prevailing rate
<b>Interior</b>	
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.

**"Non parishioners welcome"**

For additional information and booking  
Contact April Williams at  
**800.940.2394**  
or [awilliams@cruiseandtravelexperts.com](mailto: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. 12/28/15