

October 2, 2016

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

the  
EVANGELIST  
SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER  
Respect  
Life  
Month



Children at the Ali Addeh refugee camp Djibouti show off their footwear. (By Petty Officer 2nd Class Joshua Bruns (<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/258265>) [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons)



*All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect. — Pope Francis*

([http://en.radiovaticana.va/storico/2013/07/17/pope\\_francis\\_all\\_life\\_has\\_inestimable\\_value/en1-711052](http://en.radiovaticana.va/storico/2013/07/17/pope_francis_all_life_has_inestimable_value/en1-711052))

— see more of what Pope Francis says about respecting life in all forms on page 6



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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 30, 2016 Friday**

8:30 AM Susan Cini Debbie &amp; Cindy

**October 1, 2016 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Mary Youlio Dolores Kernochan

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**

3:00 PM + Jolynne Wohlwend Lillian Gallo

5:00 PM + Mary Seydow Carol Wegner

**October 2, 2016 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Sharon McCarthy Joe McCarthy

9:00 AM + Bob Stamant Joanne &amp; Fritz

11:00 AM For Our Parishioners

1:00 PM + Alice LoGrippto Frank LoGrippto

5:00 PM + Ray Kittell Kathey Brown

**October 3, 2016 Monday**

8:30 AM + Joseph Reid Karen &amp; Bill Wright

**October 4, 2016 Tuesday**

8:30 AM + Ozzie D'Addario Janet D'Addario

**October 5, 2016 Wednesday**

8:30 AM + William Cutillo Mr. &amp; Mrs. Salvatore Vella &amp; Family

**October 6, 2016 Thursday**

8:30 AM + Dolores Varone Larry Varone

6:30 PM + Michael LaButti The Family

**October 7, 2016 Friday**

8:30 AM + Harry &amp; Rose Marie Hammond Edward James Synowka

**October 8, 2016 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Ann Scafidi Delores Donnelly

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**

3:00 PM + Jerome Paul VanderHorst Janet VanderHorst

5:00 PM + The Galle &amp; McAveney Families Ginger &amp; Mac Galle

**October 9, 2016 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Joseph Riccio, Sr. Jerry &amp; Phyllis Durante,

Diana &amp; Christina

9:00 AM + Joe Reid Bob &amp; Norma Claussen

11:00 AM For Our Parishioners

1:00 PM + Bernadette &amp; Philip Monachino Kathleen &amp; Patrick Monachino

5:00 PM + Robert Fagenel Eileen &amp; Dan Wenstrup

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES****AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, October 1, 2016**St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Saturday  
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75,  
91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24**Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday**

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

**Sunday, October 2, 2016**

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Respect Life Sunday; *Rosh Hashanah (Jewish**New Year 5777) begins at sunset*

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

**Monday, October 3, 2016**

Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday, October 4, 2016**

St. Francis of Assisi

Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday, October 6, 2016**

St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday, October 7, 2016**

Our Lady of the Rosary; First Friday

Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday, October 8, 2016**

Blessed Virgin Mary

Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

**Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday**

2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

**Sunday, October 9, 2016**

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

**Holy Communion Available for the Hospitalized and Homebound** Any parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion while he/she is in the hospital or unable to get to Mass from his/her home may do so by calling the parish office, 566.8740, or emailing [emministry@sjecc.com](mailto:emministry@sjecc.com). An Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist will bring Holy Communion at a mutually agreed upon time. Please note that the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Holy Communion to North Naples NCH on Monday through Friday 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 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 a.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

October 2, 2016

*“Yesterday’s the past, tomorrow’s the future, but today is a gift. That’s why it’s called the present.”*

— Bil Keane



A Capital Campaign for  
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## *Fruits of Campaign: Air Conditioning Maintenance for Church*

We have been discussing the future endeavors for our campus, our programs, and our new Life Center here recently. However, we should also communicate our Capital Campaign’s additional focus, solving priority issues for our buildings and grounds right now. As Fr. John has made it clear over the past few months, we developed our Campaign Pinnacle Goal of \$14 million in order to ensure all the needs of our church will be met. This includes major initiatives like installation of the same doors across the campus, renovating the church confessionals, and replacing the roofs of the existing buildings.

One item that we all agree needs to be a priority is the air conditioning of the church. I remember my first Christmas as the General Manager, when a volunteer accidentally ripped out the wires that control the AC in the church, causing an extremely uncomfortable Christmas Eve for all of us. A few years before then, a system called Metasys was installed in the church (and the Parish Activity Center), promising to control both the temperature and the cost of electricity used by St. John. Unfortunately, that decision has not resolved any of the above issues. In fact, our energy usage has increased since the installation of Metasys. It forces our AC units to turn on and off without completing their tasks to either dehumidify the air, or set the temperature properly. There are times that it seems like our church is an icebox. This cannot continue.

We had our new HVAC provider, who was not involved in either the decision or the implementation of Metasys, evaluate the entire building, and they have found significant issues with the system, including a temperature sensor actually sitting in the attic, of all places. We are moving forward with a new system. It is a simple and integrated temperature/humidity sensor system that will ensure our comfort in the pews as well as for the clergy who sit under the hot lights in their vestments. We will begin the installation of the new system in the next month or so. Thank you all for your patience as we identify these types of priority issues and resolve them.

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

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

Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager [jp@sjecc.com](mailto: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 Panicia	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](http://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*

**Fax:** 239.566.9117

*jp@sjecc.com*

### Assistant to the Pastor

Tricia Schwarz

### Parish Secretary

Deborah Marsh

### Front Office Manager

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Gary Prettyman

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Lan Tran

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Jean-Paul Boucher

### Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor

Kathy Sims

### CYO Social and Spiritual

#### Coordinator

Kyle VanDuser

### 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*

## FOR OUR RECORDS

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

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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. *Gary Prettyman: 566.8740*

#### Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. Grades

1-5. *Gary Prettyman: 566.8740*

#### Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Grades 6-12

especially welcome. *Gary Prettyman: 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](http://www.sjecc.com)

## 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 1-2, 2016

Readings:	761
Entrance Hymn:	428 We Walk By Faith
Preparation Hymn:	363 Isaiah 49
Communion Hymn:	The Supper of The Lord, (Page 12 of the Bulletin)
	257 Panis Angelicus
	236 How Beautiful (5pm Sunday)
Closing Hymn:	426 Faith of Our Fathers
<b>Choral Anthems at 11AM Mass</b>	
Prelude:	Be Thou My Vision Parker
Communion:	In Remembrance Courtney/Red

## ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

**Monday, October 3: Monday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Est 4:17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven;

you are the Lord of all.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Lam 3:25*

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**Tuesday, October 4: Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Francis, the man of God, left his home behind, abandoned his inheritance and became poor and penniless, but the Lord raised him up.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Mt 5:3*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

**Wednesday, October 5: Wednesday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Ps 18 (17):50; 22(21):23*

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;

I will tell of your name to my kin.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Ez 34:15*

I will pasture my sheep;

I myself will give them rest, says the Lord.

**Thursday, October 6: Thursday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Here is the wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent,

who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Cf. Mt 25:6*

Behold, the Bridegroom is coming;

come out to meet Christ the Lord

**Friday, October 7: Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Lk 1:28,42*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women

and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Lk 1: 31*

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,

and you shall name Jesus.

**Saturday, October 8: Saturday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Cf. Lk 11:27*

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary,

which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

## #ToKnow, #ToLove, #ToServe – Respecting Life is at the Core of Our Faith and Our Church

This weekend is the beginning of Respect Life Month. There are so many facets to this focus of our Catholic Faith, to love, honor, respect, cherish, and support all life, in all forms. Our Holy Father has clearly made Respect Life a cornerstone of his papacy, and every form of life is precious and it should be supported at every stage. From conception to natural death, every person is a gift of God's love. We should put the same priority efforts to protect life for the unborn, the infirmed, the aged, the homeless, those with special needs, migrant workers, those in prison, and those battling addiction. We are called to protect the environment to ensure its future for our children and generations beyond ours. It can be called one of our greatest vocations as Catholics to support life. Pope Francis eloquently stated it in his address to the United Nations last year when he visited the United States:

*I began this speech recalling the visits of my predecessors. I would hope that my words will be taken above all as a continuation of the final words of the address of Pope Paul VI; although spoken almost exactly fifty years ago, they remain ever timely. "The hour has come when a pause, a moment of recollection, reflection, even of prayer, is absolutely needed so that we may think back over our common origin, our history, our common destiny. The appeal to the moral conscience of man has never been as necessary as it is today... For the danger comes neither from progress nor from science; if these are used well, they can help to solve a great number of the serious problems besetting mankind (Address to the United Nations Organization, 4 October 1965). Among other things, human genius, well applied, will surely help to meet the grave challenges of ecological deterioration and of exclusion. As Paul VI said: "The real danger comes from man, who has at his disposal ever more powerful instruments that are as well fitted to bring about ruin as they are to achieve lofty conquests" (ibid.).*

*The common home of all men and women must continue to rise on the foundations of a right understanding of universal fraternity and respect for the sacredness of every human life, of every man and every woman, the poor, the elderly, children, the infirm, the unborn, the unemployed, the abandoned, those considered disposable because they are only considered as part of a statistic. This common home of all men and women must also be built on the understanding of a certain sacredness of created nature.*

*Such understanding and respect call for a higher degree of wisdom, one which accepts transcendence, rejects the creation of an all-powerful élite, and recognizes that the full meaning of individual and collective life is found in*

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*selfless service to others and in the sage and respectful use of creation for the common good. To repeat the words of Paul VI, "the edifice of modern civilization has to be built on spiritual principles, for they are the only ones capable not only of supporting it, but of shedding light on it" (ibid.).*  
– Pope Francis 9/25/2016 ([http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2015/september/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150925\\_onu-visita.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2015/september/documents/papa-francesco_20150925_onu-visita.html))

If you have not gotten a chance to read the entire address (or watch the video, which is available at the above link), I highly recommend you do so.

Our spiritual principles as Catholics, along with our engagement in our larger society, is what allows us to advance life and the principles that respect and support it throughout the world. That can be as simple as holding a door open for someone with a walker, or by providing a welcoming environment for those with special needs. It means not ignoring those around us who may be lonely. We are a Parish Family and we take care of our family and those around us. Please join us in ensuring that life in all its wondrous forms is cherished and respected.




Pope Francis addresses the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York on September 25, 2015. (Catholic News Service photo//Mike Segar, Reuters)



**Ft. Myers**

# PRAYER Walk

FOR **LIFE**



**Monday, October 3, 2016**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**



The Prayer Walk is part of 40 Days for Life which runs from September 28 to November 6.

40daysforlife.com/  
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239-994-2849


9:00 a.m. - Mass with **Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Celebrant**, St. Cecilia Church, 5632 Sunrise Dr., Ft. Myers  
 10:00 a.m. - **Exposition and Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament for those not participating at the abortion site  
 10:00 a.m. - Proceed by car to Viva parking lot, 5990 Winkler Road (just north of the intersection of Winkler and College Parkway). Parking permission granted for this event only.  
**Prayerful procession with Bishop Dewane** to abortion site, Planned Parenthood, 8595 College Parkway.  
 Line sidewalk along Winkler to pray rosary.  
 11:45 a.m. - **Closing Benediction** at St. Cecilia Church

In memory of more than 59 million unborn babies who have died since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions legalizing abortion for any reason.

For more information:  
 (941) 441-1101 or Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org  
 Sponsored by the Diocese of Venice, Respect Life Office  
 www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife

## SEE YOU AT THE POLE



Students, teachers and our NET missionaries gathered in front of Barron Collier High School for the nation wide event called SEE YOU AT THE POLE. Students met to pray for school, county, state, and country in front of peers entering for school. The event, which was held Wednesday, September 28, has been ongoing for 25 years. SEE YOU AT THE POLE is a day committed to global unity in Christ and prayer for our youth.

# project rachel

Peace starts here

## H•PE

AFTER + ABORTION

**One-day Retreat**  
**Saturday, November 12, 2016**

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### *Diocese of Venice Will Host a Mass in November to Honor All Volunteers*

As the Jubilee Year of Mercy draws to a close, the Diocese of Venice is hosting another Mass in appreciation of its many volunteers. Bishop Frank J. Dewane invites all volunteers to the Mass on November 19 at 11:00 a.m. at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice.

The Mass is an opportunity to extend gratitude and appreciation to those who generously give of their time and talent. All priests, deacons, religious and the faithful are invited to participate in a celebration of the active stewardship of our laity. A lunch will follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.

All are welcome, however, to properly plan for the reception, registration will be required. Further details will be forthcoming.

### *Save the Dates: Diocesan Women's Conference and Diocesan Men's Conference*

The Diocesan Women's Conference will be held on February 11, 2017 at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. The Diocesan Men's Conference will be held March 4, 2017, also at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. Both of these important events will include exciting speakers, opportunities for sharing of the Faith, the Mass and much more.

Specific details on the Conferences and registration information will be available in the coming months.

**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. Next social meeting is October 24. 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. The Sewing Ministry starts up again Wednesday, October 5 in the Youth Room of the Claussen Family Center. 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

**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

**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  
robbyndeville@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:*

Robert “Bob” DeVille, Richard Armond Hennings and Lynn Panzeri

*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*

Antoinette and Nicholas

Acquiviva

ADD

AJM

Steve Allender

Rich Annunziata

Fernando Ardila

Thomas Ardila

Paul Arpaia

Marge Baker

Jean & Emmunale Ballmiro

Richard Becker

Margie Benefico

Barbara Berg

Linda Berry

Gallen Boardman

John E. Boyle

Richard Cantello

Carrie

Art Cavanagh

Tiffany Chill

Eric Christensen

Sam, Becky and Frank Comeriatto

Delores Crowley

Anthony D’Antuono

Mark Dabronzo

Florence Demski

Sandra Demski

DH

Carey Eliason

August Falcone

Richard Fazio

McKenna Feinstein

Wendy Bui Fewell

Tanna and Taelor Fiedler

Donna Flynn

Anna Focht

Tara Follese

Fran

Jeffrey Gatt

Edward Gaynor

John Gazzola

Michael Getty

Jackie Gibson

Emma Gilardi

Carlos D. Gomez

Joanne Gonzales

Virginia Goodman

Don Goodwillie

Joe Goss

Keri Grasso

Doris Heath

Richard Hennings

Kim Hocker

Peggy Hooper

Leota Horstman

Horton Family

Donald Howe

Sean Keating

Pam Kirk

Krista Leigh Kozowyk

Jim Krauser & Family

Glenn & Joanne Krumel

Leslie Mary Kugel

Lindsay Lavery

Dan & Lu LeBlanc

Mary Lou Leibig

Arlene Lento

Delk Lindaman

Sarah Lord

Ma Teresa Lozano

Jack Lucarelli

Lillian Luchini

Margie Lynch

Arthur Magiero

Katherine Malatespa

Maria and Family

Ron Marlow

Ross Mart

Enrique Martinez

Kenneth J. McAvoy

Mary McCue

Carolyn McDonald

John McGlenn

J. Bradley McGonigle

Carolyn McNichols

Beth Ann Meloche

Amanda Merhige

Gerald Mitchell

Shirley Monacelli

Lorrie Morrison

Liam Murray

Gloria & Bill Oliver

Marylee Olsen

Emma O’Rourke

Eric Parker

Michael Paul

Babe Pelli

Anne Perrino

Gene Peterson

Ann Petrillo

Irene Pires

Thad Pluc

Renee Rake

Aurelia Rein

Cindy Renner

Peter Renner

Ruth Rechtsteiner

RLC

Rea Rossi

Jean Ruel

Eileen Sabini

Lisa Sanfelippo

Peter Scariati

Darlene Scerbinski

Eli Schneider

Pat Schuler

Samantha Schultz

Nikki Sherman

Lisa Siegwarth

John Smith

Krista Sowers

Anthony Spinella

Bess Steinberger

Nancy Stewart

Susan Stokes

Rita Taranto

William J. Teplica

James Thompson

Sister Angela Tiencken, MSC

Tuni

Logan Uzzi

Fay VanWie

Lawrence Varone

McKenna Weinstein

Thomas C. Wood

Bob Wright

Ed Zerrer

Amy Meade Zuverza

**LET US PRAY...**

To submit a one-month prayer request call 566.8740, or email: [prayerlist@sjecc.com](mailto:prayerlist@sjecc.com)

OCTOBER 2, 2016 ~ TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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### MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL NIGHT

Friday, October 7, 2016

Free admission to all middle school students.

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# FALL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30  
3 PM SHARP—5PM



# 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.

## Mass Times Revert to Winter Schedule Beginning Sunday, November 6; Weekday Evening Mass Will Be Moved to Wednesday

The winter Sunday Mass schedule will go into effect Sunday, November 6. We will return to the 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Mass. The 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses will stay the same, as will the 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. vigil Masses.

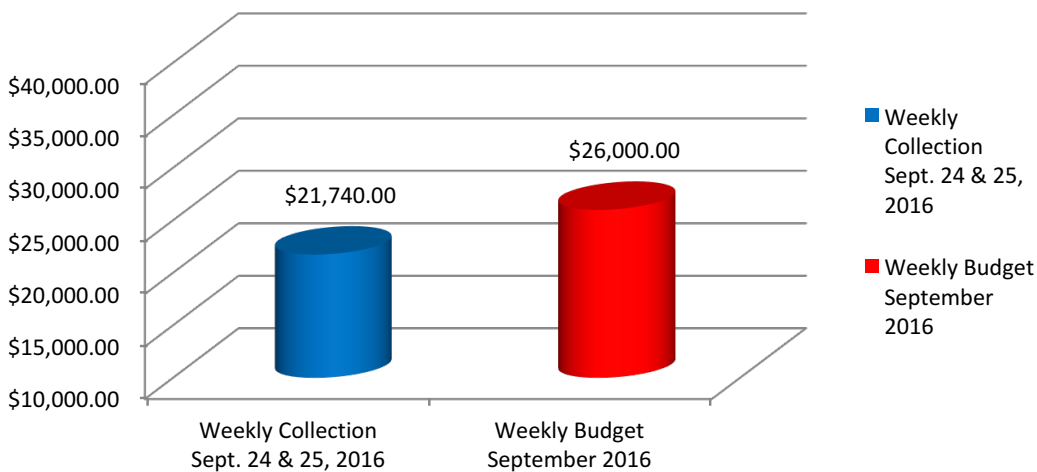
Weekday Mass times will revert to the winter schedule Monday, November 7. We will return to the 8:00 and 9:00 Mass times Monday through Friday.

Also, at this time, the Thursday evening Mass will be discontinued and instead we will offer a weekday evening Mass on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning Wednesday, November 9. This evening Mass will remain on Wednesday year-round.

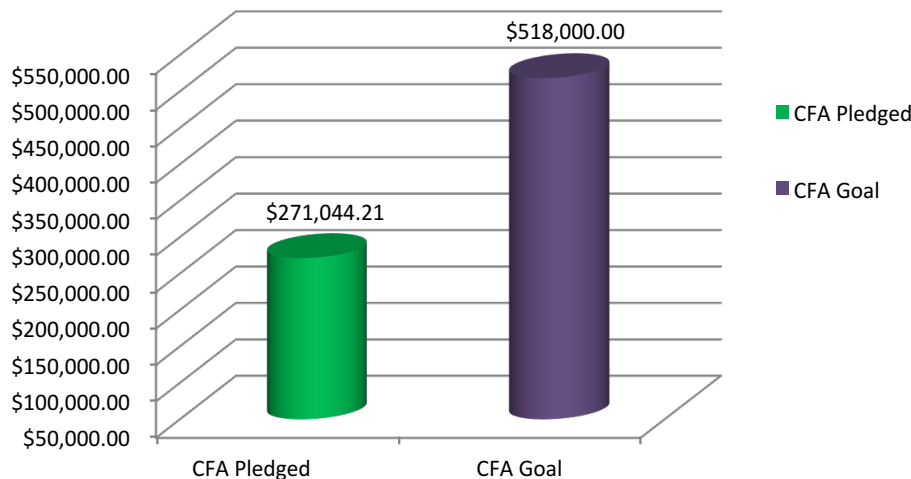
Saturday Mass will remain at 8:00 a.m. with confessions immediately after.

We will follow the winter Mass schedule until May, 2017.

### Weekly Collection Summary



### CFA Summary



## Next Area Marriage Encounter Weekends Are December 2-4 and January 13-15

“She knows I love her. I said so in the card I gave her for her last birthday.” “I haven’t got time for one of those enrichment things, I’m too busy with...other stuff. We have a Good Marriage, so why “Rock the Boat”? Right?

So, Who is Marriage Encounter for? It’s for the couples who know they have a good marriage and want to make it even better — it’s for couples like you!

For more information about taking a private time away, check out [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call 813.270.7832! The next WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are December 2-4 and January 13-15 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Tampa.

## Wedding Banns

Second announcement between  
Courtney Kelly & Scott Stiles  
Kristin Lund & Tom Mathers



## THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

Laurence Rosania

Refrain

Pre-cious bod - y, pre-cious blood, here in bread and wine;  
 here the Lord pre - pares the feast di - vine.  
 Bread of love is bro - ken now, cup of life is poured:  
 come, share the sup - per of the Lord.

Verses

1. This is the bread of God com - ing down from heav'n,
2. "I am the liv - ing spring of e - ter - nal life;
3. "I am the bread of heav'n giv - ing life to you;
4. "All those who feed on me have their life in me,
5. All praise to you, O Christ, pres - ent in this feast,

to Refrain

1. giv - ing life to us, — to all the world.
2. you that drink from me shall not thirst a - gain."
3. you that eat this bread — shall nev - er die."
4. as I have my life in the liv - ing God."
5. in this bread we share in one life, one Lord.

Vss. 1-4 : Based on John 4, 6. Text and music © 1994, Laurence Rosania.  
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## Companion Driving Ministry Offers Rides, Needs Drivers

If you have space available in your vehicle to allow a fellow parishioner to ride along with you and attend a daily or weekend Mass, please contact the Driving Ministry at [sjeride@gmail.com](mailto:sjeride@gmail.com) or Beth Lucci at 877.6254.

Thank you!

## Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Annual Kristallnacht Commemoration

Sunday, November 13, 2:30 p.m.  
 Temple Shalom

4630 Pine Ridge Rd., Naples

With each new generation, we lament the fact that they don't seem to know basic facts and information, such as the current vice president or who won the Civil War. Anything beyond last week is ancient history to them, but there are many events in our collective past that are necessary and proper to remember.

That is why we (the Catholic Jewish Dialogue of Collier County) hold a Kristallnacht Commemoration each year on the Sunday closest to the historical date of 11/9/38. On that horrible night, the Nazi government prodded gangs of thugs to attack Jewish neighborhoods, businesses and synagogues across all of Germany. To put it in context, think of the riots in Ferguson, Baltimore and Milwaukee multiplied by a few hundred, all going on at the same time. Coincidentally, like the U.S. riots in response to a police shooting, the Kristallnacht riots were allegedly sparked by the murder of a German diplomat in Paris by a distraught Jewish man. When it was over the government blamed the Jews themselves and fined them for the damages.

We encourage all of you to bring your children and grandchildren because in a few years it will be up to them to carry the torch of "Never Forget."

The program this year will feature music and a multimedia presentation of firsthand accounts of the Night of Broken Glass, "Shattered and Broken".

Reservations are not required. Send an email to [cjdialogue@naples.net](mailto:cjdialogue@naples.net) to be added to our mailing list.

# THEOLOGY ON TAP

## Naples

All young adults, age 18-39 are welcome to attend.

RSVP for Free Childcare

Food and Fellowship

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month @ SJE 6:30pm - 8:00pm

St. John the Evangelist Parish Library

Food and beverages will be provided.

625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108

Young Adult Ministry

Weekly Locations:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays - St. John the Evangelist
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays - St. Agnes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays - St. Peter the Apostle
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays - St. William
- 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays - Social Night

THEOLOGY ON TAP Weekly

Theology On Tap is a monthly gathering for Catholic young adults (20's and 30's). We meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith, make friends and build community. We invite you to join us for a pint and a prayer. For Questions and RSVP contact: Stephanie Gatt [stephanie@sjecc.com](mailto:stephanie@sjecc.com)





# Faith and Wine

Thursday, October 20, 2016  
6:30-8:30 PM (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)  
featuring  
Nikki

Nikki will share how she was living as a faithful Muslim when she came to America with her two young children to escape an arranged marriage. She was searching desperately for a relationship with God and a quest for the truth, when she encountered truth itself – Jesus Christ. Her life was transformed and she became a new person. Nikki will take us on her life changing journey to find redemption and salvation as she shares her conversion story. Her message is one of hope and faith.

“From Darkness Into Light –  
My Journey from Islam to Catholicism”



*Invite your friends, neighbors and  
fellow parishioners to this GREAT event!*

## Contemporary Night Menu

*Appetizer Display:*

*Artisan Cheese Display*

*Pecorino Romano Meatballs*

*Buffet:*

Oak Fired Chicken Marsala • Shrimp Scampi  
Pasta • Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes • Green  
Bean Medoly • Georgia Peach Pecan Salad •  
Chef's Bread Assortment

*Dessert:*

Black Forrest Dessert Shooters

**Cost: \$25 prepay • NO WALK-INS!**

**Please prepay for this event no later than noon on Tuesday, October 18,** by going to [www.faithandwine.com](http://www.faithandwine.com) (using Paypal) or dropping off your check made payable to “Faith and Wine, Inc.” to the St. John parish office. Or you can mail (**postmarked before Thursday, October 13**) your check to Kathleen Millard at 1937 Crestview Way Unit 172; Naples, FL. 34119

**Event held at:** St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom  
625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL

**SAVE THE DATES:** Mark your calendar now for the remaining Faith and Wine Dates: November 17, 2016 (open to men); January 19, 2017 (open to men); February 23, 2017; March 23, 2017 and April 20, 2017.

**Go to [www.FaithandWine.com](http://www.FaithandWine.com) to learn more!**

## OCTOBER 2, 2016 - NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 2, the Naples Pro-Life Council will be organizing a prayer vigil along U.S. Route #41 starting at Vanderbilt Beach Road South to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. South in support of the Culture of Life.

**We are asking all participants to be peaceful and prayerful.**

**WHAT:** 2016 National Life Chain Sunday      **WHEN:** Sunday, October 2nd, 2016

**Time:** 2:00PM - 3:30PM – Even if you can only come for a short time you are welcome!

*Bring water, umbrella, friends and a chair if needed.*

**WHERE:** U.S. #41 starting at Vanderbilt Beach Road south to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Naples.

**St. John will be located at the northwest and southwest corners of U.S. 41 and 111th Ave. N. parking at Wells Fargo Bank.**

Any questions please call Rosemary Erickson @ 239 250-0432    e-mail: [Relife@aol.com](mailto:Relife@aol.com)

*Celebrating 50  
Years of Marriage*

**Happy 50th Wedding  
Anniversary to  
Robert and Patricia Stift.**

Robert and Patricia were married on October 1, 1966 at St. Mary Magdalene in Chicago, IL. They will renew their wedding vows at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 1.

*Congratulations, Robert  
and Patricia Stift!*



*Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4*

*Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9*

*2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*

*Luke 17:5-10*

# The Word & Life

## *W* Lord Increase Our Faith

When reading the Scriptures, it is important to understand the passages in context. Today's gospel begins with the apostles asking Jesus to "Increase our faith." This request follows a lesson about forgiving the repentant sinner. Through this teaching, Jesus wants his apostles to recognize the importance of tangible faith — a faith that can heal and make a difference. Such faith can be perceived by others when one puts his or her faith into action. The apostles' response is very human. They find it hard to forgive and live this radical grace. Jesus knows the great tension that exists in his disciples and decides to teach them an important life lesson in the form of a parable.

Our faith and our actions must always flow from one another. Can we honestly say that we are people of faith while neglecting the duties of forgiveness and ministry to the vulnerable? Jesus shows us that our faith cannot be isolated — it involves others. For us, faith calls us to the community that we call "Church". We are asked to live our faith in the context of reaching out to others with the wisdom of Jesus. It would be powerful if our prayer as a community would be: "Lord, increase our faith." Once we commit ourselves to faith, we commit ourselves to the constancy of God in our lives. It is the God who calls us to extend the hand of healing to those in pain. Most of us wonder where to start to make this healing a reality. Jesus tells us in the parable of the mustard seed that the great miracles of faith bear fruit when we dare to plant the small seeds of compassion and truth. By attending to these small seeds, an immense growth of fruit will result from our cultivation of mercy.

If we peer beneath the surface of our daily experiences, we will discover that we are living in a wounded world and indeed a wounded Church. It is in this context that we are called to live out our faith. Jesus spoke of the importance of forgiveness, turning away from sin, and the things that separate us from the Father. In the image of the mustard seed we are reminded that if we learn to forgive and turn away from the things that constantly separate us from God, then we will truly be capable of great things. Our challenge is to examine where God is to be found within the community. It is our responsibility to offer support and love to those who suffer. If we know that someone has fallen from grace as a result of sin — it is our responsibility to initiate reconciliation. Once others see our example of forgiveness, they may be inspired to forgive as well. This is what we are called to as a community. True healing takes place in our community when we recognize individuals who are wounded and reach out to them. Then we will see the tangible fruits of our faith. Taking on this responsibility requires the constancy of God's grace working through us. Our sacraments offer this ultimate healing — but in order to celebrate the sacraments in true faith, we must first live the reality of Jesus in our lives.

### Reflection Questions

1. What does the mustard seed represent for you?
2. In what ways have you planted the seeds of faith for others?
3. What energy do you invest in carrying out God's will?
4. What would you consider to be the obligations of the Christian faith?
5. How do you think you can bear fruit for the gospel?



## Prayer

*Lord, increase our faith. May we follow you with all our hearts. Teach us the wisdom to know what you want from us. May we always be conscious of those around us. Stir up the flame of faith in our lives so that we may be inspired to reach out to all people in your name. May others find in us a true resting place of your constant love and forgiveness. Amen.*

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



## Voices of Faith

### Increase Our Faith Lord

Increase our Faith Lord

When we marvel at the beauty of creation

When we watch the child viewing the world with wonderment

When we see couples with love in their eyes

When we allow the young to question and discern the mystery

When we listen to the wisdom of one who has been shaped by life's goodness

May we take the seeds of faith and allow them to grow in you

Increase our Faith Lord

When we face disappointment and rejection

When our hearts are torn and wounded by someone we love

When our trust becomes vulnerable because of broken promises

When hurtful words run deep and fill us with pain

When others forget your wisdom and disgrace your Holy Name

May we take the seeds of faith and allow them to grow in you

Increase our Faith Lord

When we ponder the mystery of forgiveness

When anger and resentment flood your mercy

When the struggle of memory meets a healing heart

When we have failed to live your Truth in love

When we have missed the mark

May we take the seeds of faith and allow them to grow in you

Increase our Faith Lord

When the noise of the world pervades your sacred silence

When we listen to voices contrary to your own

When our choices neglect to reflect your will

When we allow political persuasion to erode confidence in your Word

When we fail to be disciples of the Way

May we take the seeds of faith and allow them to grow in you

Increase our Faith Lord

When others resist our witness to life

When we struggle to be a voice for the voiceless

When we stand against the tide of popular opinion

When we make a stand for the Truth

When we oppose those willing to take our freedom

May we take the seeds of faith and allow them to grow in you

Increase our Faith Lord

When our days grow long

When our spirits grow weak

When our souls are deprived of peace

When we need to strength to move on

When hope's light begins to fade

May we take the seeds of faith and allow them to grow in you

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



# Faith Formation

## 2016-2017 School Year

### The Month of October Offers Safe Environment Classes for the Children

#### OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 2 ~ No Sunday Faith Formation Class
- 5 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class  
Safe Environment Class K-2/3 Multiage
- 9 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class  
Safe Environment Class Grades K through 2/3 Multi-age  
High School Confirmation Class #2
- 12 ~ No Wednesday Faith Formation Class
- 16 ~ No Sunday Faith Formation Class
- 19 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class  
Safe Environment Class Grades 3 through 5/6
- 23 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class  
Safe Environment Class Grades 3 through 5/6  
High School Confirmation Class #3 -With Safe Environment Session
- 26 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class -With Safe Environment Session 7/8
- 30 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class - With Safe Environment Session 7/8

#### Faith Formation Safe Environment Training for Children This Month

October 5 & 9 ~ K through 2/3 Multi-age During Class

October 19 & 23 ~ 3 through 5/6 During Class and High School

October 26 & 30 ~ Grades 7 & 8 During Class

#### Safe Environment Classes for Children

During a portion of our Faith Formation classes during the month of October, we will have age-appropriate lessons for your children related to helping them stay safe, as required by our Diocese. The children will view a short video followed by lessons intended to reinforce the concepts learned in the video. To help you become more familiar with the goals and objectives of the lessons, we will be emailing and sending home pamphlets this week with helpful information. Please read through these packets and feel free to discuss the content with your children. If you have any questions about the objectives of the program or would like to preview the materials, please let me know. Together we can help to make your child more confident about staying safe and setting boundaries for themselves and others.



#### New Faith Formation Office Hours

Mondays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. (on the days of Faith Formation classes only).

Fridays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. (On the days of Faith Formation classes only).

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



# Faith Formation

## 2016-2017 School Year

WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR WEDNESDAY FAITH FORMATION,  
CATECHISTS, STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



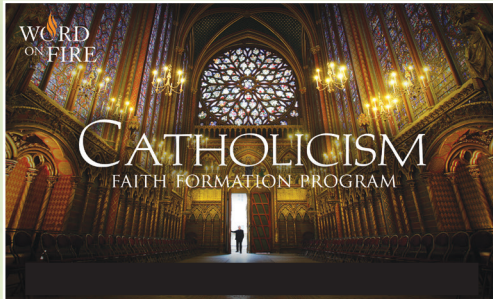
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# Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

## These Programs Are Beginning This Week

### Bishop Robert Barron's Classic CATHOLICISM



You are invited to join other adult men and women in the multi-media study program based on the documentary film series **CATHOLICISM**, created and hosted by Bishop Robert Barron. He will take you around the world and deep into the faith to consider what Catholics believe and why. This program uses the spiritual and artistic treasures of the Faith to illuminate the key teachings of the Church.

You have the opportunity to join with other parishioners to watch the award-winning DVD presentations that were viewed by thousands on PBS, and then to discuss them, both to increase your understanding and to explore the application to your life in the world today.

Certainly watching the DVDs at home is good, but it is through group discussion that information leads to Christian formation.

This program will begin next Tuesday, October 4:

- One session will be in the Library at lunchtime (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.), bring a brown bag lunch, refreshments will be provided.
- The other session will be in the Youth Room in the Claussen Family Center in the evening (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.), and again refreshments will be provided.

You can attend either session, or at lunchtime some weeks and in the evening other weeks. It will continue for 10 sessions, with a Thanksgiving week break, until December 13.

### These are times of immense challenge and immense opportunity for the Catholic Church.

Consider these statistics for the United States:

- Only 30 percent of Americans who were raised Catholic are still practicing.
- Fully 10 percent of all adults in America are ex-Catholics.
- The number of marriages celebrated in the Church decreased dramatically between 1972 and 2010.
- Only 60 percent of Catholics believe in a personal God.

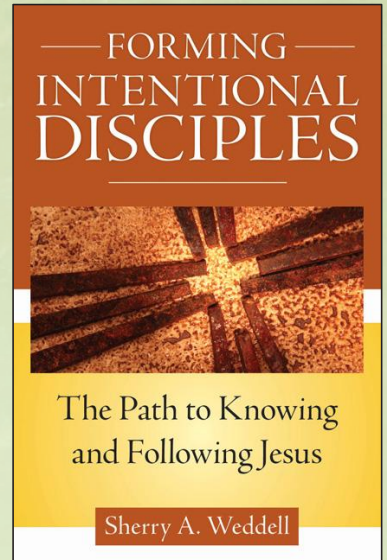
If the Church is to reverse these trends, the evangelizers must first be evangelized, in other words, Catholics-in-the-pew must make a conscious choice to know and follow Jesus before they can draw others to him.

This work of discipleship lies at the heart of **FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus**, by Sherry A. Weddell. This book will be the basis for a six-session workshop that will lead participants through steps that will help them enter more deeply into a relationship with God and discover gifts that flow from that relationship for the sake of the Church and the world.

This six-session workshop will begin on

- Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room and also be offered on
- Friday, October 7 at 11:30 a.m. in the Seminar Room.

The workshops will continue every other week, to allow time for reading a few chapters from the book between each session.



**HOW TO REGISTER** . To register for any of the programs on these two pages, email Jack at [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com) or leave him a voice mail at 239.566.8740, ext. 3918.

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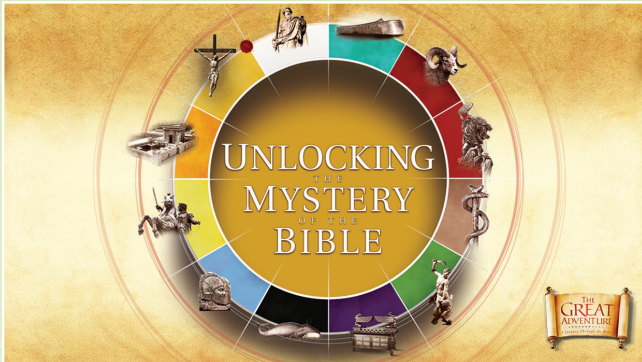


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*These Programs Are Continuing...*

*...But It's Not Too Late to Start*

## Big Picture Bible Study



**UNLOCKING the MYSTERY of the BIBLE**, developed by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer, provides an easy way to understand the Bible. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but many people find it hard to even begin.

This eight-part study program presents the Bible Timeline learning system to make the complex simple, to provide a way to read the Bible and begin to understand it.

This week the journey explores the early world beginning with the book of Genesis. It is an excellent introduction and overview of Scripture from a Catholic perspective that is suitable for beginners as well as those who are experienced at Bible study.

This program continues on Wednesdays in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center:

- One session will be at lunchtime (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.), bring a brown bag lunch, refreshments will be provided.
- The other session will be in the evening (7:30 - 9:00 p.m.), and again refreshments will be provided.

You can attend either session, or at lunchtime some weeks and in the evening other weeks.

The Student Workbook is essential for each participant of **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**. Available from the Divine Gift Boutique or the Parish Office for \$20, it includes lesson summaries, talk outlines, engaging study questions, the fold-out Bible Timeline Chart, and The Bible Timeline Bookmark.

## St. Thomas Aquinas, the theologian, is this week's Pivotal Player

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



*Carlo Crivelli (circa 1435–circa 1495) [Public domain or Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons*

## THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS,

A NEW, JUST RELEASED PROGRAM by Bishop Robert Barron, unlocks the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people and illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.

This program continues on Thursdays in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center:

- One session will be at lunchtime (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.), bring a brown bag lunch, refreshments will be provided.
- The other session will be in the evening (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.), and again refreshments will be provided.

You can attend either session, or at lunchtime some weeks and in the evening other weeks.

An optional Study Guide, which provides details about the Pivotal Player's life and contributions to the culture is available from the Divine Gift Boutique or the Parish Office for \$20. It was compiled under the direction and approval of Bishop Barron.

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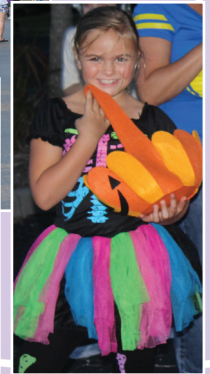


# Everyone Invited to Third Annual Trunk or Treat at St. John

Saint John the Evangelist is excited to continue our Parish Family-friendly activities with our third annual Trunk-or-Treat! Join us in our Back Parking Lot on Saturday, October 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Please bring your decorated cars, your family, and your friends dressed up in holiday costumes and with candy. This event includes Trick-or-Treating from car-to-car in a safe and fun environment, as well as music and prizes for the best individual costume, family costume, and vehicle.

More details can be found at <http://sjecc.com>.



photos from 2015 Trunk or Treat event

## The St. John Farmers Market Returns Friday, October 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The St. John Farmers Market makes its return to our campus with new hours from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7. The market will be open on Fridays through April.

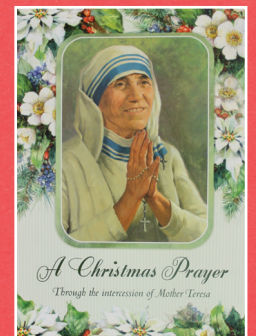
The Market includes two large produce vendors, at least 10 new vendors and 12 returning vendors with more vendors still making application.

The following are returning vendors: Free Health screenings by Arc of Life Spinal Care, Art Designs by Linda Leigh, Pretty Snappy Aprons, Glamour Girls Jewelry, Pink Lemonade Jewelry, WaterGemz Jewelry, Apple Jewelry, Madd Hat Guy, Krystal Klear Cleaning Cloths, Pink LLama Art Studios, FX Bracelets and Collier County Voter Registration.

New vendors currently include: Bambooty (bamboo clothing), Cassie's Handmade Soaps, Le Mont French Cheeses, Dynasty Guacamole, Lazy Shrimp Co., Ackermann's Maple Syrup from Vermont, Wisdom Watermelon Tea, Good Karma Essential Oils, Florida Honey Farms and Metal Art Guy.

**"Keep Christ in Christmas"**  
Help to "Keep Christ in Christmas" by sending religious Christmas cards.

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring an evangelization program designed to emphasize the real meaning of Christmas through the sale of Christmas cards. There will be a large assortment of cards available after each Mass in front of the church starting October 8.



Buy early to get the best selection.



# Giving Thanks for All Our Blessings

*Divine Gift Boutique Offers Variety of Fall and Thanksgiving Items*

*We should give thanks every day for our wonderful blessings and the abundance of wealth from God. In celebration of the beautiful fall season and the blessings that we all share at the St. John parish community, we invite you to share with us the beautiful new fall merchandise that we have in the Divine Gift Boutique.*



**Divine Gift Boutique  
Coupon**  
Bring this coupon in for 20% off your fall purchase.  
*Offer expires October 9, 2016*







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"Welcome"

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council #11281  
Present Third Annual



# Oktoberfest Festival



Saturday, October 8th • Noon to 7:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine)

Games

Rides

Bavarian Band

Accordion Music



## AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:

Traditional Oktoberfest Food  
Bratwurst • Schnitzel  
Spatzle • and more  
Beers • Wines • Soda



Entry includes:

Parking, Rock Wall Climb, Trackless  
Train Ride, Amusement Rides, German Band Music,  
Accordion and DJ Music and Dancers, Facepainting & FUN!

Adults ~ \$6.00 • Family ~ \$20.00 max • Children 8 years and Younger ~ FREE

Tickets NOW on sale in the Parish Office, after weekend Masses or at

<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.