

July 31, 2016
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



the
EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. John Welcomes 87 New Families Since March 1

St. John welcomes all new families who have registered with our parish in recent months. From March 1 through June 30, some 87 families have registered as new members of Saint John the Evangelist. We welcome to our parish family the most recent registrants.

Petar & Ana Al Kurdi

Al Rayes Family

Alikaj Family

Asencio Family

Aune Family

Anthony & Katia Avila

Baker Family

Meghan Barrett

Ken & Kristin Bastani

Robert & Diane Beavers

Benitez Family

Bickett Family

Vicki Billiet

Borda-Villazon Family

Bowles Family

Brady Family

Julia Brown

Thomas & Donna Caccese

Anthony & Maureen Campanelli

Mary Cappiello

Ernesto & Minerva Cristo

Cromie Family

John & Anne Cunningham

Margaret Degler

Delluomo Family

Anthony & Rosemarie Dolceamore

James Driscoll

Harry & Lynne Dubbs

Kevin & Margaret Dugan

John & Gail Emolo

Gerald & Annette Farley

Ernest & Irene Fesler

Robert & Marie Benita Gillespie

Catherine Glaser

Gonzalez Rodriguez Family

Ryan Goodman

Terry & Jackie Hickman

Isaksen Family

Desmond & Joan Johnson

Katherine Joyce

Julian Family

Kastroll Family

Don Kennedy

Kocses Family

Krampel Family

Leo & Marlene Kuhn

Levens Family

Lothrop Family

Machnicz Family

Magnus Family

Martinez Family

James & Barbara Massey

McLean & Flanagan Family

Cynthia McLey

Jim & Janet Meerpohl

Mendelzon Family

Miller Family

Jorge & Johanna Mora

Catherine Myers

*List of new families continues
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Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m.; Thursday Evening: 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, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 & 5:00 p.m.

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

July 30, 2016	Saturday	8:00 AM + Walter Shea	Wife & Shea Family
	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	3:00 PM + Maureen Knoblock	Aunt Terry
		5:00 PM + Keith Kurnath	Parents, Ken & Marianne
July 31, 2016	Sunday	7:00 AM + Charles Murphy	The Goeren Family
		9:00 AM + Fred Sass	Joe & Jean Carpino
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners
		1:00 PM + Fr. Bill Wargel	John & Marilyn Thyen
		5:00 PM + Joe Hennessy	Sunlight Home
August 1, 2016	Monday	8:30 AM + Elaine Bresnahan	Joan Marinelli & Sally Potter
August 2, 2016	Tuesday	8:30 AM + McNulty Family	Anne McNulty
August 3, 2016	Wednesday	8:30 AM + Alex Root	Mike & Kathy Mooney
August 4, 2016	Thursday	8:30 AM + Jerome McCaffrey	Michael & Lenore Moore
		6:30 PM + Connie Episcopo	Three Loving Children
August 5, 2016	Friday	8:30 AM + Dolores Varone	Larry Varone
August 6, 2016	Saturday	8:00 AM + Patrick D. Giordano	Wife & Children
	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	3:00 PM + Robert Ulliana	Marion & Philip Ulliana
		5:00 PM + Frank DeNardis	Josephine & Frank Mello
August 7, 2016	Sunday	7:00 AM + Giles Nolan	Don Goodwillie
		9:00 AM + Scott Wagner	Baker Family
		11:00 AM	For Our Parishioners
		1:00 PM + Gail Gorumba	Cotroneo Family
		5:00 PM + Sebastian Balliro	Aunt Jenny

Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

Monday, August 1	10:00 AM	Solaris Senior Living
Intentions of Holliday Family		req. by Peggy Holliday
Tuesday, August 2	11:00 AM	Bayshore Memory Care
Bob Murphy		req. by Sharon Carr

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.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, July 30, 2016**

St. Peter Chrysologus; Blessed Virgin Mary
Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday;

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Sunday, July 31, 2016**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Monday, August 1, 2016**St. Alphonsus Liguori**

Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 2, 2016**St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard**

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 4, 2016**St. John Vianney**

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 5, 2016**Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major;****First Friday**

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 6, 2016**The Transfiguration of the Lord; First Saturday**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday;

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12];
Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

Sunday, August 7, 2016**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12];
Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

MASS INTENTIONS...

Campaign Corner

July 31, 2016

“Journeying is an art because if we’re always in a hurry, we get tired and don’t arrive at our journey’s goal. If we stop, we don’t go forward and we also miss the goal.” — Pope Francis



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

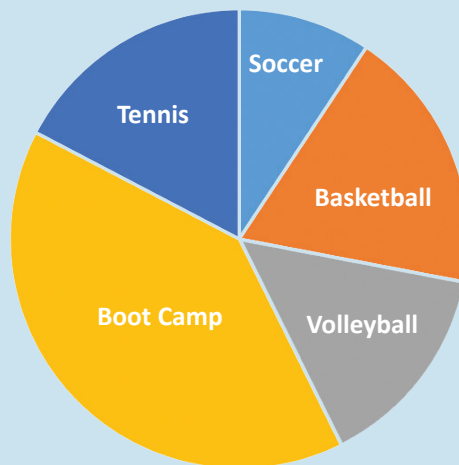
Survey Results: Adults

At some point in our spirituality, we may all be tempted to say “I have arrived” or “I am content to be here”. That is not the point of the Catholic faith or our life. Those are journeys we are all on together. Pope Francis spoke above about the need for our faith journey to continue throughout our life and not stop just because we are Confirmed. We are blessed here at St. John with such an active community of adults that understand that exact point. We are pleased that we will be assisting our Parish Family and community, no matter what their age or stage of their journey. This week, we will focus on the Adult community, who gave us some clear priorities when it comes to the programs they would like this church to provide:

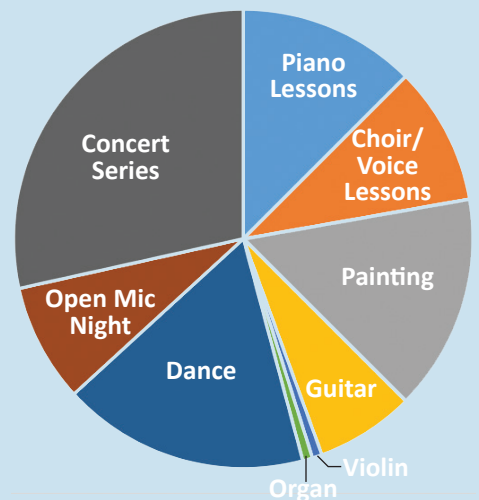
Social and Spiritual Programs
- Adults



Sports and Wellness Programs
- Adults



Arts and Music Programs
- Adults



Saint John the Evangelist is committed to developing opportunities to discuss all the various topics that impact our lives, both spiritual and temporal. It is important to have dinners for couples to talk about their relationships and how to parent effectively in such a technologically focused age along with other discussions about the Bible and our Catholic beliefs. The social aspect of these programs is prevalent in this age group in particular, including Seminars, Boot Camps for physical fitness, and Concerts. All of these activities are group activities and we will ensure they are prioritized this coming Fall and Winter.

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.

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

Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager
jp@sjecc.com

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Robert Murphy Associate
Fr. Paul D'Angelo Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner
Deacon Forrest Wallace
Deacon Frank Paniccia Senior Status

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

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. *Deborah Marsh: 566.8740*

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. *Tricia Schwarz: 566.8740*

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.

*For complete information on the Sacraments, please visit our website: www.sjecc.com

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
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Assistant to the Pastor
Tricia Schwarz

Parish Secretary
Deborah Marsh

Front Office Manager
Kathy Mooney

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist
Call the office: 566.8740

Artistic Director
Ellie Roberts

Sacristan & Martha's Guild
Lan Tran

Director of Family Mission
Jean-Paul Boucher

Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor
Kathy Sims

Memorial Garden
Jean-Paul Boucher

Bookkeeper
Karen Beebe

Religious Boutique
Jackie Gibson: Ext. 3921

Maintenance
566.8740

Education Staff

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

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

email staff members at:
info@sjecc.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: www.sjecc.com

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!

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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: 8:30 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 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.,
11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

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*

Hospitality. 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*

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, contact *Elaine: 566.8740*.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH INFORMATION... OPERATIONAL

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 30 & 31

Readings:	734
Entrance Hymn:	461 The Church's One Foundation
Preparation Hymn:	491 We Have Been Told
Communion Hymn:	516 The Prayer of St. Francis
	427 Center of My Life
Closing Hymn:	570 Blest Are They
Choir Anthems 9 AM Mass	
Before Mass:	Ave Verum Corpus <i>Mozart</i>
Communion:	Be Thou My Vision <i>Parker</i>

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, August 1: Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ez 34:11, 23-24*

I will look after my sheep, says the Lord,
and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them,
and I, the Lord, will be their God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. 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.

Tuesday, August 2: Tuesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 16 (15)*

O, Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my portion.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Mt 19:27-29*

Amen I say to you; that you who have left all and followed me
will receive a hundredfold and possess eternal life.

Wednesday, August 3: Wednesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 70 (69):2,6*

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord,
make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Wis 16:20*

You have given us O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Thursday, August 4: Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 132 (131):9*

Your Priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice;
your holy ones shall ring out their joy

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Mt 24:46-47*

Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching
when he comes, Amen. I say to you:
He will put that servant in charge of all his property.

Friday, August 5: Friday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hail Holy Mother who gave birth to the King
who rules heaven and earth forever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. It is I who deal death and give life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Lk 11:27*

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary,
which bore the son of the eternal Father.

Saturday, August 6: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Mt 17:5*

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.
The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. 1 Jn 3:2*

When Christ appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

#ToKnow – Financial Picture of St. John: Income Still Increasing Even with Capital Campaign

by Jean-Paul Boucher
 General Manager
 jp@sjecc.com



I have always thought that one of my responsibilities to you and our Parish Family is to ensure complete transparency and accountability for the use of the gifts we choose to provide to our church. Karen Beebe, our Bookkeeper, and our entire team has been working diligently to ensure our financial environment is efficient and focused on the mission of St. John, with priorities for efforts that enhance To Know, To Love, and To Serve. Some of this information can be a bit dry, but these numbers are a tremendous illustration of your continued support, which is deeply appreciated by all those in our church and our community in need. Just as a reminder, our church operates on a fiscal year that begins on July 1 and ends on June 30 each year. We have closed the books on Fiscal Year 2016, which is why we are able to evaluate how our year has gone.

two years, compared to 2011. (See *Comparison of Monthly Income graph at the bottom of the page.*)

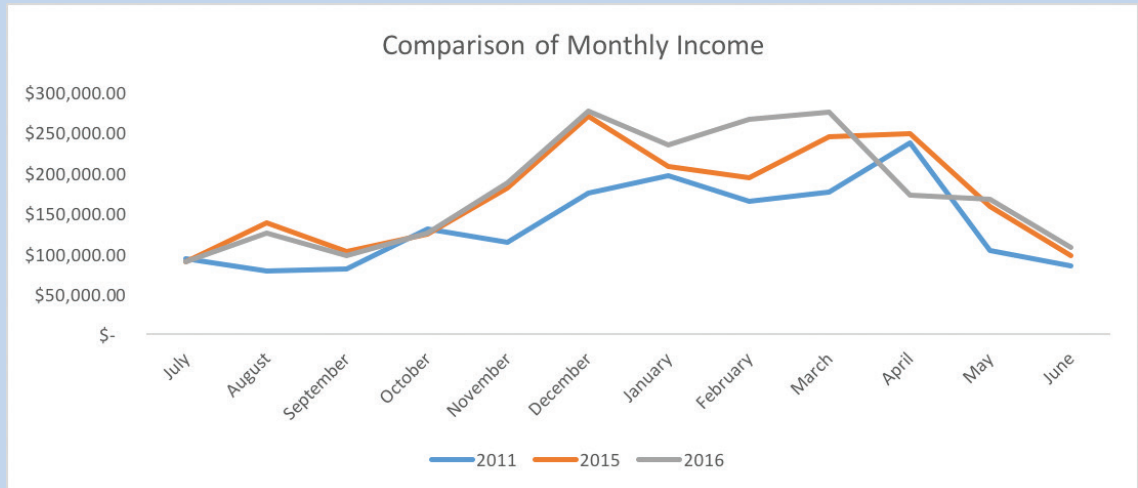
Looking toward the future, we are continuing to streamline our operations and at the same time, preparing for a brand-new (for Catholic Churches in this area, at least) financial structure, which will include enhanced income from programs and activities. I hope you have been excited by the priorities you have asked for and will enjoy the benefits as we roll them out.

Next week, we will discuss the expenses of the parish. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to email me or call. My door is always open, both physical and virtual.

This week, I wanted to provide you a picture of our income, in particular our Offertory, which is used for all operations of the parish, including everything from Faith Formation, to mission work in Immokalee, to music licenses for the choir. It has come as a surprise to me that we have actually increased our overall Offertory over last year by 3%. This is extraordinary as we are in the middle of a Capital Campaign, in which we have already collected millions of dollars on top of our Offertory. I was expecting at least a 5% reduction in our Offertory. The logical reason for the continued increase is the large influx of registered members of this parish over the past year. (See *Yearly Total Expenses graph to the right.*)



It is also interesting to see how our income is gathered over the year and how that has changed over time. For example, you can see the trend that is “smoothing out”, where we have less of a dip in the summer these past



Annual Undy Sunday August 7 and August 14

It is back to school time for Lee County public schools Wednesday, August 10, while Collier County students will return to school Monday, August 15. With this in mind, Catholic Charities of Collier County is once again sponsoring Undy Sunday the weekends of August 7 and August 14.

“August is ‘back to school’ month and school staff members and nurses continue to remind us of the surprising number of young students who lack decent, or sometimes any, underwear and socks. Therefore, we ask your assistance in bringing **new and unused** underwear and socks sizes 2 through 12 (small sizes preferred) to your church or synagogue, on (the weekends of) August 6-7 and August 13-14. Your generosity

in providing this essential clothing will help the low income children get off to a decent start in their new school year,” Don Campbell, Catholic Charities Undy Sunday co-chair, said.

Organizers of the 20th Annual Undy Sunday event are preparing for more students than ever who need assistance with these items in order to be ready for another school year.

Last year, a total of 38 churches and synagogues took part in donating tens of thousands of underwear and socks, which were distributed to 39 elementary schools and six social service agencies throughout Collier County. “...a heartfelt ‘Thank You’ to all of our donors,” Don said.

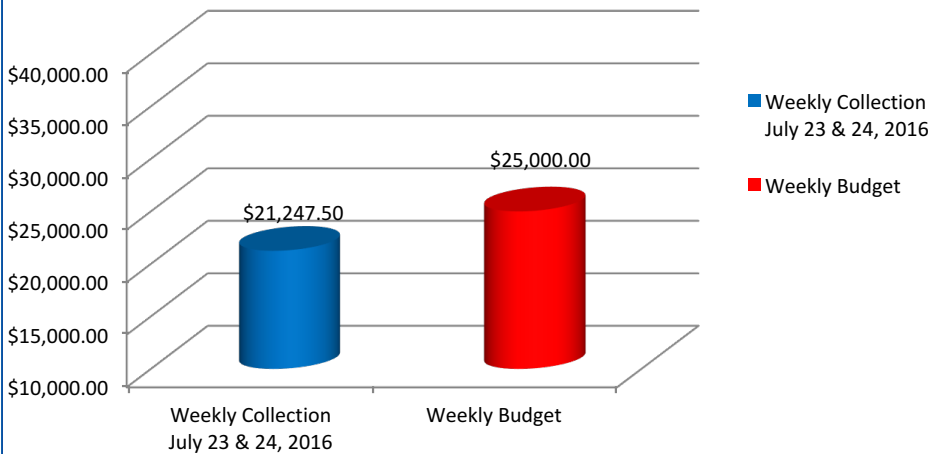
Since the initial Undy Sunday in 1997, the number of participating churches has more than doubled. Approximately 750,000 undergarments have been given to disadvantaged children in Collier County during the past 19 years.

Immokalee and Children’s Advocacy Center, Youth Haven and the Shelter for Abused Women and Children and Providence House will also receive the underwear and socks to distribute to children during the school year.

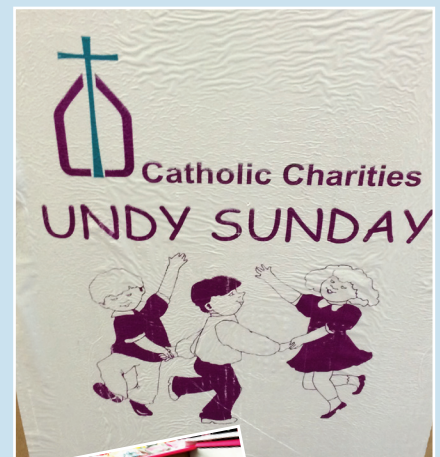
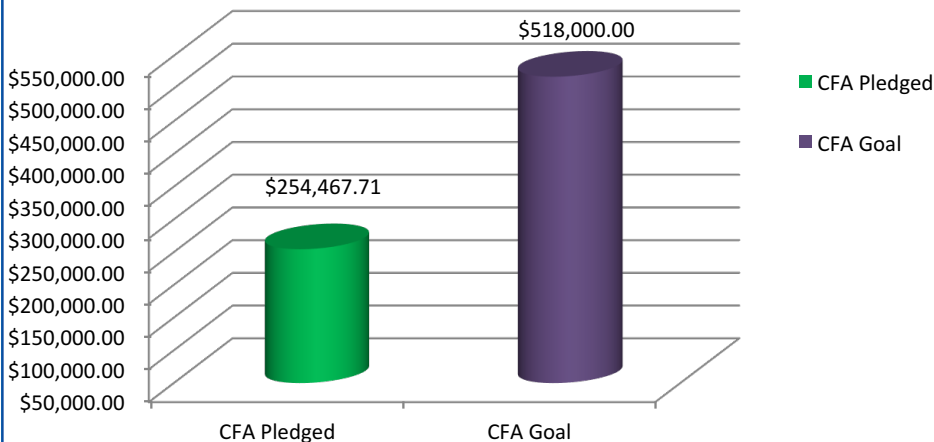
Please look for the Undy Sunday boxes in the narthex of the church on the weekends of August 6-7 and August 13-14. Catholic Charities volunteers will pick up from all churches and see that the items get to the schools for proper distribution to needy children of Collier County.

Monetary donations also are needed to purchase additional underwear and socks and to meet other needs of low-income children. For cash donations, please make checks payable to Catholic Charities of Collier County marked for Undy Sunday.

Weekly Collection Summary



CFA Summary



Bereavement. Attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Take turns serving lunch for the family and friends after a funeral Mass. Grief facilitators hold support groups as needed to give support to those suffering a loss. *Elaine: 566.8160. For Grief Support Ministry: 566.8740*

Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist. Prepare boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. *scoutmaster@troop-226.com*

Buildings and Grounds Council. The scope of the Buildings and Grounds Council is to provide future direction, advice, and insight for the physical plant of Saint John the Evangelist, to include all buildings, the grounds, and all utilities therein. The Council will meet quarterly to evaluate any long-term strategy planning that is required to provide such a large and complex environment with multiple purposes.

Catholic/Jewish Dialogue. Engage Catholics and Jews in understanding our past history and to advance the cause of mutual understanding and appreciation for our differences as well as our commonalities. *Marty Gauthier: marty@naples.net*

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*

Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist. Provide families with an opportunity to raise their young boys in the way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. *pack226naples@gmail.com*

Companion Driving Ministry. To promote a sense of love and belonging for every member of our Parish Community by offering transportation to church services regardless of age, infirmity, marital or socioeconomic status. To sign up for a ride or to become a volunteer driver: *566.8740 or Beth Lucci at 877.6254 or sjeride@gmail.com*

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: July 6, July 20, August 3 and August 17. *Lhara Echeverria: 293.3694 or Lhara@sjecc.com*

and Beth Lucci: 877.6254

Faith and Wine. Provide interesting and thought provoking speakers monthly with food and fellowship for women in the Diocese. *Nancy Squitieri: mamsquit@yahoo.com*

Finance Council. The Finance Council is an integral part of the Stewardship responsibilities of the parish. The council assists the Pastor and General Manager in their deliberation and decision-making process in order to serve the needs of the Parish in the prudent administration of its resources and funds. *President: Barbara Kuryea*

Habitat for Humanity. Build homes in Naples for qualifying families in need. *Nick Kouloheras: nick@hfhcollier.com*

Jamaica Outreach Program. Non-profit 501 c(3) public charity whose mission is to help the poor in Jamaica, through sister-parish and other strategic relationships. JOP provides funds, goods and services for health care, food, clothing, housing, community facilities, and education, to improve the lives of the poor in Jamaica without regard to religious affiliation, personal history, gender, age or race. *Jeanne Stamant: (season) 514.0290, (summer) 248.3248*

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281. Worldwide Catholic men's fraternal organization founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. St. John's Council provides regular financial support for our seminarians and our parish. Knights also conduct a wide variety of activities to enhance and strengthen family life in the parish. 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. *Bill Warvel, Grand Knight: 331.7151*

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meets second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. *S/K Jim McDonald: 947.6454*

Knitting & Crocheting. Knits and crochets to benefit those in need. Make baby hats and booties, blankets for babies, hats for chemo patients, lap robes for hospitalized servicemen, and prayer shawls for people who are ill. Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. *Vicki Brenner: 498.9900*

Ladies of Charity. Volunteer in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank. The Ladies also visit local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. In addition, they are available to provide friendly visits and to perform simple errands for the elderly and homebound. Meets the second Friday of every month. *Homebound: Diane Pesce: 630.571.0707.*

To join: MarieElaina Mullin: 273.1702

Men's Club and Ladies Auxiliary. Organizes, cooks, orders and serves food and beverages and otherwise provides staff and support for a multitude of parish and parish-related functions. It hosts the parish picnic, Children Easter Egg Hunt, and the men work closely with the Family Ministry at many of their events. Monthly meetings 2:00 p.m. on the second Thursday from October to May. *Jack Nalipinski: 412.613.3551*

Parish Nurse Ministry. Dedicated to the support and encouragement of wellness and health of the St. John Parish Family via monthly seminars on health topics. Illustrates how taking care of your body helps take care of your spirit and your soul. *Sue Townsend: sue@sjecc.com*

Pastoral Stewardship Council. The major responsibilities of St. John's stewardship program falls under the purview of the Pastoral Stewardship Council. The Council's mission is to create awareness of God's gifts of time, talent and treasure and to encourage their use to the best of one's ability for the good of the Parish. The Council has three major subcommittees: Hospitality, Sharing, and Time and Talent. *Council President: Rick Beebe: psc@sjecc.com*

Respect Life. Educates and informs the parish community on all aspects of respect life, which include the unborn, mothers who have had abortions, the elderly, mentally challenged, the physically challenged, the imprisoned, and the terminally ill and the poor and hungry. *Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941*

Sewing Ministry. Provides children's clothing for St. Pius X Parish in Jamaica and clothes for needy children of Immokalee, which are distributed through the Guadalupe Center or the Compassionate Friends of St. John's, and provides various needs for the Sunlight Home. 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. To help the poor, specifically people in zip codes 34108, 34109 and 34110. Members work in teams making home visits to those in need. Many times it means helping individuals with rent payment, late electrical or water bills, prescription needs and food. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass. *SVdP Office: 775.1667*

■ 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...

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PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Lee Yulio: 513.0715

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

Patricia Bucalo: 248.0694

Divine Will Prayer Group

Linda Reilly: 821.8982

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

Mondays: Maria Jones: 348.5361

Wednesday morning will resume in the fall.

Liturgy of the Hours

Phyllis Gryskiewicz: 566.7307

St. John Charismatic Prayer Group

“Blazing Hearts”

Linda Reilly: 821.8982

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 Pedrigo
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

Ensign Gabriella Scrudato
U.S. Coast Guard

Lt. Bernardo Garcia
U.S. Marines

MidShipman Micaela Scrudato
U.S. Naval Academy

Lt. Joseph Gilig
1st Marine Division
* LAV Recon

Sp. Andrew Smith
U.S. Army (Kuwait)

Cpl. Dylan Granza
U.S. Army Ranger
Sp. Shelby Granza
U.S. Army

Sp. Devin Snyder
U.S. Army (Ft. Drum, NY)

Gunnery Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer
USMC * Embassy Security (New Zealand)

Houng Tran
U.S. Army

Sp. Douglas Hennessy
U.S. Army

IT2 Jason E. Tydingco
(USN)

Marine Colonel Brian Howlett USMC

Staff Sgt. Brandon Waithe
U.S. Air Force

2nd Lt. Sean Kealey
U.S. Army

Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino
U.S. Air Force

OUTREACH & OTHER GROUPS

AA. Robert: 239.287.2442

Al-Anon. Carol: 804.306.5323 and Juliette: Lysack

Narcotics Anonymous.

Cursillistas. Robyn DeVille: 253.6275 or robyndeville@earthlink.net

Mah Jong. Lanelle Bishop: 352.1860

Pinochle. Joseph DeJesus: 598.9865

Recovering Couples Anonymous. Britta: 348.5031 or Roger: 250.6888

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

John Edward Baker, Jerry Richard Lane, James Norman Paris and John Edward Trzyna

May they rest in eternal peace.

Please pray for those on our prayer list below as well as those whose names appear on our online Prayer List at <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/prayer-list>.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by PRAYER and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. – Philippians 4:6

ADD

AJM

Rich Annunziata

Fernando Ardila

Thomas Ardila

Jean & Emmunale Ballmiro

Richard Becker

Margie Benefico

Ryan Bennis

Barbara Berg

Linda Berry

Elizabeth Bogнар

Kathleen Bradach

Connie Cahill

Nancy Campbell

Steve Caputo

Tiffany Chill

Eric Christensen

Fran & Becky Comeriato

Sam Comeriato

Anthony D'Antuono

Sandra Demski

Carol Donovan

Roseann Dugan

Veronica Fawcett

George Ferdinand

Wendy Bui Fewell

Donna Flynn

Anna Focht

Susan Foster

Edward Gaynor

John Gazzola

Michael Getty

Jackie Gibson

Emma Gilardi

Carlos D. Gomez

Don Goodwillie

Joe Goss

Alex Gradishar

Richard Granger

Keri Grasso

Donald Howe

Carolyn Jansen

Sean Keating

Krista Leigh Kozowyk

Jim Krauser & Family

Glenn & Joanne Krumel

John Kuryea

Lindsay Lavery

Dan & Lu LeBlanc

Ned & Mary Lou Leibig

Delk Lindaman

Lynette Loleski

Lillian Luchini

Margie Lynch

JRM

LRM

Arthur Magiero

Christine Maher

Katherine Malatespa

Ann Maniuske

Maria and Family

Kenneth J. McAvoy

Simone McGaffee

John McGlenn

J. Bradley McGonigle

Carolyn McNichols

McReynolds Family

Beth Ann Meloche

Amanda Merhige

Paul Miller

Heather Milner

Gerald Mitchell

Shirley Monacelli

Marylee Olsen

Maryla Panagos

Anne Perrino

Ann Petrillo

Thad Pluc

Renee Rake

Cindy Renner

Rea Rossi

Jean Ruel

SA

Lisa Sanfelippo

Peter Scariati

Darlene Scerbinski

Eli Schneider

Pat Schuler

Ben Schweninger

Lisa Siegwarth

Krista Sowers

Nancy Stewart

Susan Stokes

Rita Taranto

William J. Teplica

James Thompson

Tuni

Logan Uzzi

Fay VanWie

Rocco Vitale

Bob Wright

Helen Zaks

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like the name(s) you submit to be on our prayer list for longer than one month, please notify us by phone or email or the names will be removed. These names also appear on our online prayer list at: <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/prayer-list>

LET US PRAY...

To submit a one-month prayer request call 566.8740, or email: prayerlist@sjecc.com

JULY 31, 2016 ~ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, July 31, 2016: the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song

Let the River Flow

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Verse

Let the poor man say, "I am rich in him."
Let the lost man say, "I am found in him."
Oh, let the river flow!

Let the blind man say, "I can see again."
Let the dead man say, "I am born again."
Oh, let the river flow! Oh, let the river flow—

Chorus

Let the river flow, let the river flow
Holy Spirit, come, move in power
Let the river flow (let the river flow)
Let the river flow (let the river flow)
Let the river flow (let the river flow)
Let the river flow!

Preparation Song

Enough

Chris Tomlin

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All of You _____ is more than e - nough _____ for _____ all of me, _____
for ev - 'ry thirst _____ and _____ ev - 'ry need. _____ You _____ sat - is - fy _____
_____ me _____ with Your love, _____ and all I have _____ in You _____ is more than e - nough. _____

V.1) You're my supply, my breath of life
Still more awesome than I know
You're my reward, worth living for
Still more awesome than I know, and (to Chorus)

V.2) You're my sacrifice of greatest price
Still more awesome than I know

You're my coming King, you are ev'rything
Still more awesome than I know, and (to Chorus)
Bridge) More than all I want, more than all I need
You are more than enough for me
More than all I know, more than all I can say
You are more than enough (to Chorus)

Communion Songs

Communion

Mac Powell / 3rd Day

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

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

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

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

516 Prayer of St. Francis

Sebastian Temple

V.1) From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
 Creation's revealing your majesty!
 From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
 Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings,
 All exclaiming: (to Chorus, below)

V.2) Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
 Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
 Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
 Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
 None can fathom: (to Chorus, below)

In - de - scrib - a - ble, un - con - tain - a - ble; You placed the stars in the sky, and You know them by name. You are a - maz - ing, God; All pow - er - ful, un - tam - a - ble. Awe - struck, we fall to our knees as we hum - bly pro - claim You are a - maz - ing, God.

USCCB President Offers Prayers, Support After Church Attack, Killing of Priest in France

July 26, 2016

WASHINGTON—Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) expressed prayers and support after the latest terrorist attack on a Catholic parish in Normandy, France, that left a priest dead and another person seriously injured.

According to reports, the attack took place while Father Jacques Hamel was celebrating Mass, he and five other people were taken hostages inside the church.

Full statement follows.

Attack on Our Catholic Church in Normandy

A Statement from Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Catholic faithful around the world experienced the shock and sadness of this morning's barbaric attack on Saint-Etienne-du-

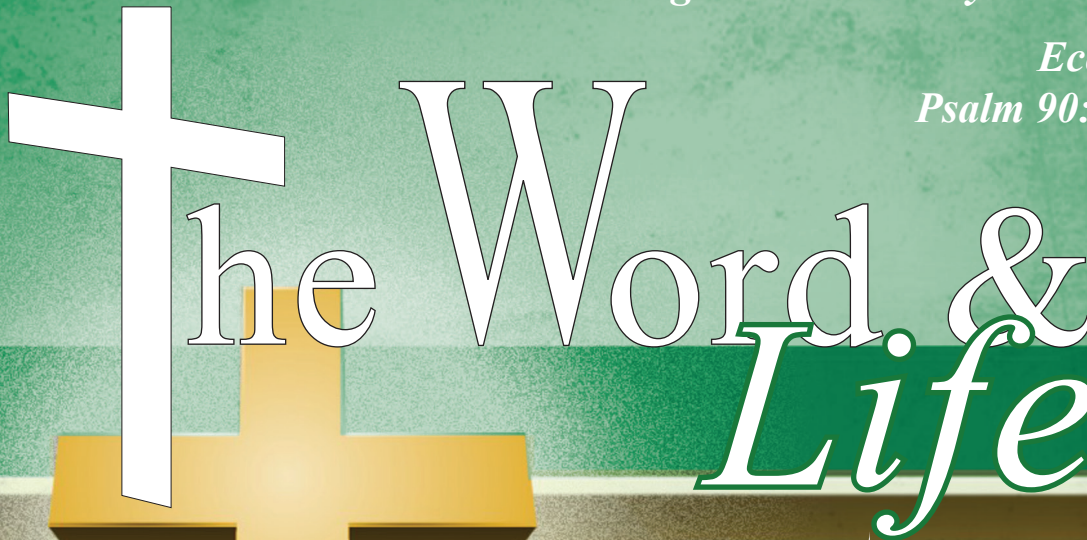
Rouvray in France, as if the loss was in our very own parish. We pray for Father Hamel and his parishioners knowing, as St. Paul stated regarding the Body of Christ, "if one suffers, all the parts suffer with it." (1 Cor 12:26)

The Holy Mass is the most sacred and joyful act we, as Catholics, celebrate. Never are we closer to our Lord Jesus Christ than we are when we receive the Eucharist. No act of desecration – no matter how vile – can obscure the merciful presence of God.

Jesus calls us to be sisters and brothers, to strive to care for one another, and always to reject the evil that seeks to divide us. We give thanks to God for the unforgettable witness of the faithful this morning at Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray.

— info from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops <http://www.usccb.org/news/2016/16-099.cfm>

Thus says the Lord God, "I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will heal you. (2 Kings 20:5)



The Word & Life

Knowing Your True Treasure

*W*e have heard it said that a shroud has no pockets! It is so true. As we observe our world we catch glimpses of its craziness. Economic power receives a great deal of emphasis. People spend a lot of time worrying about money and storing up their treasures. Workaholics often struggle to accumulate wealth forsaking family and friends and sometimes working themselves to death. Never having enough, some people strive for even more, "If I just work a couple years beyond retirement, I will be much more comfortable." We also find families squabbling over an inheritance they feel is owed them.

Reflection Questions

1. What are the necessary and important things to you?
2. What is your most valued possession?
3. What achievements would you say you have accomplished?
4. What do you think God values most about you?
5. Imagine that you were told that this would be the last day of your life. What things do you think that you would change?
6. Are you willing to rid yourself of those things that hinder you from reaching your greatest potential in God's eyes? Why or why not?
7. If someone was to offer a eulogy at your funeral, what do you think they would have to say?

This preoccupation with money is nothing new. In today's gospel a brother is bickering with his sibling because of inheritance money! Jesus warns the brothers to be on their guard against greed. This encounter with Jesus shows us the importance of not being preoccupied with wealth and greed in our lives.

The parable of the rich man storing up treasure in larger barns is a prime example of how people become obsessed by possessions. Caught up in the moment of his good harvest, he decides that he will tear down his barns to make room for larger ones to vainly delight in his accumulated wealth. His future plans are for self-sustenance, not for God. God then tells the man his life could be taken from him that very night and shows him how foolish he is, having made no provision for God.

We all need to examine what is of value to us. A good lesson in life for me was in Naples, Florida where I presided over two graveside services. The one at the beginning of the week was for a man who had been very successful in life. He was the CEO of a major company. At his funeral, numerous people got up to eulogize and praise his great economic achievements, but no one said anything about his character or personal faith. On Friday of that same week, I celebrated a funeral for a woman who had

worked in the service industry. There were only a couple of people at that funeral. I asked her daughter, "What was the most important thing your mother taught you?" Her response was profound, "My mother taught me how to love without condition and to accept everyone for who they are. She taught about the beauty of God." One cannot help but wonder who God thought brought the most riches to the world.

We cannot take our earthly treasures with us. Materialism becomes our master if we make it the priority of our lives. The gift of a successful relationship and a life well lived and respected, is what we take with us. The people we have touched in our lives will remember what touched them. The great qualities of love, compassion, concern, joy and hope are not taken away from us in death, but gifted back to our Father in eternity.

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



Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to value the things that You value — the things that are important to You. May we cherish the things of the earth that are beautiful to you so that we may glorify your name. As we journey towards everlasting life, let us set our hearts on the higher gifts. Amen.

Voices of Faith

Real Treasure

With paradise lost humanity journeys forth
To discover a purpose and hear God's call
The world of sin surrounds
Man fills himself with false joy
He discovers not God's treasure
But indulges in what makes him poor

God sends his friends to teach us
Patriarchs, Prophets and Kings
To cast aside fleeting passion and worthless things
Man is offered a treasure and hope that will last
So long as he listens to God's message
And walks this heavenly path

Man is called to peace and justice
To live the Truth in love
To offer a hand in friendship
And to seek the things above
For to reach out to others in unconditional love
Is to reveal a sacred mystery given
from heaven above

The sick, the broken, the forgotten
The leper, the blind, the lame
The oppressed, the prisoner, the stranger
Are all one in the same
People of yesterday, today and tomorrow
Images of God's holy face

For we are Christ's hands and feet
His heart, his mind and voice
To give hope to many so they may rejoice
For Christ feeds his people with wisdom that will last
He nourishes souls with the bread of angels
Even those who have long passed

So seek the treasure of heaven
Store not the barns below
In your life reveal God's manifesto
For to live with love and mercy
Freedom, Truth and peace
Will bring Man to the threshold of heaven serene

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



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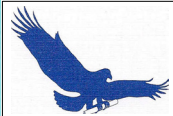
Faith Formation

2016-2017 School Year

Registration 2016-2017 School Year

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS DUE AUGUST

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM 2016-2017



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1. Our Faith Formation Program is open to all children of our parish. If you are not a member of our parish, please complete a separate Family Parish Registration Form. Family Parish Registration Forms must be completed and submitted at the time you submit your registration form.

Registration packets are available in the Parish Office and Faith Formation offices for the 2016-2017 school year, grades Pre-K through grade 12.

Registration Forms are ALSO available to print at www.sjecc.com.

SEPTEMBER - SAVE THE DATES

Families In Christ: September 11

Faith Formation Classes Begin:

Sunday Classes, K-8, September 18

Wednesday Classes, K-8, September 21

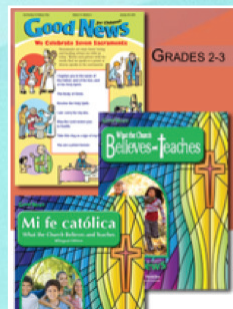
High School Confirmation, Sunday, September 25

Catechists Needed for 2016-17 School Year

We are looking for catechists to serve the needs of our Pre-K through 12th grade students. If interested, contact Natalie at natalie@sjecc.com.

Faith Formation For Grades K-6

We are excited to continue using as the heart of our Faith Formation Program, the **Pflaum Gospel Weeklies**. This lectionary-based program brings the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday alive for the kids in different age-appropriate ways. For more information on this program and to watch an introductory video, please go to www.pflaumweeklies.com. There is also a link for parents to sign up and receive weekly Gospel Guides for families. Once at www.pflaumweeklies.com, go to Online Resources and scroll down to *The Gospel At Home*. You can choose to receive these updates in English or Spanish. We are looking forward to a great year! Please feel free to contact the Faith Formation Office if you have any questions. We will continue to highlight different parts of our Faith Formation program throughout the summer!



High School Confirmation Preparation Program

If you have not been confirmed and you will be in Grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 in the Fall, join us on this 2-year (28 sessions each year) plan towards preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. **Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation** is a video-based Confirmation program uniquely created for students of high school age. This program has received great reviews from teenagers and parents throughout the country.

“Filmed on locations all around the U.S. and internationally, Chosen keeps teens’ interest with the right balance of faith, fun and powerful vignettes that challenge their existing



perspectives on the meaning of their lives and their ultimate call to holiness.” — Ascension Press

If you are of high school age and have already received the sacrament of Confirmation, you are welcome to join us as well. Perhaps you received the sacrament of Confirmation in 2nd grade and would like to learn more about your faith or maybe you would like to sponsor a friend who is entering this faith journey.

All are welcome! Please register soon.

If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 239.566.8740, ext. 3909.

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St. John Welcomes 87 New Families Since March 1

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Andrew Nickless & Sara Zivich
 Bettina Nugent
 Park Family
 Robert & Patricia Porco
 Michelle Potts
 Przespolewski Family
 John & Judith Putalik
 Michael & Jane Reilly
 Richard & Ellen Reilly
 Corinne Rivituso

Robert & Joanne Romano
 Ruane Family
 Richard & Dionne Schwartz
 Schwartz Family
 Seijas Family
 Joseph & Margaret Sheehy
 Terence & Lisa Smith
 Sorhegui Family
 Summers Family
 Tudor Family
 Tyler Family

Marisa Uzzi
 Georgia Vitiello
 John & Frances Weber
 Stanley & Mary Lou Widloski
 Joseph & Carole Wood
 Joseph & Patricia Yolich
 Zachow & Dzmurova Family

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

4 Youth Group Members Attend Exalt 2016 and Learn “Mercy Is Love’s Second Name”

Four youth group members attended Exalt 2016, Ave Maria University’s summer youth conference, July 15-17. At the retreat, they stayed in the freshman dorms of AMU and lived on campus for the weekend as they participated in various events.

These events included praise and worship, motivational speakers, spiritual seminars, and adoration, all of which the youth agreed were unbelievably powerful and moving! The guest speakers included Fr. Stan Fortuna, Arleen Spenceley, Michael (Gomer) Gormley, and Chris Padgett.

The attendees offered their impressions of the experience.

Mark Shapic:

“I think the retreat was awesome and uplifting...I especially liked the praise and worship part of the retreat...I found that the speakers were always really enthusiastic during their talks, and

that the messages behind the talks were geared really well for the kids.”

DJ Bowers:

“The retreat was very eventful and I had a lot of great experiences with a lot of new friends. It was unbelievable how much freedom you had to walk around the campus and I really enjoyed not being restricted from everything...My favorite part was when Fr. Stan Fortuna would play his bass and sing...During Chris’s talk, he said, ‘Jesus is not a picture or a caricature but a symbol of love and sacrifice from the father, our God’, which really impacted my perspective on Jesus and God.”

Nick Lomas:

“The retreat as a whole was really relaxed, but also really upbeat. You could tell that the people who worked it were really passionate. In the end though, the retreat really cut deep spiritually...My favorite part is tied between adoration and jamming to the praise band. And a shout out to our very own Mark Shapic, who shredded the electric organ with the retreat band!...The two things that really keeps sticking out about the speakers are Fr. Stan’s ‘mercy is love’s second name’, and Chris’s ‘Jesus has no standard for accepting you’. Gomer was great too!”



St. John Exalt 2016 attendees included (left to right) DJ Bowers, Madi Tedrow, Mark Shapic and Nick Lomas.



Mark Shapic played with the Praise and Worship Band at Exalt 2016.

text and photos submitted by the Youth Group



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



White Castle Slider Tribute Night II

Thursday, August 11th, 2016 • 6:00 P.M.



St. John the Evangelist

*Million Dollar Tribute to
Elvis and some friends...*

Featuring Naples'

**Joe Marino and
"All the Kings Men"**

ADMISSION: \$15 Per Person
in advanced
or \$20 at the door (if available)

PAY BAR

*Ticket includes oldies snacks &
2 White Castle tribute sliders & fries*



Pay at the door or in advance (to ensure seating) after weekend Masses or online at:
<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/WhiteCastleSliderTributeNight2>
or contact Bill Warvel at (732) 672-4109

Elvis Presley died at Graceland on August 16, 1977. He was 42 years old.

Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

Barron Explores Two Theologians, Lands Apart

We find Bishop Bob Barron and his film crew in Italy to tell the story of St. Thomas Aquinas, and in England and Ireland showing where Blessed John Henry Newman lived and taught. These sessions explore how these theologians of the 13th and 19th centuries shaped the life of the Church and changed the course of civilization.

The relationship of faith and reason was under intense scrutiny in an age beholden to the competing claims of fundamentalism and secularism. So called “new atheists” insisted that the claims of religion amounted to mere superstition, a retrograde holdover from a time long ago. Others insisted that the life of faith is a retreat into emotions and subjectivism. St. Thomas Aquinas anticipated these objections and trends and demonstrated that to believe is to think and that the life of the mind is integral to life in Christ.

The Theologian, St. Thomas Aquinas, demonstrated that faith and reason are not at odds as they come from the same source.



Bishop Barron recounts this story in **CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players**:

“He was famously absent-minded. They say that a brother Dominican was assigned to sit next to him at meals to make sure he didn’t put anything inedible in his mouth.

One of the best-known anecdotes about Thomas Aquinas concerns a dinner he attended at the table of King Louis IX of France (St. Louis). In the midst of a raucous conversation, Thomas sat in abstracted silence, as usual, lost in thought. Then suddenly, he brought his meaty fist down on the table, shook all

the cups and plates, disturbed all those dining and said, ‘That will settle the Manichees!’ He had just formulated an argument against the dualist heresy of Manichaeism.

One of his Dominican brothers turned to him and said rather sternly, ‘Don’t you realize you’re at the King’s table?’ But the saintly king, far more concerned with truth than decorum, said, ‘No, no, send a scribe immediately and take down the friar’s argument lest he forget it.’”

Discover more stories and learn more about where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote.

Is there any truth in matters of religion? Should the Church simply retreat in the face of the challenges of culture? John Henry Newman came into the Church as a convert and used his prodigious intellectual gifts to help the Church better understand its identity and mission and engage the challenges of a secular age.

Blessed John Henry Newman, the Convert, was condemned as a traitor in every part of the country due to his conversion from Anglicanism to Catholicism. His life at Oxford as he knew it was about to change forever.



Bishop Barron recounts this story in **CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players**:

Newman has been characterized as the greatest theologian since St. Thomas Aquinas. He was one

of the most eloquent stylists in the English language. When James Joyce was told that he was the most accomplished writer of English, the great Irish novelist responded, ‘Nobody has ever written English prose that can be compared with that of a prince of the only true Church.’ He was, of course, referring to Newman himself.

Newman was many things: controversialist, apologist, theologian, educator, poet; but through it all, he was a lover of the Truth. Seeking the Truth, especially the Truth about God, was the principle passion of his life, and it remained so until his dying day. He ordered that on his gravestone be written ‘From shadows and images, into the Truth.’”

Discover more about Blessed John Henry Newman and trek through England where he left his mark, sparking an English Catholic revival.

This multi-part film series **CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players** will be presented in six sessions this fall at Saint John the Evangelist. Look for the schedule in late August.

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(Above) John Everett Millais [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons

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Spotlight on Time and Talent

Peggy Zeller Feels Privileged to Have Served As a St. John Eucharistic Minister Since 2002

Editor's Note: Many parishioners give numerous hours of time and talent to the Parish Family in order to see St. John flourish. Sadly, the time comes when a parishioner decides he/she must step aside from one of the ministries, often for personal reasons. This is part of an on-going series to express our gratitude, by honoring those individuals with a Spotlight.

Peggy Zeller has some pressing demands on her time and attention, so she is going to be absent from being a Eucharistic Minister for now. Ms. Zeller loves and feels privileged to have served since 2002.

Peggy was born as Peggy Ryan in Alder Brook, NY in the Adirondacks near Lake Placid. She is the tenth of 13 children. She was baptized at St. Rose of Lima and went to elementary school in a one room school house. She attended high school in Au Sable Forks, NY, and received her B.S. at The College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, NJ. She went on to get her Masters in Education and complete all the course work toward a Ph.D. at Trenton

State College. Peggy taught Home Economics for 17 years in New Jersey.

Peggy has four children. She married Ed Zerrer in 1982 and they came to Saint John the Evangelist in 2002. She became a Eucharistic Minister here right away because she had been one in her church in New Jersey.

As things get less pressing for Peggy, she hopes to return to the Eucharistic Ministry at St. John.

Saint John the Evangelist thanks you, Peggy!

text and photo submitted by John Roy



Helping Hands: You Can Help Us Make 20,000 Meals This Thursday, August 4

Right here at Saint John the Evangelist we are providing an opportunity for our parishioners to make a huge impact for those who are suffering around the world. We are hosting a meal-packing event where we hope to make 20,000 individual meals that will be shipped to Africa. We need people of all ages to come out and help pack these meals.

The event, which will be held Thursday, August 4 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services' Helping Hands program, which provides meals to refugee camps and starving families internationally.

Please RSVP with the link below, or call the office at 566.8740, if you, your friends, and your family are able to assist. This is a community-wide effort so please invite and bring everyone you know.

If you are unable to come to the event on August 4, but would like to donate money in order to help us reach our goal, you may do so using the link: <http://helpinghands.crs.org/events/sjecc/>

Parishioners from St. John who attended the World Meeting of Family last September in Philadelphia helped prepare 30,000 MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) to help stop hunger in Africa.



Please Return Filled Simple Gesture Bags August 13-14

Reminder: If you took one of the blue food bags for the "A Simple Gesture" program please return the bag with the food items listed on the tag the weekend of August 13-14. If you are going to be out of town that weekend, the bags may be turned in to the Parish Office prior to that date. Additional bags are available in the Parish Office for anyone who wants a bag and did not receive one.

