

August 21, 2016
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



the
EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please Welcome Gary Prettyman, Our New Musician and Liturgist

Gary will begin his new position here at Saint John the Evangelist on Tuesday, August 23.

We look forward to welcoming Gary and his wife Terri into our Parish Family.

Gary has provided us with his own letter of introduction.

Dear Parish Family of Saint John the Evangelist,

I am truly excited to be joining you as your new Musician and Liturgist. I was deeply moved by your kind reception during my audition weekend and your participation in the divine liturgies. My wife, Terri, and I are thrilled to be joining this vibrant and prayerful parish and community!

I am privileged to have acquired a broad and diverse background in many fields of both sacred and secular music. I earned my Master's degree in music at San Diego State University. Before the Lord called me into a fulltime music ministry vocation, I had the privilege of performing in musicals, shows, concerts, ballets, and operas with various professional companies. I have conducted professional and semi-professional choirs and chamber orchestras. I am proud to be a Catholic and I love our sacred liturgies!

It was early in my twenties when I knew for certain that I wanted to serve the Lord and His people in the music ministry. I have been blessed to serve Southern California and Orlando parishes as a director of music ministries for many years. I love building choral programs and look forward to working with Mrs. Ellie Roberts in assisting with the continued success of the fine music department already in place. I believe music to be a divinely gifted universal language that holds no barriers to anyone. I am very passionate as to how beautiful sacred music can elevate the human spirit closer to the divine, drawing a person more deeply into the Word and our beautiful liturgies. I maintain an extensive knowledge of religious, classical, and secular music as well as an extensive knowledge and understanding of liturgy and worship.

I look forward to meeting and working with the wonderful clergy, Faith Formation, each of the ministries, and staff. I humbly request your prayers and patience as I learn how best to serve the parish community, and I look forward to serving you for many years.

Humbly yours in Christ,

Gary Prettyman



*Above:
Gary
Prettyman.
Left: Gary
with his
wife Terri.*



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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

August 20, 2016	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Anthony DeCesare	Kay Reid
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM	+	Vito Mortillaro	Connie Mortillaro
5:00 PM	+	Carolyn Abell McDonald	Kathy & Bob Sims
August 21, 2016	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Sal Defrancesca	Peter
9:00 AM	+	Vito Mortillaro	Josephine Allocca
11:00 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Dennis Byrnes	Joan Wojda
5:00 PM	+	Daniel Harrity	Barbara Dempsey
August 22, 2016	Monday		
8:30 AM	+	Rose Wuerstle	Skip Wuerstle
August 23, 2016	Tuesday		
8:30 AM	+	Joe Hennessy	Gina Moismann
August 24, 2016	Wednesday		
8:30 AM	+	Fr. Daniel Smith	Parish Family
August 25, 2016	Thursday		
8:30 AM		Mass For The Unborn	Respect for Life Committee
6:30 PM	+	Peter Tenerowicz	Dolores Kernochan
August 26, 2016	Friday		
8:30 AM	+	Thomas Doogan	Dennis Doogan
August 27, 2016	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	John & Lucille Mooney	Mike & Kathy Mooney
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM	+	Josephine Manes	Susan & Tony Manes
5:00 PM	+	Dr. Joseph Pistocchi	Dick & Tish
August 28, 2016	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Catherine Simons	Sorrentino Family
9:00 AM	+	Silvio Palomba, Jr.	Maria Assanti & Palomba Family
11:00 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Alice LoGrippeo	Frank LoGrippeo
5:00 PM	+	Deacon Al Groh	The Deaconite

*Flowers in Celebration of 35th Anniversary of Frank & Maryann Lagonigro
Host & Wine in Memory of James Underwood ~ requested by Joan Underwood*

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, August 20, 2016

St. Bernard
Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Monday, August 22, 2016

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

St. Rose of Lima
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

St. Bartholomew
Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Thursday, August 25, 2016

St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz
1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 26, 2016

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 27, 2016

St. Monica
1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Sunday, August 28, 2016

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

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 and to Landmark Hospital, North Naples on Wednesday and Sunday.



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

August 21, 2016

“I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.”

— Pope Francis



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Fruits Already Blossoming from Our Campaign: Get on the Bus!

How can we get people of all ages to our church and to our Life Center? How can we ensure we can take our church out and into the streets to proclaim the joy, love and mercy of the Catholic Faith? With a bus, of course! It is a priority of our Capital Campaign, and as Pope Francis

stated above, for our entire faith, to be outward-bound and action-oriented. We are ensuring we can do exactly that with two new buses for our Parish Family. The first one arrived this week and was immediately put to work picking up children for our brand-new CYO afterschool program, Full STEAM Ahead. We are now bringing dozens of children to a safe, engaging environment that teaches them hands-on science, technology, arts and music on a daily basis. We will have both buses (the next one is being outfitted with a wheelchair lift so we ensure anyone with special needs can be included) that will be used to take children, youth, adults, and experienced members of our Parish Family out on excursions as well as assist in getting them here to our campus. I hope you catch the Eagle (and our CYO Logo) around town!

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: 239.592.7973* 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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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 20 & 21, 2016

Readings:	743
Entrance Hymn:	347 O God Beyond All Praising
Preparation Hymn:	370 Christ Be Our Light
Communion Hymn:	238 Taste and See
	362 I Have Loved You
Closing Hymn:	340 Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Choral Anthem at 9 AM Mass

Prelude:	In His Time <i>Ball</i>
Communion:	In Jesus Name We Pray <i>Althouse</i>

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, August 22: Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 45 (44):10*

At your right stands the queen in robes of gold,
finely arrayed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Lk 1:45*

Blessed are you who have believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord will be fulfilled.

Tuesday, August 23: Tuesday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent,
who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord comes to judge the earth.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Mt 25:6*

Behold, the bridegroom is coming;
come out to meet Christ the Lord.

Wednesday, August 24: Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 96 (95):2-3*

Proclaim the salvation of God day by day;
tell among the nations his glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of
your Kingdom.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Lk 22:29-30*

I confer a kingdom on you,
just as my Father has conferred one on me,
that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, says
the Lord.

Thursday, August 25: Thursday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Mk 10:14*

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them;
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Mt. 18:3*

Unless you turn and become like children,
you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven, says the Lord.

Friday, August 26: Friday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 33 (32):11,19*

The designs of his Heart are from age to age,
to rescue their souls from death
and to keep them alive in famine.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Jn 7:37-38*

Thus says the Lord:

Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink.
Streams of living water will flow
from within the one who believes in me.

Saturday, August 27: Memorial of Saint Monica

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Prv 31:30, 28*

The woman who fears the Lord will herself be praised.

Her children have called her most blessed,
her husband has sung her praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Mt 13:45-46*

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant
who travels in search of fine pearls
and who, on finding one of great price,
sold everything and bought it.

#ToKnow – Thank You for Your Feedback!

Over the past several weeks, I have asked for your feedback on several essential decisions for our Parish Family. As many of you may have figured out by now, I hope the focus of St. John is to be welcoming, collaborative, engaging and open. I personally feel that the only way to create that type of environment is to be inclusive and transparent, which is why I have made communication such an important part of our parish. There are some decisions that should be made together, not in an authoritarian manner. These recent requests have given all of us an opportunity to be part of the solution to issues. Many of you have answered that call and have provided valuable feedback and suggestions that will make the future of St. John even brighter. Here are the results of your feedback:

- **Musician and Liturgist:** As you have read on the cover, Gary Prettyman has been chosen as our new Musician and Liturgist, and he has accepted the position. Gary was extremely well regarded by all of us and your feedback made the decision even easier.
- **New Name of PLC:** Our current Parish Life Center will be renamed so as not to create confusion with the new Life Center, whose construction planning is already underway. Your feedback provided a unique option that was not considered by the staff, and it was so good (and was the “write-in candidate that even won a majority of the vote), we are going with it: Parish Activity Center, or PAC. This is a perfect representation of this building, where so many activities will continue to be housed, from Faith Formation to ballroom dances, receptions to meetings.
- **Hymnal vs. Missal:** This is the most contentious feedback, with our Parish Family seeing the value in the current Hymnal, but desiring to have a more readings-centric Missal. We are negotiating with our publisher now to see how to best resolve this issue, but it is certainly looking like we want to move back to the Missal.

Thank you so much for all your active participation in our Parish Family! It is only together that we will accomplish God’s work on Earth.

#ToKnow – Capital Planning and Budgeting: A New World for St. John

It has taken over a year to develop and enhance the financial structure of Saint John the Evangelist to become a transparent and mission-focused effort that provides for the spectrum of services and community of our Parish Family. With the help of the Finance Council and our Capital Planning Committee, we have identified both near-term and long-term needs as well as being able to schedule those requirements in a disciplined way. For example, this year we have significantly constrained our capital investments due to the anticipated (and now the reality) of our construction and renovation efforts. Following is the list of

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approved Capital Improvements for this fiscal year:

Title/Description	Anticipated Timeline for Start/Completion
TVs for Classrooms	Fall 2016
Front Desk Office Chairs	Summer 2016
Prayer Garden Fountain	Fall 2016
Event Management Software	Summer 2016
Utility Carts	Fall 2016
A/V Deployment for Library	Summer 2016
PLC Round Table Replacement	Winter 2017
PLC Long Table Replacement	Winter 2017

We are now in a position where we have a solidified structure to our operating expenses as well, as I discussed a few weeks ago. That allows us to develop budgets not just based on plans, but also based on past experience. Last year was the first time St. John established a truly budgetary process, where organizations were required to provide their planned spending monthly basis, rather than whole annual numbers. This allows us to manage both our cash flow as well as plan for those above capital expenses so we do not put a strain on the gifts you, our Parish Family, continue to provide. It is our responsibility as the stewards of these gifts to be as efficient and mission-driven as possible. We have cut overhead costs with simple but effective steps like centralizing our office supply purchases and paper goods. We have put in place appropriate safeguards, to include procedures for counting and approving the fund-gathering and reimbursement process. Some of you may have noticed small changes, like ensuring two ushers are with the Offertory basket when it leaves the Sanctuary, and even making that part of the Recessional after Mass.

A crossroads is upon us, however. St. John is about to embark on a new financial structure, along with a completely different operational environment. We now have persistent programs and activities staring up that will include costs and fees associated with them, from memberships to concert tickets, to food and drink, to sports leagues. It will require an entirely different effort on the part of our Parish Family to accomplish these programs, and that will alter the financial environment of the church as well, hopefully, bringing more income and most importantly, more people to our Catholic Faith.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary Janet and Tony DiGiovanni



*On August 26, 1966
Janet and Tony DiGiovanni
wed at St. Matthew Church
in Detroit, Michigan.*

Janet and Tony DiGiovanni will receive a special Anniversary Blessing, celebrating 50 years of marriage, at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Friday, August 26.

**Congratulations,
Janet and Tony!**



REMEMBERING 9/11

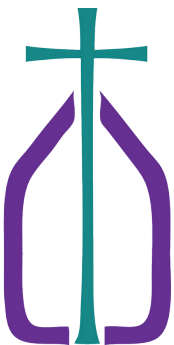
A special Mass of Remembrance on the 15th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country will be held on Sunday, September 11, at 9:00 a.m. here at Saint John the Evangelist.

Please join us in paying honor to those brave firemen, police officers and first responders who were murdered on that day 15 years ago.

More details will follow.

NEVER FORGET

Judy Sullivan Family Resource Center and the Year of Mercy



Pope Francis, in calling the Year of Mercy, is asking us to focus on mercy in our lives and in our world. What can we do to celebrate the Year of Mercy in our own life? How can Catholic Charities help? Catholic Charities can be a place for you to practice many of the corporal works of mercy in ways you may not have done in the past. As God's grace never tires, neither should we fail to practice mercy.

At the Judy Sullivan Family Resource Center of Catholic Charities in East Naples, you can "feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty" by donating to the food pantry. Organize a food drive to

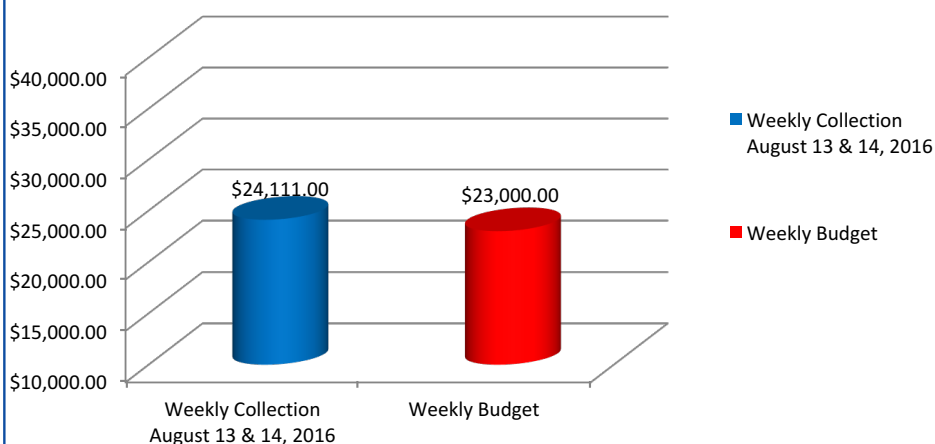
collect items for our Weekend Power Pack Food Program which provides nutrition to elementary school children who do not have a secure food source over the weekend. Make a donation so that needy families can give their children a gift on Christmas Day. Donate your gently used clothing and household items and you will be "clothing the naked and sheltering the homeless." For those who prefer a more hands-on approach, spend a few hours each week or month helping in the choice food pantry. These are ways to show mercy.

This year, make it a family routine to practice mercy as both young and old can help. Pray for all who need mercy in their lives. In our world today, there are many who are suffering both physically and spiritually. Take the opportunity during this Holy Year to make mercy a central virtue of your life and let Catholic Charities help achieve your goal.

For more information, please contact Mary Shaughnessy, District Director of Catholic Charities in Collier County, at 239.455.2655 or maryshaughnessy@catholiccharitiescc.org.

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Weekly Collection Summary



Wedding Banns

*Third announcement between
Gabrielle Snape & Nicholas Wagaman*

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. *For Arimatheans: 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: mamasquit@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 booties and blankets for babies, lap robes for nursing homes, prayer shawls, baptismal blankets and sweaters for kids. Meets year-round on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. no experience necessary. *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

Sp. Petrus Botha
U.S. Army

S. Isaiah Brutus
U.S. Air Force

Ensign Stuart Campbell
U.S. Navy

BM2 Charley Davidson
U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)

Adam Decker
U.S. Air Force

Nicholas Detloff
U.S. Air Force

Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante
U.S. Army

Joshua Emmons
U.S. Air Force

LCpl. Conor Fleurant
USMC

Lt. Colin Flood
U.S. Army, Special Forces

Lt. Bernardo Garcia
U.S. Marines

Lt. Joseph Gilig
1st Marine Division
* LAV Recon

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

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

Sp. Douglas Hennessy
U.S. Army

Marine Colonel Brian Howlett USMC

2nd Lt. Sean Kealey
U.S. Army

Lt. John Meyers
U.S. Army

LCpl. Randy A. Novak
USMC

LCpl. Ryan D. Novak
USMC

Ryan D. Novak
USMC

Cpt. Daniel Palmer
U.S. Army

Cpt. John Palmer
U.S. Army

Cpt. Martin Palmer
U.S. Army
(Afghanistan)

Lt. Robert Pedrigo
U.S. Army

Lt. Joseph Schafer
U.S. Army

Pvt. 1st Class Aron Siwek
U.S. Army

Ensign Gabriella Scrudato
U.S. Coast Guard

MidShipman Micaela Scrudato
U.S. Naval Academy

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

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

Houng Tran
U.S. Army

IT2 Jason E. Tydingco
(USN)

Staff Sgt. Brandon Waithe
U.S. Air Force

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
robymdeville@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:

Michael S. Beer, Margaret Pugh and Scott Morley

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

Marge Baker

Jean & Emmunale Ballmiro

Richard Becker

Margie Benefico

Barbara Berg

Linda Berry

Dorothy Biondo

Michalle Bocchino

Elizabeth Bogнар

Kathleen Bradach

Al Buchanan

Richard Cantello

Carrie

Art Cavanagh

Tiffany Chill

Eric Christensen

Fran & Becky Comeriato

Sam Comeriato

Delores Crowley

Anthony D’Antuono

Florence Demski

Sandra Demski

Carol Donovan

Carey Eliason

Veronica Fawcett

Wendy Bui Fewell

Donna Flynn

Anna Focht

Tara Follese

Fran

Edward Gaynor

John Gazzola

Michael Getty

Jackie Gibson

Emma Gilardi

Don Goodwillie

Joe Goss

Keri Grasso

Richard Hennings

Peggy Hooper

Horton Family

Donald Howe

Sean Keating

Krista Leigh Kozowyk

Jim Krauser & Family

Glenn & Joanne Krumel

Lindsay Lavery

Dan & Lu LeBlanc

Ned & Mary Lou Leibig

Delk Lindaman

Ma Teresa Lozano

Lillian Luchini

Margie Lynch

Arthur Magiero

Katherine Malatespa

Ann Maniuske

Maria and Family

Ron Marlow

Ross Mart

Enrique Martinez

Kenneth J. McAvoy

Mary McCue

John McGlinn

J. Bradley McGonigle

Carolyn McNichols

Beth Ann Meloche

Amanda Merhige

Gerald Mitchell

Shirley Monacelli

Lorrie Morrison

Gloria & Bill Oliver

Marylee Olsen

Eric Parker

Anne Perrino

Ann Petrillo

Irene Pires

Thad Pluc

Renee Rake

Cindy Renner

Peter Renner

Linda Riley & Family

RLC

Rea Rossi

Jean Ruel

SA

Lisa Sanfelippo

Tessa Santagate

Peter Scariati

Darlene Scerbinski

Eli Schneider

Pat Schuler

Ben Schweninger

Lisa Siegwarth

John Smith

Krista Sowers

Nancy Stewart

Susan Stokes

Rita Taranto

William J. Teplica

James Thompson

Tuni

Logan Uzzi

Fay VanWie

Rocco Vitale

Mckenna Weinstein

Thomas C. Wood

Bob Wright

Helen Zaks

Amy Meade Zuverza

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

AUGUST 21, 2016 ~ TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, August 21, 2016

the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song	Shout to the North	Martin Smith
<i>Verse 1)</i> Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King! You are strong when you feel weak, In your brokenness, complete <i>(to Chorus)</i>		<i>Verse 2)</i> Rise up, women of the truth Stand and sing to broken hearts who can know the healing power of our awesome King of love <i>(to Chorus)</i>

Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west. Je - sus is
Sav - ior to all, Lord of heav - en and earth.

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Preparation Song	Hosanna	Brooke Fraser CCLI Song No. 4785835. © 2006 Hillsong Publishing (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). Brooke Fraser. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. CCLI License No. 2008891.
<i>v.1)</i> I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes; I see his love and mercy washing over all our sins The people sing, the people sing: <i>(to chorus)</i>		<i>v.2)</i> I see a generation rising up to take their place With selfless faith, with selfless faith I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek We're on our knees, we're on our knees: <i>(to chorus)</i>

Chorus

Ho - san - na, ho-san - na, ho san-na in the high - est.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Bridge) Heal my heart and make it clean, open up my eyes to the things unseen;
Show me how to love like you have loved me.
Break my heart for what breaks yours, everything I am for your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

Communion Songs	370 Christ Be Our Light	Farrell
	362 I Have Loved You	J. Michael Joncas

Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities
 Friday, August 26 10:00 AM
 Harbor Memory Care
 In celebration of
 Ludwig & Mary Ann Abruzzo's
 60th Wedding Anniversary

Help St. John Neumann Help the Homeless With Your Plastic Bags
 During the 2016-2017 school year, the St. John Neumann Catholic High School Creative Arts class taught by Stephanie Sweeney will be using their talents to create sleeping mats for the homeless. These mats will be created using plastic shopping bags like the ones we receive at most stores. This project will require roughly 27,000 plastic bags! If you have bags you'd like to donate to the cause, please deliver to Emily Sumpmann in the Development Office, 3000 53rd Street SW Naples, or call 239.455.3044.

Closing Songs

Mighty To Save

Morgan / Fielding

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Verse 1) Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations:

Verse 2) So take me as you find me,
All my fears and failures; fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in, now I surrender: *(to Chorus)*

Sav - iour, He can move the__ moun - tains. My God is might - y to save.__ He is
might - y to save.__ For - ev - er, Au - thor of Sal - va - tion. He rose and
con - quered the grave.__ Je - sus con - quered the grave.__

Bridge) Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King!

The ADULT CHOIR Wants YOU!

That's right — the fantastic **Adult Choir of Saint John the Evangelist** is looking for you to join us as we begin our year of singing — including **Masses, special events, and concerts!**

We welcome anyone who is willing to learn and wants to be a part of a special ministry. No auditioning required.

It takes just a couple hours twice a week. We rehearse **Wednesdays (starting September 7) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Then we reconvene on Sundays, 45 minutes before either the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. Mass, warm-up, do some last minute practicing, pray, and go “make a joyful noise”!

Please give **Ellie** a call — or just come talk to us after Mass some time! — or find any choir member — we'd love to talk more about it with you!



REMEMBERING 9/11: We Want to Tell Your Story

To commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country, we would like to tell your story in our Sunday, September 11 bulletin.

We would like to include your pictures, your stories, your memories of that day, and its

impact on your family and your life, or just your thoughts.

NEVER FORGET

Please bring to the office or email any photos or information to Kathy Sims at kathys@sjecc.com. All information must be received by Thursday, September 1.

Isaiah 66:18-21
Psalm 117:1, 2
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30

The Word & Life

A Courageous Walk Through the Narrow Gate

In the course of history, humanity has witnessed how countless individuals try to make their faith exclusive and absolute. We have all witnessed in our contemporary history how people will go to great lengths in proving a point for their faith. When we look at the current crisis of the threats of terror, where Muslim extremists are prepared to blow themselves up in order to teach the infidels of the world a lesson, we know how people can make absolute their convictions about their individual faith. Such people believe that their “martyrdom” will solidify their place in paradise. Similarly, there are some within the Christian community who honestly believe that recent natural disasters and diseases are God’s punishment upon those who have not accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. In the Church’s history we have witnessed how people were led to their deaths because of their denial to accept certain truths. Whenever we encounter such radicalism, faith becomes obscured and the reality of God’s mercy and compassion is forgotten.

In the gospel today, Jesus is approached with the question, “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” The questioner was most probably a Jew who would have believed that only his race was beloved in the eyes of God. Such exclusivity would have been shared by the contemporaries of his day. Jesus’ response shows that he is not necessarily concerned with numbers but rather the choices people would make in the course of their lives. He tells the inquisitive person and the other listeners to strive to enter the kingdom through the narrow gate of God’s mercy and compassion. To bear a particular faith identity was not enough to secure salvation in Jesus’ name. He uses the image of the master of a house who refuses admittance to those outside because he did not recognize them. The people who stand knocking at the door remark that they should be known through their sharing a meal with the master. However, such an encounter is not adequate to create a lasting impression where he would remember them. Jesus then surprises his listeners by telling them the kingdom will be inherited, not only by the Jews, but also by the Gentiles from the four corners of the earth. Jesus also remarks that if the chosen refuse to accept him, they will be last to enter the kingdom. For the Gentiles, who were offered his message and accepted it, will inherit the kingdom and become God’s elect.

As we listen to God’s Word today, we are being taught a profound reality. There is a special dignity enjoined on all us who bear the name “Christian”. This by no means gives us the right to view ourselves as better than those who may be outside the faith. Our membership in the Church is not exclusive; rather it is a gift that is to be handed on to others. The conditions of our membership are demanding. We

Reflection Questions

1. What does the narrow gate signify to you?
2. Have you been exclusive in the way you view your faith?
3. How are you being asked to participate in the reality of the gospel?
4. In what ways does God hold you accountable for the gospel?
5. What do you think you must do to inherit everlasting life?
6. Consider who are excluded in the world today. How are you being asked to offer them a place of belonging?

are asked, by Christ, to enter the narrow gate. Each one of us is helped through this narrow opening through our efforts to do what is just and right. Our hunger for justice, equality, compassion, and concern, help us to walk through the narrow way. We are led to the threshold that admits us into the kingdom of God's joy by the experiences we have forged in our lives and in the way we have reflected God's wisdom. This requires conversion of heart each and every day where we internalize the virtues of charity and holiness. Each one of us is asked to include all those around us when we discern how we are to be converted. Our participation in salvation history and our membership in the Church should never be taken for granted. All of us are asked to be aware of the special vocation given us by God and to be accountable for the gospel challenge which calls us to love all peoples.

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



Prayer

Lord, help us to understand what it means to enter the narrow gate. Lead us in the ways of salvation. Help us to be truly compassionate as we seek to enter into your way of love and concern. May we soon be restored to a way of life that brings us security and peace. Amen.



*Slimmer's door, Ringwood Church
Peter Facey/Wikimedia Commons*

Voices of Faith

The Narrow Gate

Heaven exists through the narrow gate
 Where pastures are forever green
 Where restful waters replenish souls
 Where the Cup of Life brims over to quench every thirst
 Where the protection of God will remain forever undisturbed
 Where love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss

For to heaven possess is offered to every woman and man
 Who is courageous enough to follow God's plan
 The gate through which one enters stands straight and tall
 Narrow is its width which gives birth to the freedom for all
 Men, women, and children must cast off burden wide
 To dance through gate of salvation where love and mercy abide

Straight is the path of salvation's dawn
 Paved by the footprints of disciples daring to risk
 Open to love and courageous enough to walk the road less traveled
 Christ has shown us the way
 Leading all to the edge of eternity
 Where Lazarus is poor no longer - the place eternal rest

The half seekers with eyes wide shut
 Will call on God in the midst of their rut
 Half committed to life as gift
 From the divine will their minds will shift
 In pretensions and shadows they do live
 Refusing to receive the Giver of the Gift

The challenge is set for disciples all
 To hear God's wisdom and heed his call
 With hearts wide open and old ways left behind
 Men and women will enter the kingdom - those
 once blind
 To change a heart on the journey - our God wants
 to see
 For that is why His only Son died on Calvary

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

Faith Formation

2016-2017 School Year

Faith Formation 2016-2017

“First Day” Updates

- Our Faith Formation Year kicks off with Families in Christ on Sunday September 11 in our Parish Life Center Ballroom from 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- The First Day of Sunday Classes is September 18 from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Parents are invited to a Meet and Greet in their child’s classroom from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. on the first day of class only.
- The First Day of Wednesday Classes is September 21 from 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. Parents are invited to a Meet and Greet in their child’s classroom from 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. on the first day of class only.
- High School Confirmation Classes begin Sunday, September 25 from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.. There is a morning class option available from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. as well.

Returning Students, Let’s Recycle!

We will be reusing the Faith Formation Blue Plastic Folders this year. Please bring your folders with you to Families in Christ or the First Day of class. You will receive new inserts and a new outside sticker for your folder. A small incentive reward will be given to those kids who recycle! High School Students, please bring your white binders and CHOSEN books to the first day of class as well.

A Note About Sacramental Preparation

The Diocese of Venice requires that students must attend a minimum of two consecutive years of Faith Formation to receive First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation. Students must be at least 7 years old by September 30, 2016, and in the 2nd grade to be eligible to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Students are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of 10th grade. They must be at least 15 years old.

We are grateful for the dedication and support of all of our Faith Formation catechists.

Registration 2016-2017 School Year

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS DUE AUGUST 31.

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.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM 2016-2017

	<p>SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST Office of Faith Formation 625 111th Avenue North Naples, Florida 34108 Phone: 239-228-3926/3909 Fax: 239-449-6426 Website: www.saintjohntheevangelist.com E-Mail: Faithformation@saintjohntheevangelist.com</p>
<p>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 Faith Formation Registration Form. Family Parish Registration Forms (New Parishioner Forms) can be obtained at the Church website under the window “Forms.” <input type="checkbox"/> I am a registered St. John parishioner.</p> <p>2. Please complete and submit a separate Faith Formation Registration Form for each of your children. Or print a copy, complete it, and</p>	

Catechist Corner

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.

- The In-service Breakfast Meeting for all Catechists will take place on Saturday, August 27 starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Library. The meeting will begin after breakfast at 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.
- New Catechists, please be sure that your Volunteer File is up to date and that you have attended the **ONE TIME** Safe Environment Training class. There are two upcoming Safe Environment Training sessions

being offered at St. John – Thursday, August 18 from 6:00 -8:00 and Saturday, August 20 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. You may contact Deborah in the Parish Office for more details at 566.8740 or deb@sjecc.com. You can also schedule a time to be fingerprinted with Deborah. Fingerprints need to be updated every five years.

- Save the Date for our Catechist Professional Day on Saturday, September 24 from 8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. This day is especially for all of the Catechists in the Diocese of Venice and will be held here at Saint John the Evangelist.

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

Separated/Divorced Ministry 12-Week Healing Program Begins Wednesday, September 7

The Separated/Divorced Ministry is pleased to announce the commencement of a biannual 12-week healing program. Whether separated or divorced 10 days ago or 10 years ago, this program will offer valuable insight for everyone. The weekly sessions will include 30-minute DVD presentations followed by group discussions.

The video series topics are titled:

- Getting Your Bearings
- Finding Strength and Help
- Getting Through Your Anger
- Finding Perfect Peace
- Learning to Forgive
- Dealing with Your Family
- Handling Money Wisely
- Finding Perfect Power
- Seeing God in Romance

- Relearning How to Date
- Loving All Church Teachings
- Finding Perfect Passion

Our ministry's goal is to become a light in the life of separated/divorced Catholics by promoting a sense of inclusion in our Parish family and guidance through our shared spiritual journey.

Please join us Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Claussen Family Center. The sessions begin September 7 and run through December 7 (with no class Thanksgiving week).

There is no cost to attend.

For more information or to register for this healing program, please contact Lhara Echeverria at 239.293.3694 (lhara@sjecc.com) or Beth Lucci at 239.877.6254.

Free Food to Hungry Families!

Fruit, Vegetables, Meats and many other items

Distribution Days and Locations:

Mondays:

Lely Presbyterian Church
110 St. Andrews Blvd.
4:30-6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays:

Greater Naples YMCA
5450 YMCA Road
4:30-6:30 p.m.

Thursdays:

Golden Gate Senior Center
4898 Coronado Parkway
2:30-4:30 p.m.

For questions: please call Katie at 239.777.9113



Switch to the Choose Life License Plate for Free and Help Promote Adoption

For a limited time, you can save the \$85 fee to switch to the Choose Life License Plate if you agree to keep it for 5 years. Each year the special fee of \$25 (approximately \$2 per month) will provide \$20 to a local agency to support life and adoption. The funds are needed for housing, utilities, food, medical care, clothing, transportation and counseling for pregnant women making an adoption plan. Email russ@choose-life.org to request your free gift certificate to switch. Questions? Contact Jeanne at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or call 941.441.1101.

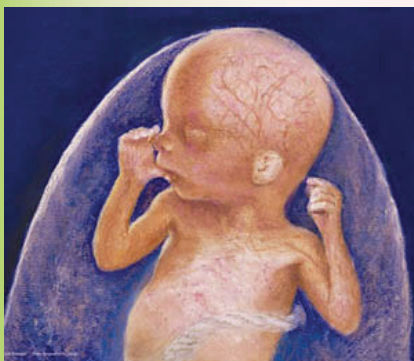
Do You Know Someone Who Has Had an Abortion?

Abortion is discussed on the news regularly, reminding a person of their past experience. For the pain of abortion to be healed with God's love, they need to step outside their comfort zone and reach out for confidential help through Project Rachel, the Catholic Church's post-abortion healing outreach. A retreatant recently said: "Project Rachel helped me give it all to God...they stayed with me as I poured out my heart in anguish...let me know that I was not alone in my pain...that others have been where I was...and they enabled me to let it all go! I was healed!" Encourage your friend or family member to call Fonda at 888.456.4673 or 239.719.7210 or e-mail Fonda.rachel@gmail.com.

Spiritual Adoption Program Continues With Month Five

The Spiritual Adoption Program is heading into the fifth month. Your commitment is to pray a short prayer daily through Christmas.

MONTH 5 - Developing Baby — "Mommy felt me kick today!"



Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and his mother can feel his movement. Before this time he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick

hard against the outside wall and dent it — the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

The next Novena of Masses for Life at St. John will be Thursday, August 25 at 8:30 a.m. This Mass will be celebrated in special observance of the life of Jesus in the womb of our Blessed Mother. For a complete schedule of the Novena of Masses for Life, check the diocesan website at: www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife.



White Castle Slider Tribute Night II

August, 11, 2016

Super Oldies



To see more photos, please visit our website at:
<http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/knights-of-columbus-council-11281/white-castle-tribute-night-delivers-the-king>



Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

Inquiries Welcome

You may have a friend or family member who has never been baptized, or baptized in another Christian faith. An acquaintance or coworker may have asked you questions about the Catholic Church. Someone may indicate to you that he/she is searching for a sense of community or a desire to hear more of the Good News of Jesus, the Gospel.

They are all cordially invited to inquire about the Catholic Christian Faith by attending an open informational meeting in early September, look for the date and time. This is their opportunity to ask questions about “things Catholic” such as what do Catholics believe and what do Catholics do? This is their opportunity to raise the issues that are on their minds or in their hearts. This is their chance to get information with no commitment!

Those who have never been baptized can investigate what it means to be Christian. Those baptized in another Christian tradition can explore the process to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. And those baptized Catholic as infants but never raised as Catholic can learn about being Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist.

The three phases of the parish-based process to become Catholic will be outlined. The first phase, appropriately called the period of inquiry, is an informal opportunity for interested individuals to begin the journey that may or may not result taking the next step toward full membership in the Church.

For those who choose, the next step is to enter the more formal process of the Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults (commonly abbreviated to RCIA) which begins in late November and culminates with the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) that are celebrated at the Easter Vigil in April.

The first step begins with you, today, as you invite your family members, friends, co-workers, or others to explore what it means to be Catholic. I'm available to either meet with you or any other interested individual or to facilitate a meeting with a member of the clergy.

Help Wanted

Whether you know of someone interested in learning more about becoming Catholic or not, there are other roles you can play in the Evangelizing Mission of the Church. Join the RCIA Team. Join the Adult Faith Formation Team.

There are needs for many different parishioners to fill many different roles.

Ambassadors of Welcome: Do you love meeting new people and networking? Are you someone who enjoys setting a table of refreshments and snacks for guests and visitors? Do people feel welcome and valued when they are with you? If so, you are a perfect candidate to provide that personal touch to the weekday and evening adult programs at our parish.

Sponsors: God does not choose the gifted, but gifts the chosen. Sponsors walk with the Inquirers, Catechumens and Candidates as they journey toward initiation into the Catholic Church. A sponsor is a person of faith and a practicing Catholic who becomes both coach and cheerleader. Many times great sponsors are involved as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, catechists or choir members. They may have been initiated into the Church as an adult through the RCIA process, or had a spouse, relative or friend who was. Training and guidance are provided.

Facilitators/Catechists: Even though you may not think of yourself as a “teacher” you may be valuable assisting in one of

the many faith formation programs. Adults learn most effectively through storytelling or “witnessing”. When you speak from the heart and from your personal experience true communication occurs.

If you are interested, please contact me to discuss how you can be involved.

Just send me an email or call and leave a message, I'll respond as soon as I can.



Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator. Call 239.566.8740, ext. 3918 or email jack@sjecc.com



Providence House Is Seeking Donations to Support Day Trip to Busch Gardens

The mission of Providence House is to provide a faith-based self-sufficiency and transitional housing program for motivated women with young children who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

Dear Parishioners,

Last year due to the generosity of your parish, Providence House was able to take the mothers and children on a day trip to LEGOLAND. This year we are seeking a donation that would support a day trip to Busch Gardens. As you may know, our campus provides homeless women and children a welcoming, safe, and attractive place to call home while working toward a brighter future. Last year the trip made quite an impact on the children who otherwise would not have the same opportunities many families take for granted.

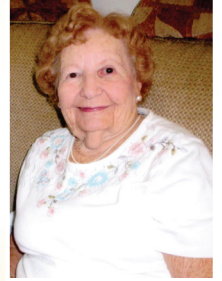
If you would like to contribute an amount towards this trip the approximate cost, for transportation, meals, and tickets would be \$2,500.00. On behalf of the women, children, and staff of Providence House, thank you for your consideration as a trip like this is not possible without the kindness and charity of people like you. If interested, please call 239.692.8779 or email jean@providencehousenaples.org.

Sincerely,

Jean Takacs
Executive Director

Happy 103rd Birthday, Eleanor McDonald!!

Eleanor T. McDonald will celebrate her 103rd birthday on August 27! Eleanor has loved St. John for



many years. No longer able to attend Mass, she is cared for by her son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Caroline, and her grandson, James E. McDonald III.

Her daughter, Barbara Webb, lives in Akron, Ohio. Eleanor believes in the power of prayer and said the rosary every day.

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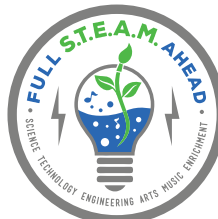
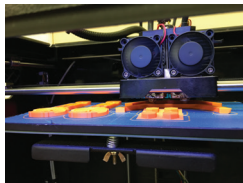
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