

September 4, 2016
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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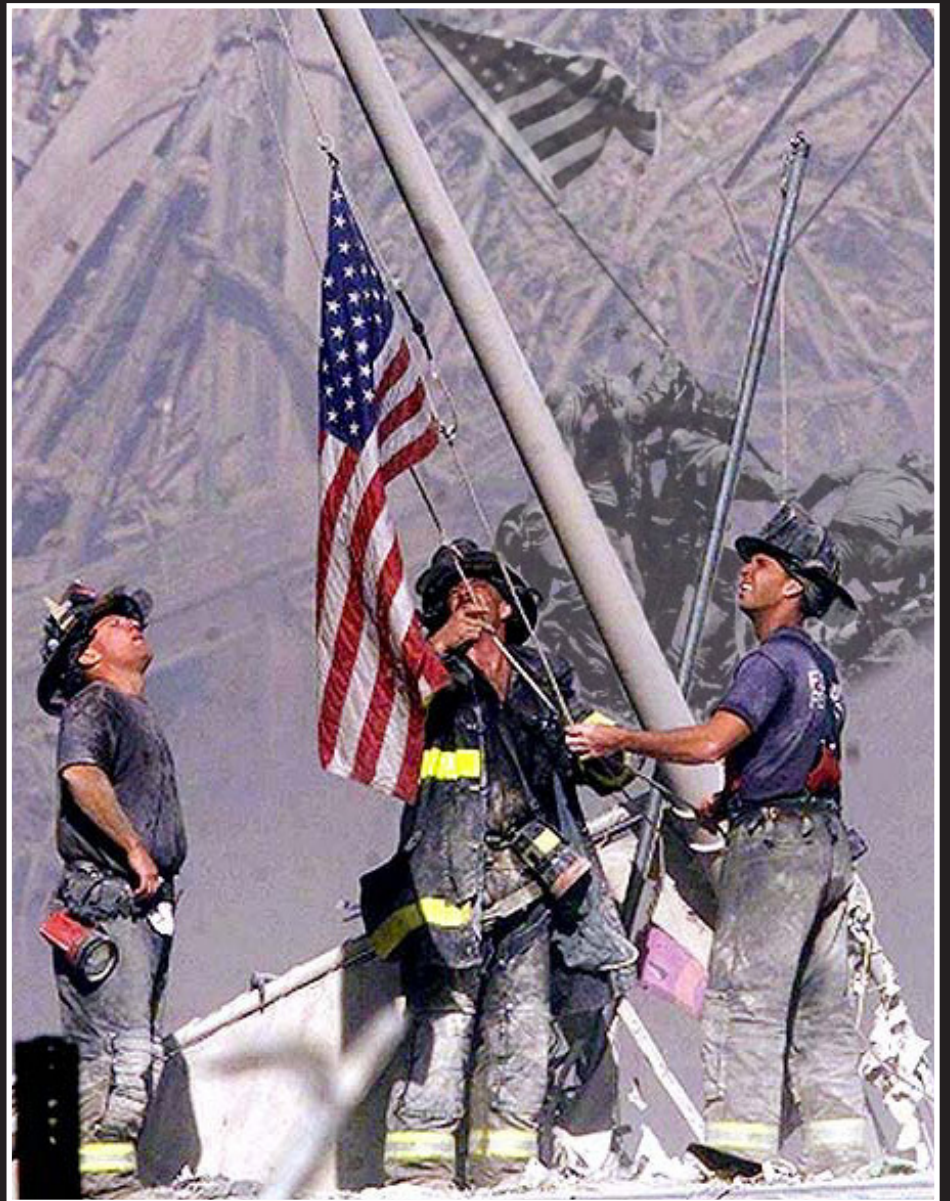
America Attacked

*Special 15th Anniversary
Mass of Remembrance
Sunday, September 11,
at 9:00 a.m.*

Fifteen years ago next Sunday, terrorists attacked our country, our faith, our freedom, and our way of life by hijacking airplanes and using them as weapons, killing thousands of people in New York City, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania. While we can meet such hatred with the love, prayer, healing, and forgiveness that are the hallmarks of the Catholic Church, that day has forever transformed the world we live in. Saint John the Evangelist will mark this anniversary with a special Mass next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. The entire community is invited to join us in this remembrance.

— See page 7 for more information.

Three New York City Firemen raise our flag over the debris of the World Trade Center; lifting the spirit of the rescue operations 15 years ago. In doing so, they re-enacted the United States Marine Corps' raising of the flag at Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima during WWII, now a symbol of the Marine Corps grit.



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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

September 3, 2016 Saturday
 8:00 AM + Vincent Buccheri Mary & Vincent Ventura

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

3:00 PM + Joseph DeFrancisco Vickey
 5:00 PM + Faustina Sciortino Margaret & Pat Buttino

September 4, 2016 Sunday

7:00 AM + Sharon McCarthy Joe McCarthy
 9:00 AM + Scott Wagner Joan McCarthy
 11:00 AM For Our Parishioners
 1:00 PM + Joe Murray Terry Sisk
 5:00 PM + Dorothy Clair Palo Skip Wuerstle

September 5, 2016 Monday

8:30 AM Robert Dennehy Wayne & Nancy Murphy

September 6, 2016 Tuesday

8:30 AM + Mary LaBarbera Jane & John Chuey

September 7, 2016 Wednesday

8:30 AM + William Burkhardt James & Elsa Cattano

September 8, 2016 Thursday

8:30 AM Jerry & Sandy Marsh Family
 6:30 PM + Frederick Willshire Nelly, Frank & Fred

September 9, 2016 Friday

8:30 AM Taylor Janssen Mary Beth Cloutier

September 10, 2016 Saturday

8:00 AM + Joseph & Frances Panarelli The Vanella Family

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

3:00 PM Janet VanderHorst Vicki VanderHorst
 5:00 PM + O'Keefe & Ryan Families Joanne Ryan

September 11, 2016 Sunday

7:00 AM + Nancy Middleton Carole Featheringham
 9:00 AM + Leo Horey Iris Horey
 11:00 AM For Our Parishioners
 1:00 PM + Antoinette & Joseph DeFeo Sylvia & Anthony DeFeo
 5:00 PM + Peg & Jack Igoue Neil & Sheila Snyder

Flowers in Memory of Susan Mastrorillo ~ requested by Angelo Mastrorillo

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 3, 2016
 St. Gregory the Great; First Saturday
 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday
 Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17;
 Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Sunday, September 4, 2016
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 Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17;
 Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday, September 5, 2016
Labor Day
 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11,
 or, for *Labor Day*, any readings from the Mass "For
 the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday, September 6, 2016
 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 7, 2016
 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 8, 2016
 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;
 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Friday, September 9, 2016
 St. Peter Claver
 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 10, 2016
 Blessed Virgin Mary
 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday
 Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;
 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

Sunday, September 11, 2016
 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;
 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

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.



Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

Monday, September 5 10:00 AM
Solaris Senior Living
 Intentions of Holliday Family req. by Peggy Holliday

Thursday, September 8 10:00 AM
Solaris Health Care
 + Mary Ann Dubois req. by Michele Dubois Muldering

MASS INTENTIONS...

Campaign Corner

September 4, 2016

“The secret to winning on the field, and also in life, is to respect my teammates and also my opponent. No one wins by himself, not on the field or in life! May no one isolate themselves or feel excluded!”

— Pope Francis



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

CYO Comes to Life at Saint John the Evangelist!

Did you know that the first Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) was initiated in Chicago in 1930? Its first three activities for the at-risk youth in the middle of the Great Depression were boxing, theater productions, and educational outreach to the working class communities in that city. We are going back to the roots of CYO with our persistent programs, dedicating our Parish Family in supporting the youth of the Naples area without any discrimination of economic or religious status. We will be focusing on sports and wellness, social and spiritual, and arts and music programs, with weekly and monthly activities. We are officially kicking off the first active CYO in Florida this Fall, thanks to all of your amazing gifts and prayers!

Over the past several years, it has become clear that Catholic families and youth in Naples are slowly being engaged in fellowship at various locations, including Christian and non-religious groups. Whether it is due to a sports program, a relationship, or a school activity, these families are being fed in their needs for programs specific to their age groups and their interests. They are then turning to those same groups for spiritual fulfillment once they have been fully integrated. This is a clear illustration of needs that are simply not provided for in Naples by the Catholic Churches, and it is wonderful that those groups have been serving our community for so many years. However, these programs and activities are core foci of the Catholic Church, and CYO in particular, in other areas of the country. When CYOs are active in those communities, the families and youth stay with the church and draw more people to the faith.

The St. John CYO is an umbrella program that will house sports, social, arts, afterschool activities, and service programs for the youth of Naples. The main focus of CYO is to provide low-cost, persistent, and consistent events and activities that will enliven and engage all the youth and draw them closer to Jesus and the Catholic Faith through their relationships and fellowship with each other. That will also allow for the families to come together at the same time and for the common purpose of providing a safe and exciting place for their children. And we now have these programs and activities at Saint John the Evangelist. We invite you to learn more at our CYO Social Hour on September 8, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room.

You can also learn more information about our Capital Campaign at: <http://www.sjecc.com/future>.

Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager
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Catholic Youth Organization

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Robert Murphy	Associate
Fr. Paul D'Angelo	Associate
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Deacon Forrest Wallace	
Deacon Frank Panicia	Senior Status

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Call the Office 566.8740

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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

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Jack Kindsvater: *Ext. 3918*

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info@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 REGISTRATION

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

Mass Intentions. We are now accepting 2017 intentions.

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH INFORMATION... OPERATIONAL

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Readings:	749
Entrance Hymn:	193 Take Up Your Cross
Preparation Hymn:	574 Eye Has Not Seen
Communion Hymn:	225 Gift of Finest Wheat
	278 Humbly We Adore Thee
Closing Hymn:	194 Lift High the Cross

Choral Anthem at 9 AM Mass

Prelude:	Draw Us in The Spirit's Tether	<i>Friedell</i>
Communion:	As the Dear	<i>Nystrom</i>

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, September 5: Monday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Gn 1:1, 27, 31*

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, God created man in his image; God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM R. Lead me in your justice, Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Col 3:17*

Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Tuesday, September 6: Tuesday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 119 (118):137, 124*

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord takes delight in his people.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 42 (41):2-3*

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Wednesday, September 7: Wednesday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 119 (118): 137, 124*

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 42 (41):2-3*

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Thursday, September 8: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. With delight I rejoice in the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Is 7: 14; Mt 1:21*

Behold, the Virgin will bear a son, who will save his people from their sins.

Friday, September 9: Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, 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. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty 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.

Saturday, September 10: Saturday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Lk 11:27*

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

As part of an on-going effort to communicate the renewed focus and efforts of our Parish Mission, I want to continue the series in our bulletin, Getting #ToKnow Our Staff, where we spotlight a staff member at St. John, including some of their responsibilities and background. That way, if you have a question, or need some assistance, you can put a name and face to those who will be helping you.

Getting #ToKnow Our Staff – CYO Social and Spiritual Coordinator Kyle VanDuser

As you may have read on our Capital Campaign page, we have moved forward with our Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) program here at St. John. I cannot tell you how many people have come up to me, explaining how they met their spouse at a CYO Dance, or their best, life-long friendships were developed on their playing fields on their CYO teams when they were younger. Our Parish Family’s experience with CYO spans those who are 25 to those who are 90. The Holy Spirit is alive in all of us, showing that we are on the right track with our “new wineskins”, programs that enliven the Catholic Faith in the youth today and strengthen and grow our church for decades to come. We are going to be able to illustrate the positive force the Catholic Church can be in the community and it will take all of us working together to do so. High schoolers need mentors from those in our Parish Family who have the experience and worldly knowledge. Children need supportive coaches and, of course, cheering fans.

In order to make these efforts a success, we need the right leadership that will both engage the youth as well as organize and run the various sports, social, and artistic programs. In fact, when looking for an individual for our position of CYO Social and Spiritual Coordinator, I made it clear that the “O” in CYO was the priority. We have found an excellent young man in Kyle VanDuser, who will bring a wealth of personal experience, fire for the Catholic Faith, and a tremendous ability to create relationships with the youth of Naples to meet them where they are and accompany them on their life and faith journey.

*My wife and I are very excited to be joining this wonderful church staff. As parish members we have fallen in love with Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Now, as we look forward into what God has for us, we want to share with you what we believe is God’s vision for CYO. Jesus said in Matthew 18:2-5:2: **He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. 3: And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4: Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5: And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.***

By this we know that God has a special place in his heart for youth. We want to reflect Jesus’ heart for children through our actions in CYO. God has a special calling on this next generation and we want to provide a way for God to shine in

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and through the youth in Naples. CYO has a solid structure and long history of engaging youth in their faith. We want to re-establish CYO’s presence in SJ ECC and also in Naples. Youth will have a place to worship, grow, and fellowship with peers in our new The Rock Ministries. Further info on place and time will be provided as soon as possible. We believe that the church was built on ‘the Rock’ that was Peter, and we want to use his example to build the foundation of the next generation. On The Rock, we pray that God will build up Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church of the future to withhold the values of those that have gone before. Continuing the mission to know, to love, and to serve God in this church and in our community. — Kyle VanDuser



Kyle, as our CYO Social and Spiritual Coordinator, will have a wide and varied set of responsibilities. He will manage our incoming eight missionaries from NET Ministries, ensuring their housing needs are met and planning their outreach efforts. He will be executing The Rock, our new weekly youth engagement, along with monthly activities that fit our mold of CYO programs, with physical, social, and artistic foci. Most importantly, however, he will be providing personal,

relational ministry for anyone he can reach. His existing relationships at all the local high schools from leading the Fellowship of Christian Athletes already give him direct access to youth across Naples and Bonita Springs. His conversion story and life are inspirational and engaging. His positive and infectious love of Jesus shines through every conversation you have with him, so I hope you will all have the pleasure of meeting and speaking with him soon.

It is our life’s goal to discover our talents and spiritual gifts. It is our purpose in life then to give them away. CYO at St. John will strive to find and develop any gift or talent a student may have. Then, provide many opportunities for them to give that talent to God by using to further his gospel. — Kyle VanDuser

Please join me in welcoming Kyle and his wife Kayla to our Parish Family and our CYO. We will have a Social Hour on September 8, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room, so you can come meet him and learn more about our CYO plans.

NEVER FORGET

Special Mass of Remembrance at St. John Will Commemorate 15th Anniversary of 9/11

September 11 will mark the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on New York City's World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, when brave passengers took matters into their own hands and overpowered the hijackers. The plane crashed, killing all 45 on board the doomed flight.

These attacks of hatred not only took the lives of 2,819 innocent Americans, including 343 New York City Firemen, 37 Port Authority Police Officers and 23 New York City Police Officers, but changed our way of life forever.

Here at Saint John the Evangelist, both the Arthur J. Corr Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and the Saint John the Evangelist Council 11281 Knights of Columbus, will sponsor a Mass of Remembrance at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 11 to remember those who were murdered on that day of terror.

All parishioners are invited to attend this special commemorative Mass. Additionally, the Knights and the clergy of Saint John the Evangelist extend an invitation to all firefighters, law enforcement personal and first responders to join us in honoring you for all you do in protecting us.

Members of the Harp and Thistle Pipe Band will lead the procession into church, followed by members of the Knights of Columbus Color Corps and the United States Marine Corps League of Naples, who will present and post our colors.

Please join us on September 11 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass to pay tribute and pray for those brave souls who made the ultimate sacrifice at the hands of Jihadist terrorists.

*text submitted by Tom Middlemiss
9/11 Mass Coordinator*



Jerry Sanford, retired member of the FDNY and now the Public Information Officer for the North Naples Fire District, with the piece of recovered steel from the World Trade Center, at the Mass at St. John for the 10th Anniversary of 9/11.



Soot-covered firemen and police officers carry the body of Fr. Mychal Judge, New York City's Fire Department Catholic Chaplain, to a makeshift morgue at the nearby Catholic church of St. Peter. Fr. Judge, a Franciscan Friar, was administering the last rites to a fallen fireman when he was struck with debris and killed. He was officially listed as the first casualty of the terrorist attack.



Harp and Thistle Pipe Bagpipe Band play "Amazing Grace" following the playing of "Taps" by Sgt. Robert McDonald, United States 8th Army Air Force (Ret.) Sgt. McDonald is a WWII Veteran. (photo from the Mass at St. John for the 10th Anniversary of 9/11)

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. Whether separated/divorced 10 days ago or 10 years ago, sign up now for our 12-week DVD series/group discussions to help you along your path to Spiritual Healing. Series runs Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Claussen Family Center starting September 7 through December 7. (No class Thanksgiving

week). *Lhara Echeverria: 293.3694 or Lhara@sjecc.com or 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. Meets to sew for needy children of Collier County on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. from October to May. Please check bulletin for start date. New members welcome. We accept fabric and notions as well as monetary donations. *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

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

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

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

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

Houng Tran
U.S. Army

Spc. Douglas Hennessy
U.S. Army

IT2 Jason E. Tydingco
(USN)

Staff Sgt. Brandon Waithe
U.S. Air Force

Marine Colonel Brian Howlett USMC

Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino
U.S. Air Force

2nd Lt. Sean Kealey
U.S. Army

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:

Mei Po Han

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 Annunizata

Fernando Ardila

Thomas Ardila

Ander Carcamo Arpaia

Marge Baker

Jean & Emmunale Ballmiro

Richard Becker

Margie Benefico

Barbara Berg

Linda Berry

Dorothy Biondo

Elizabeth Bognar

Kathleen Bradach

Al Buchanan

Richard Cantello

Carrie

Art Cavanagh

Tiffany Chill

Eric Christensen

Fran & Becky Comeriato

Sam Comeriato

Delores Crowley

Anthony D'Antuono

Mark Dabronzo

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

Carlos D. Gomez

Virginia Goodman

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

Leslie Mary Kugel

Barbara Kuryea

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

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John McGlenn

J. Bradley McGonigle

Carolyn McNichols

Beth Ann Meloche

Amanda Merhige

Gerald Mitchell

Shirley Monacelli

Lorrie Morrison

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Gloria & Bill Oliver

Marylee Olsen

Emma O'Rourke

Eric Parker

Micharl Paul

Anne Perrino

Ann Petrillo

Irene Pires

Thad Pluc

Renee Rake

Aurelia Rein

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 Schweningen

Lisa Siegwarth

John Smith

Krista Sowers

Nancy Stewart

Susan Stokes

Rita Taranto

William J. Teplica

James Thompson

Tuni

Logan Uzzi

Fay VanWie

Lawrence Varone

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

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016 ~ TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, September 4, 2016

the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song **Our God** Chris Tomlin / Matt Redman CCLI Song # 5677416. Chris Tomlin | Jesse Reeves | Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman. © 2010 Thankyou Music, sixsteps Music, Said And Done Music, Vamos Publishing, SHOUT! Music Publishing, and worshiptogether.com songs (All admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). All rights reserved. CCLI License # 2008891.

v. 1) Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind; There's no one like you, none like you
 v. 2) Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise; There's no one like you, none like you (*Chorus*)

Chorus

5 Our God is great - er, our God is stron - ger; God, you are high - er than an - y-oth - er.

Our God is Heal - er, awe-some in pow - er, our³ God, our³ God.

Bridge) And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
 And if our God is with us, then what could stand against? (*repeat, then back to Chorus*)

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Verses

1. With one voice the an - gels sing songs that make cre - a - tion ring.
 2. God the Fa - ther, El - o - him, voice of thun - der, spir - it, wind:
 3. God of Cov - e - nant, di - vine, lead us to the end of time,
 4. Now sal - va - tion has _____ come in the New Je - ru - sa - lem.

1. Proph - ets hear and call us to live in spir - it and in truth. (to Verse 2)
 2. breathe on me your ver - y life; grace will make the dark-ness bright.
 3. be - yond sor - row, be - yond fear, be - yond pride and earth - en tears.
 4. Danc - ers dance and sing - ers roar; pro - claim - ing Je - sus Christ is Lord!

Refrain

Word of God, en - throned, dwell in us for - ev - er -

more. Love has come to show the way.

Hal - le - lu - jah, peace be with

us. Love has come to show the way.

This is Je - sus, Em - man - u - el; God is
with us in this sac - ra - ment. Come re - ceive Him, a -
dore Him; This is Je - sus, our Lord.

Verse 1) Bright Star of David, Radiance of God
now become the Living Bread, the Body of the Lord!
Come in adoration, receive with trembling hands
the Sacrament most holy, the Banquet of the Lamb!
Verse 2) Drink of living waters flowing from the Lord,
Taste the Cup of blessing, partake of Precious Blood!
River of salvation, holy cleansing tide,
Fountain of redemption flowing from the Savior's side!

Verse 3) Priest of highest honor,
King and Sov'reign Lord,
Unblemished Lamb of sacrifice,
your very life outpoured!
Royal Paschal victim, true begotten Son
Offered as our ransom by the Holy One!

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491 We Have Been Told

David Haas



Pope Francis has approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, thus paving the way for her canonization. She is pictured with a youth in an undated photo. (Catholic News Service photo)

Blessed Mother Teresa Is Canonized This Weekend in Rome

In honor of the canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa this Sunday, September 4, the song "Fragrance Prayer" is being offered this weekend. This beautiful prayer, by Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman, was recited daily after Communion by Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta and her Sisters of Charity.

FRAGRANCE PRAYER

Tom Booth

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

1-3 to Verses

Wisdom 9:13-18B

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17

Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

The Word & Life

The Challenge of the Cross



Our readings today speak to the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. There is a cost associated with following Jesus. We are told that unless we carry our own cross that we cannot be his disciple. But does this mean that we should favor suffering in our lives? Does this mean that we will ultimately be miserable in following Jesus' way? No it does not! However, Jesus is telling us quite clearly that we will face challenges when we follow his way of love. His message was counter cultural in his time just as it is for the world today. That is why Jesus was crucified. He disturbed the peace. He shook people out of their complacency. Jesus' message of intimacy and approachability towards the Father in heaven ultimately distressed the religious teachers and challenged their concept of God. They sought to have him killed to silence his message. It is amazing to think that a carpenter from Nazareth would cause such a commotion and fall into the hands of the Romans, charged with civil disobedience. His cross represented the hardness of heart of the people who were closed to his message, adding to the many sins of the world that nailed him to the tree.

Reflection Questions

1. What does the "cross of discipleship" mean to you?
2. In what ways have you experienced the cross in your life?
3. How are you challenged as a disciple of Jesus?
4. When have you failed the test of discipleship?
5. How does the world's wisdom differ from Jesus?
6. How far are you prepared to go to give witness to your faith?

In the second reading, St. Paul finds himself carrying the cross of discipleship. He is now an old man, imprisoned in chains, who seeks to pass on the vital message of the kingdom of light and peace to Philemon and eventually to the world.

What is it about Jesus' message of peace and hope that brings so much contention? When we explore the significance of Jesus' teachings, we begin to see the inconsistencies in the values of the world that surrounds us. The gospel message confronts sin and makes all people accountable. When people are confronted with their sin, their immediate reaction is to close themselves to criticism. This is an instinctive human reaction. If we apply gospel values to the areas of politics, ethics, economics and social conditions, we find we are called to conversion in every aspect of life. When we take a stand as individuals and as a Christian community, it is then that we are faced with the cost of discipleship.

People become cynical and at times belittle our faith, suggesting that our values have no place in real world issues. As Christians we are asked to commit ourselves totally to Jesus' messages with every choice that we make. Sometimes we have to sacrifice popularity and choose the gospel path — the road less traveled. The cross of discipleship burdens us with the Truth that will set us and others free!

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



Prayer

Lord, may we come to know you in all things. Help us realize that in following you that we are building a solid foundation for eternal life. May we not hold on to values that are contrary to your own but have the courage of our convictions. Help us to carry the cross of discipleship. Amen.

Voices of Faith

The Cross of Discipleship

The mystery of God revealed in Christ
Brings the disciple the Way, the Truth, the Life
The Truth of the gospel will cost the human race
As it seeks to behold God face to face

The burden of love will challenge every woman, man
and child
To seek the way above and leave the world of sin behind
The poor, the broken, the blind and the shamed are
placed our way
To reveal God's love and power in the day to day

The cross of discipleship is the way of love
To reach our heaven to live with God above
Every struggle for freedom must our burden be
To show that every person belongs in God's family

Whenever there is oppression, discrimination and strife
We must take up of the cross of discipleship to offer
new life
For wherever there are sinful structures where respect
and dignity decay
We must prove that we are disciples and show the Way

When hearts are broken and fear takes hold
We must be courageous, faithful and bold
To reveal his message of healing and strength
By living our faith and going to great lengths



The cross of discipleship is a way of love
Its burden often heavy sometimes light will put an end to strife
For the cross stands tall over every circumstance
Where peace, patience, kindness and joy and give each and all a
chance

To hold the name of Christian we must stand tall
For the Christ who died once for all
We cannot his disciples be if we do not take up his cross, this
weighty tree
For with this cross there is a chance for everyone for life enhance

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

Faith Formation

2016-2017 School Year

FAQs for the Opening of the Faith Formation 2016-2017 School Year

When is the last day to register my child for the upcoming Faith Formation year?

The registration deadline for Faith Formation was August 31. Registrations will still be accepted and families may have to be flexible with their choice of days. Thank you for your understanding.

How do I get a registration packet and where do I turn it in?

Registration forms are available online at our website to print at www.sjecc.com. They can also be picked up at our parish office at the front desk from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Registration forms can be mailed to Saint John the Evangelist or they can be dropped off at the parish office during the week when the parish office is open.

When is the first day of class?

If your child is in grades K-8 and registered for Sunday classes, the first day of class is on Sunday, September 18 from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m., with an opportunity to meet the teacher beginning at 9:00 a.m. that day only. If your child is in grades K-8 and registered for Wednesday classes, the first day of class is Wednesday, September 21 from 5:45 - 7:00 p.m., with an opportunity to meet the teacher beginning at 5:15 p.m. that day only. *High School Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, September 25 and are offered from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m., with an optional morning class for Year one students as well.*

How do I get a copy of the Faith Formation Calendar for the 2016-2017 School Year?

The Faith Formation Calendar is available at www.sjecc.com under the Faith Formation Tab. Color copies are also available in the parish office.

Prior to the first day of class, the calendar lists a Families in Christ event on September 11. Please explain this event and do I need to attend?

Families in Christ events are a time for faith and fellowship whereby the entire family is invited to have a light breakfast snack and enjoy a faith opportunity sponsored by our Family Mission team. Parents attend with their children. The event takes place from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in the Parish Life Center Ballroom. Faith Formation students are asked to attend with their families. The event is open to all families in the parish outside of Faith Formation as well.

When do High School Confirmation classes begin and when do they meet?

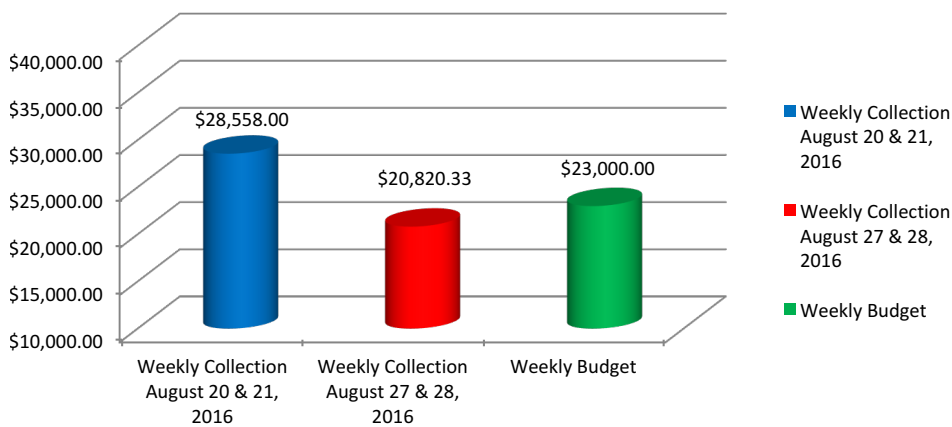
Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, September 25 and classes are held from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Parents are invited for a brief meeting on the first day at 7:00 p.m. There is also a morning option from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. for those students in their first year of Confirmation preparation.

*Confirmation Class
Saturday, April 9, 2016*

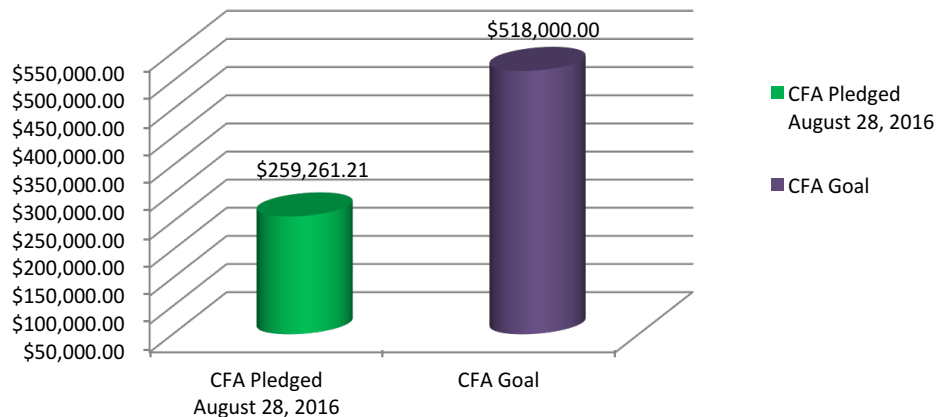


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Weekly Collection Summary



CFA Summary



Collection for the Catholic University of America. The National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. will be taken up in the Diocese the weekend of September 10 and 11. The Catholic University educates clergy, religious, and lay men and women in a wide range of academic principles. Proceeds from this important collection support the University's Parish Scholarship Program.

GRIEF SUPPORT

A seven-week grief support group will begin at St. John on Tuesday, October 11. The gathering will be from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. each Tuesday and will meet in the Claussen Family Center. Meeting dates are: October 11, October 18, October 25, November 1, November 8, November 15, and November 22.

Anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. To register, please call Geralyn Poletti at Catholic Charities at 455.2655.

Any parishioner who needs individual grief support or immediate assistance may contact the parish office to set up an appointment with one of our priests.

Catholic Charities Family Counseling Center offers affordable mental health counseling to children and adults. We accept some insurances and have a sliding scale for those who cannot afford the minimum fee. Catholic Charities Family Counseling Center is located at 2210 Santa Barbara Boulevard. Call 239.455.2655 for an appointment.

Separated/Divorced Ministry 12-Week Healing Program Begins Wednesday, September 7; There Is No Cost to Attend

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 or lhara@sjecc.com or Beth Lucci at 239.877.6254.



Faith and Wine

To learn more, go to
www.FaithandWine.com

We are pleased to announce our speakers for the upcoming 2016-2017 Faith and Wine season! They are an incredibly diverse group: a CEO who saves babies; a converted Muslim; a much loved and talented Christian entertainer; a priest and rabbi in dialogue about Pope Francis' book; an actress/author who will share her very personal story about her mother's gift of faith, love, and letting go; a professional dementia caregiver; and an artist who will be retuning to instruct us in creating a Catholic-themed painting. Our delicious and bountiful meals will again be catered by Frisco's. **Please join us and enjoy a wonderful evening of faith and fellowship.**

Date:	Speaker:**	Title:
September 22, 2016	Gary Ingold, CEO, Community Pregnancy Clinics	<i>Joining Together to Foster A Culture Of Life...One Community at a Time</i>
October 20, 2016	Nikki, Speaker and Author	<i>From Darkness Into Light – My Journey from Islam to Catholicism</i>
November 17, 2016 (open to men)	Paul Todd, Musician, Singer, and Entertainer; Music Director for St. Agnes Catholic Church	<i>The Power of Music</i>

**Subject to approval by the Diocese of Venice (Second half of season will be published at a later date.)



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Bishop Dewane & Pack 226

*"Train up a child in the way he should go
and when he is old he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6 / Pack 226*

Pack 226 is a faith-based, Catholic Cub Scout Pack that is looking for new members to join their very active pack. Meetings are on the first and third Mondays of the month from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Saint John the Evangelist.



USCG Cutter Marlin Tour

For more information, please contact Chad Lund at
chad@lundcapital.com



Adult Faith Formation & RCIA



*Have you, or a family member, friend, or co-worker
ever considered why so many people over the centuries have chosen to be Catholic?*

Anyone who, as of yet, has had no real commitment to religion,
or has stopped short in their commitment, wondering whether it is worth it, is invited to discover
the beauty of the Gospel revealed in the life and teachings of the Catholic Church.

**Everyone and anyone who would like to explore “becoming Catholic”
is invited to an open informational meeting on**

**Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m.
in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center
at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church**

Even if you are only mildly interested, take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions
and receive answers about “things Catholic”, such as

- Why have organized religions, and why be Catholic?
- What do Catholics believe and what do Catholics do?

Get information with no obligation, no commitment!

This meeting is for those never baptized to investigate what it means
to become a Catholic Christian.

This is an opportunity for those baptized in another Christian tradition to explore
the process to come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

This will explain how those baptized Catholic as infants but never raised as Catholic
can be Confirmed and receive the Eucharist.

No reservation is necessary, just come. God’s invitation is open to all.

But if you are not able to attend this meeting, just contact Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation
and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Coordinator to arrange a personal meeting or
phone conversation. Leave a message at 239. 556.8740, ext. 3918
or send an e-mail to jack@sjecc.com.

*Invite your family members, friends, co-workers, or others to come
and see what it means to be Catholic.*

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



Willkommen



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<http://tinyurl.com/2016SJEOP>

Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #11281.

For more info, please call the parish office at (239) 566-8740 or Bill Warvel (732) 672-4109.

Proceeds to assist the Knights of Columbus Charity Fund and Food Kitchens in the Naples/Immokalee areas.