

September 25, 2016

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

## New Year Underway for Faith Formation Program



It is with great excitement that we welcome over 425 children, 45 catechists and their families to Faith Formation this school year! We are so grateful to have amazing catechists who give so much of their time to the youth of our parish. With a ministry that serves children from PreK3 through High School, it is our mission to help children to develop a loving relationship with Jesus of Nazareth. This year we have added a Faith Formation option for parents to attend while their children are in their own session. Parents are invited to DROP their kids off and STAY in the Library for a little faith and fellowship! Using Bishop Robert Barron's **CATHOLICISM** DVD Series, together with our adult Faith formation Coordinator, Jack Kindsvater and his team, parents explore our Catholic Faith. With the help of Lou Alteri, our Food Service Manager, parents are offered a Morning Coffee on Sunday mornings and an Evening Happy Hour on Wednesdays. There is no need to register for the parent sessions, just feel free to drop in!

God Bless,

Natalie Campbell, Director of Religious Education

— see more photos  
on pages 16 and 17



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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 24, 2016 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Raymond Frazier Betty Sundstrom

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**3:00 PM + JoAnn Johnson, Greg Johnson & JoLynne Johnson Wohlwend Karen & Gail  
5:00 PM + Vivian Sestito Sandy & Al Pistocchi**September 25, 2016 Sunday**7:00 AM + Thomas Derolf Joe McCarthy  
9:00 AM + John Claussen Bob & Norma Claussen  
11:00 AM For Our Parishioners  
1:00 PM Mass For the Unborn Respect For Life Committee  
5:00 PM + Maria Bernardes The Children*Flowers in memory of Peg & Jack Igoe ~ requested by Neil & Sheila Snyder***September 26, 2016 Monday**

8:30 AM + Joseph Reid Dolores Kernochan

**September 27, 2016 Tuesday**

8:30 AM + Deacon Al Groh St. Vincent DePaul

**September 28, 2016 Wednesday**

8:30 AM + Peggy Kegaly Jack Kegaly

**September 29, 2016 Thursday**8:30 AM + Peg Igoe Kitty Dugan  
6:30 PM + Donald LaButti The Family**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 & Fritz  
11:00 AM For Our Parishioners  
1:00 PM + Alice LoGrippto Frank LoGrippto  
5:00 PM + Ray Kittell Kathey Brown**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES****AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, September 24, 2016****Blessed Virgin Mary**

Eccl 11:9 – 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

**Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday**

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

**Sunday, September 25, 2016****Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

**Monday, September 26, 2016****Ss. Cosmas and Damian**

Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday, September 27, 2016****St. Vincent de Paul**

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday, September 28, 2016****St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus**

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday, September 29, 2016****Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

**Friday, September 30, 2016****St. Jerome**

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

**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**Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;  
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

**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](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 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.

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# Campaign Corner

September 25, 2016

*“Artistic talent is a gift from God and whoever discovers it in himself has a certain obligation: to know that he cannot waste this talent, but must develop it.”*

— Saint Pope John Paul II



A Capital Campaign for  
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

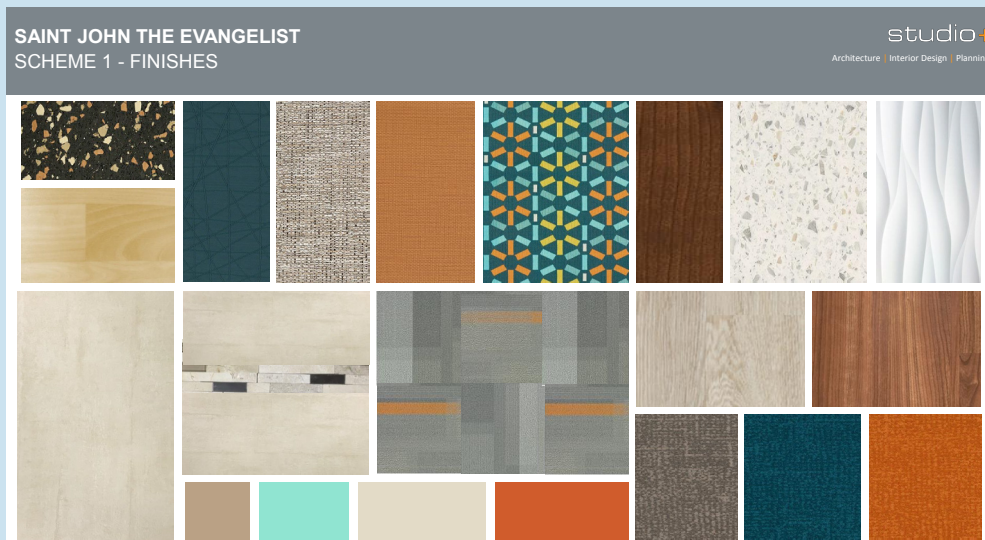
## First Impressions: Color Scheme and Materials for Campus

One of the beauties of our faith is that it has always been a patron of the arts. Fr. John has said several times that most of the artistic endeavors of our society, from sculpture to paintings to music, have resonated from the Catholic Church for centuries. Saint Pope John Paul said it best:

*Art must make perceptible, and as far as possible attractive, the world of the spirit, of the invisible, of God. It must therefore translate into meaningful terms that which is in itself ineffable. Art has a unique capacity to take one or other facet of the message and translate it into colours, shapes and sounds which nourish the intuition of those who look or listen. It does so without emptying the message itself of its transcendent value and its aura of mystery.*

In our own small way, St. John hopes to do just that with our Life Center and our renovations. As I described last week, we have chosen a palette of colors, materials, and accents that will capture both the warmth and the excitement of Saint John the Evangelist and our Parish Family. I wanted to provide some additional details, including the options for each room and space.

The complimentary set of materials, colors, flooring, and focal points will allow us to illustrate the function and focus of each area of our campus, while still being consistent and flowing from one space to another:



With every meeting we have with our Construction Manager, Gates Construction, we are narrowing down our timeline and specifics for the Life Center.

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 Paniccia	Senior Status

### Altar Servers:

Jean-Paul Boucher *jp@sjecc.com*

### Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay and Andy Sanfelippo 949.7122

### Eucharistic Ministry

Maureen Reed *EMMinistry@sjecc.com*

#### Homebound

Call the Office 566.8740

#### Hospital

Mary Ellen Metro *maryellen@sjecc.com*

### Greeters & Ushers:

Bill Fuller *wfuller1@comcast.net*  
239.280.8870

## SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH\*

**Sacrament of Baptism.** The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. *Deborah Marsh: 566.8740*

**Sacrament of Matrimony.** Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice. *Tricia Schwarz: 566.8740*

### Anointing of the Sick/Funeral

**Arrangements.** Call the parish office 566.8740. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

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

Kathy Mooney

### Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Gary Prettyman

### Artistic Director

Ellie Roberts

### Sacristan & Martha's Guild

Lan Tran

### Director of Family Mission

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. *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](http://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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## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 24-25, 2016

Readings: 758

Entrance Hymn: 370 Christ Be Our Light

Preparation Hymn: 511 Whatsoever You Do

Communion Hymn: 225 Gift of Finest Wheat

Ubi Caritas – Hurd – Pg 12 in Bulletin

Closing Hymn: 491 We Have Been Told

### Choral Anthem at 11 AM Mass

Prelude: In This Very Room Harris

Communion: Ave Verum Mozart

## ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

**Monday, September 26: Monday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven, the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ, and since for love of him they shed their blood, they now exult with Christ for ever.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Incline your ear to me and hear my word.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Lk 22:28-30*

It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.

**Tuesday, September 27: Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Cf. Lk 4:18*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me and sent me to preach the good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Let my prayer come before you, Lord.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Cf. Ps 107 (106):8-9*

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**Wednesday, September 28: Wednesday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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**Thursday, September 29: Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Cf. Ps 103 (102):20*

Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word, and heeding his voice.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Ps 138 (137):1*

I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart; in the presence of the Angels I will praise you.

**Friday, September 30: Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Cf. Ps 1:2-3*

Blessed indeed is he who ponders the law of the Lord day and night: he will yield his fruit in due season.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Cf. Jer 15:16*

Lord God, your words were found and I consumed them; your word became the joy and the happiness of my heart.

**Saturday, October 1: Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Cf. Dt 32:10-12*

The Lord led her and taught her, and kept her as the apple of his eye. Like an eagle spreading its wings he took her up and bore her on his shoulders. The Lord alone was her guide.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, let your face shine on me.

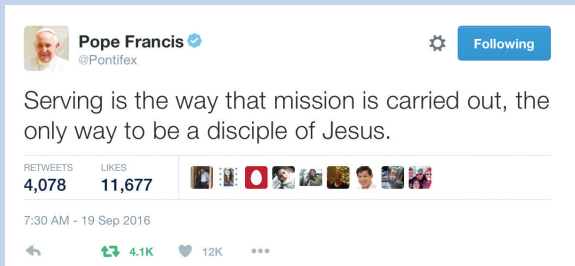
### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Mt 18:3*

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

## #ToServe – Determining Our Own Needs: Helping Each Other With Helping Hands

It is our Mission, To Know, To Love, and To Serve God, in His Church and Our Community. We have spoken about how important service is to our faith. Pope Francis even made it a point this week:



But, how can we serve each other in our Parish Family, if we do not know what we all need? Some of us may have just lost a loved one. Some of us may have lost our ability to drive. Others may have gotten into an accident or been hurt by someone else in their lives. How can we help each other? By journeying through this life together. Pope Francis continued this theme:

*This is the Church's mission, to be God's sacrament of mercy in every place and time. As Christians, therefore, God asks us to be his witnesses, first by opening our own hearts to his divine mercy, and then by sharing that mercy towards all people, especially those who suffer. In this way, our works of mercy and charity will offer to the world a glimpse of the face of Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus explains that we especially show the Father's mercy when we pardon one another, for we express the free gift of God's love, and help one another on the way of conversion. Jesus invites us also to give freely, for all we have has been freely given to us by God, and we will receive only in the measure that we freely give to others. Merciful love is the only path, for by it we are able to make known the Father's mercy that has no end. – Pope Francis 9/21/2016 ([http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/09/21/pope\\_audience\\_english\\_summary/1259624](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/09/21/pope_audience_english_summary/1259624))*

Saint John the Evangelist is committed to ensuring every member of our Parish Family is taken care of. From Grief Support Groups to our ministries and activities, we will continue to grow the opportunities for us all to come together and help each other. We have gathered input on the priorities you have for these programs. But, there is one thing we have not done yet. We have not asked what you may need, as an individual. Is there something St. John can do for you? Are you looking for someone to talk to? Need a ride to go to the grocery store? Please know that your Parish Family is here for you.

by Jean-Paul Boucher  
General Manager  
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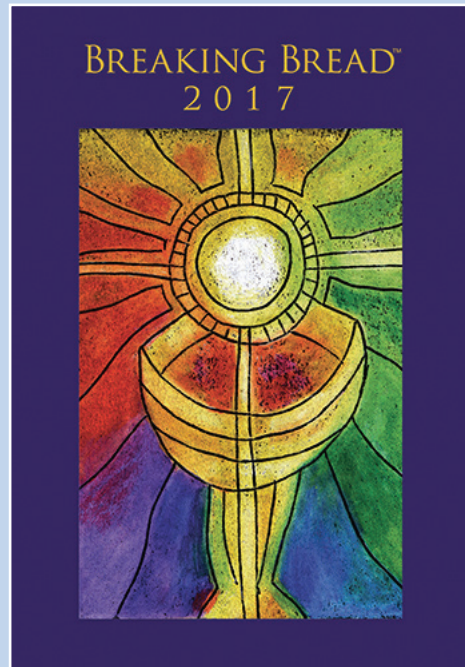


Sure, some of us may be private and not want to open up about our needs. Even those of us who may not want to ask for help, I hope it is a comfort that we are all here for each other.

## #ToKnow – New Missal on its Way: *Breaking Bread*

We have listened to the dozens of our Parish Family who have almost unanimously requested that we move on from the *St. Augustine Hymnal* you can see in the pews every time you come to Mass. From the weight of the book to the structure of the reading locations to the incorrect music keys, we have heard you loud and clear. We will instead be transitioning to *Breaking Bread*, a Missal that provides a clear, year-long liturgical accompaniment. This option gives us Daily Mass Propers integrated into the missal, as well as a clear and concise structure and detailed music that we can all follow along with. This missal will fit right into our existing plastic covers and will immediately be easier to hold for all ages. If you would like to learn more about our new Missal, you can read all about it at: <https://www.ocp.org/en-us/missals>

Thank you so much for your feedback and involvement in such a critical decision for our Parish Family!



# Spiritual Adoption Program Continues With Month Six

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

## MONTH 6 - Developing Baby — “I’m sitting up straight now!”

Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. She sits up straight now to accommodate her internal organs which have moved into their final place in her little body. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very



good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don't forget to pray for your baby. Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mom might still feel pressure to abort.

The next Novena of Masses for Life at St. John is this weekend on Sunday, September 25 at 1:00 p.m. This Mass will be celebrated in special observance of the life of Jesus in the womb of our Blessed Mother. For a complete schedule of the Novena of Masses for Life, check the diocesan website at: [www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife).

## 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Begins September 28 in North Fort Myers

The fall campaign for 40 Days for Life runs from September 28 to November 6 outside of Planned Parenthood in Sarasota and Fort Myers, with a new campaign site outside the abortion center in Weaver's Corner, North Fort Myers. For the first time, 40 Days for Life will be held simultaneously in all 50 states as well as many other countries around the world.

Join in praying and witnessing for life by signing up on your parish's days or register directly online at [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) (choose location).

More details to follow.



## October is Respect Life Month

Great news from the St. John Respect Life Committee! October is Respect Life Month and we are preparing lots of prayer and action opportunities for our Parish Family. Beginning the first weekend of October, we will have the Respect Life Committee table set up following all the Masses. Say hi and grab some printed materials, holy cards and other goodies.

You will also see the abortion memorial crosses by the pond in front of the Church. Each cross on the grass represents one million children killed by abortion since the Supreme Court decision in 1973.

The Rosary for Life will take place at our Memorial for the Unborn immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 2. Prayer is a powerful weapon against evil, so please join us in the Memorial Garden.

Thank all of you for supporting the sanctity of life for all. Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing news of work with the ill, the dying, the imprisoned threatened by capital punishment and human trafficking, as well as the elderly and handicapped dealing with the real threat of loosening euthanasia laws. We are here to serve all of God's people from the conception to natural passing. Your input and help is always welcome. God bless you!

## 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)



**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. 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

**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 Scudato**  
U.S. Coast Guard

**MidShipman Micaela Scudato**  
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  
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:*

Antonio Caruana, Gloria Oliver, Sarah V. Parmerter and Patricia Richichi

*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

Rich Annunziata

Fernando Ardila

Thomas Ardila

Ander Carcamo 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

Delores Crowley

Anthony D'Antuono

Mark Dabronzo

Florence Demski

Sandra Demski

DH

Carey Eliason

August Falcone

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

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

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

SA

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

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)

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 ~ TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Spotlight on Ministry:



# Divine Gift Boutique Needs More Volunteers

With the approach of Fall and with season just around the corner, The Divine Gift Boutique is looking for individuals with a warm and friendly personality who would like to volunteer in the religious gift shop.

Volunteers should have strong customer service skills, be friendly and helpful, and have cash register experience although training will be provided, if necessary. While hours are flexible, volunteers must be able to work on weekends. Volunteers can work once a week or once a month. Volunteers must also be fingerprinted and take the two-hour Safety Environment Training class.

Working in the gift shop is a good opportunity to meet fellow parishioners.

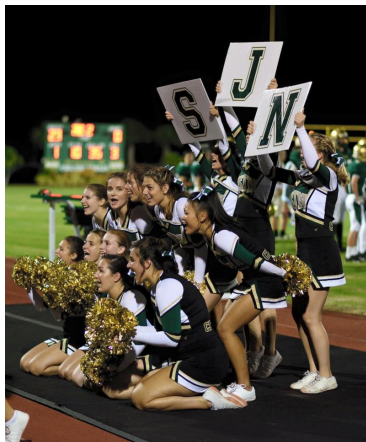
“I love helping customers when they ask for assistance in making the right selection. It is a very satisfying feeling,” said one volunteer. It is also a lot of fun to explore the variety of merchandise in the gift shop.”

“We love for people to browse and feel comfortable and welcome in the Religious Gift Boutique. The volunteers with their willingness to assist the customers play a huge role in making the customers feel welcome,” said Elaine deLaurentis, gift shop support.

For more information about volunteering in the gift shop, please contact Jean-Paul Boucher, general manager at [jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com) or call him at 566.8740.



## ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



### MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL NIGHT

Friday, October 7, 2016

Free admission to all middle school students.

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GAMES!

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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.

# Blessing of Animals Saturday, October 1

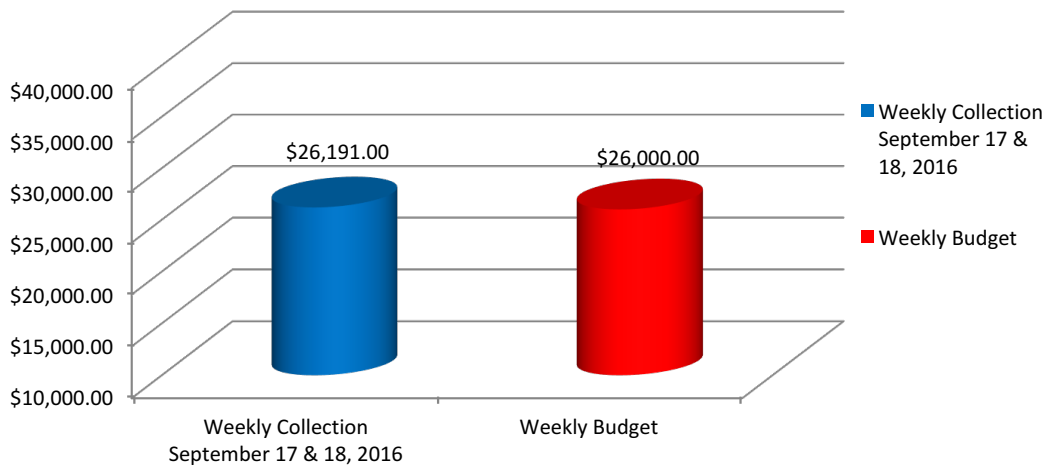


The annual Blessing of Animals will be Saturday, October 1 at 11:00 a.m. in the Prayer Garden. Fr. Paul will give the blessing. All pets and their owners are welcome.

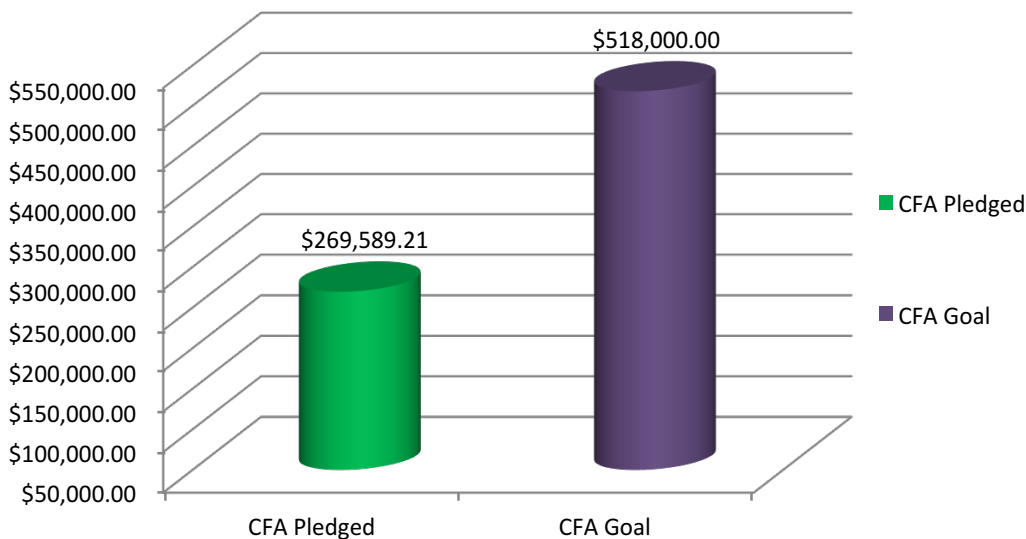
The blessing of the animals generally occurs around the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, which is Tuesday, October 4.

*Blessing of the animals in 2015.*

## Weekly Collection Summary



## CFA Summary



## Jamaica Outreach Program

### Second Collection This Weekend

This week's second collection will be dedicated to JOP programs that will benefit the poor of Jamaica. Making a difference in the lives of Jamaicans who live in poverty is the JOP mantra. Donations to today's collection will help us live up to that pledge in meaningful ways. As always, we thank you for what you do in His name.

*Jamaica Outreach Program*

See Bishop Dewane's letter on page 20 regarding a special collection next weekend for Respect Life.

## Wedding Banns

*First announcement between*  
Courtney Kelly & Scott Stiles  
Kristin Lund & Tom Mathers



# 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

## Sunday, September 25, 2016

# the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song      **540 Here I Am to Worship**    Tim Hughes    CCLI Song No. 3266032. © 2000  
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Preparation Song      **478 Servant Song**      Donna Marie McGargill

### UBI CARITAS


Bob Hurd

Refrain: All



\*U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra: De - us i - bi

Verses: Cantor/Choir



est, De - us i - bi est.

1. The love of Christ joins us to -
2. In true com - mu - nion let us
3. May we who gath - er at this
4. For those in need make us your
5. May we one day be - hold your



1. geth - er. Let us re - joice in him, and in our love and
2. gath - er. May all di - vi - sions cease and in their place be
3. ta - ble to share the bread of life be - come a sac - ra -
4. mer - cy, for those op - pressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a
5. glo - ry and see you face to face, re - joic - ing with the



to Refrain

1. care for all now love God in re - turn.
2. Christ the Lord, our ris - en Prince of Peace.
3. ment of love, your heal - ing touch, O Christ.
4. ho - ly sign of jus - tice and new life.
5. saints of God to sing e - ter - nal praise.

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**364 Come To the Water** John Foley

**Closing Song Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?** Martin Smith / Delirious?  
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*Verse 1)* Did you feel the mountains tremble?  
 Did you hear the oceans roar  
 when the people rose to sing of  
 Jesus Christ, the risen One?

*Verse 2)* Did you feel the people tremble?  
 Did you hear the singers roar  
 when the lost began to sing of  
 Jesus Christ, the saving One?

*Pre-chorus)* And we can see that,  
 God, you're moving,  
 a mighty river through the nations;  
 and young and old will turn to Jesus.  
 Fling wide, you heavenly gates:  
 prepare the way of the risen Lord! (*Chorus*)

*Verse 3)* Do you feel the darkness tremble  
 when all the saints join in one song,  
 and all the streams flow as one river  
 to wash away our brokenness?

*Pre-chorus 2)* And here we see that,  
 God, you're moving;  
 a time of jubilee is coming,  
 when young and old return to Jesus.  
 Fling wide, you heavenly gates:  
 prepare the way of the risen Lord! (*Chorus*)

O - pen — up — the — doors and let the — mu - sic — play! Let the — streets  
 9 — re - sound with sing - ing! — Songs that — bring — your — hope,  
 14 songs that — bring — your — joy, — dan - cers — who dance — up-on in - jus - tice! —



**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.

Amos 6:1A, 4-7

Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

# The Word & Life

## Recognizing Grace and Mercy



People often remark that it would be much easier to believe in the unfolding events in scriptures had they lived during the time of Jesus and the Prophets. We hear several remarks in today's readings to suggest that is not the case. The prophet Amos, from whom we hear in today's first reading, warned the people not to become complacent in regards to their duties as a People of God. In Jesus' parable, he reminds his listeners that people failed to listen to the prophets. Furthermore, Jesus tells his audience that people would not be persuaded of the importance of God's message even if it were communicated through having someone rise from the dead. Obviously, Jesus was prophesying about people's reluctance to accept his message after his own resurrection (even though his listeners would not have understood this at the time). The parable tells us about a rich man who thought only of himself and vein pleasure, unconcerned about the sufferings and hunger of Lazarus. When the rich man and Lazarus find themselves on the other side of life, God comforts Lazarus because He never wished for Lazarus to suffer. The rich man was given the reward of suffering because he did nothing to alleviate the sufferings of his day – even though he had the capacity to do so.

We are indeed blessed because we look through this lens of resurrection. Each Sunday, as Catholic Christians, we come to worship on the day of resurrection. Jesus' resurrection opened wide the doors of eternity for all of us. However, even after hearing the message, people are still reluctant to accept and be accountable to the gospel. When we look around us, what do we see? Do we see the reality of the kingdom fully realized? Are we living in complete harmony and peace? Are the rights and dignities of all people recognized and respected? If we all look around us, I honestly do not think we could say yes. There are so many areas where we need to grow and be challenged in. In so many areas of the globe, governments and systems of power have become complacent in their concern for the powerless. People go hungry – forgotten and unnoticed. Peoples' basic rights are ignored or even taken away. The needs of the Body of Christ are unattended to. Christ suffers when others suffer.

In the parable of the poor man Lazarus, we are reminded that our lives and actions pave the way to our destiny. Our concern and acts of charity are what truly makes us rich and acceptable in the eyes of God. Right now in our community we see many families struggling to make ends meet. Likewise, we see many of our seniors living completely alone in our neighborhoods and nursing homes. This is the holy ground of the scriptures. It is in such people as these that the face of Christ can be seen. In attending to the needs of those who live in our community – we attend to Christ himself who has many guises. The encounters we have with those who suffer are moments of grace in which God's mercy may flow through us.

### Reflection Questions

1. Who are the people who suffer around you?
2. How are you going to attend to the needs that surround you?
3. Do you allow yourself to become complacent when faced with the challenge of other people's needs?
4. Does your life reflect the way Jesus commanded his disciples to live? Why or why not?
5. How will you allow God to use you?

## Prayer

*Lord, help us to see the wonderful possibilities of reaching out to others in love. May the complacency of our lives diminish and our love for you increase as we contemplate the mystery of your presence in others. In reaching out to others may we recognize that it is You that is present through us, leading us on to eternal life. Amen*

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



## Voices of Faith

### Ivory Beds

Lazarus, poor and broken be  
Stripped of all his dignity  
Like a dog he sits and begs for the scraps  
From a table of plenty, the rich man solely lacks  
To give of his surplus and end this poor man's fast  
Dogs lick his sores but humanity does ignore

The voice of God is heard  
"Those who sleep on ivory beds  
Who have sumptuous banquets and feasts  
Forget not the plight of the poor ones  
Forget not their needs  
For whenever you reach out in love, you tend to me"

The patriarchs, prophets, the Christ and disciples  
Call out to humanity who lives through all cycles  
They challenge their peers to feed the poor  
But with closed hearts people ignore the Lord  
Present in all people the indwelling of God is seen  
Waiting for those to do what is right and make life  
serene

The voice of God is heard  
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Who have sumptuous banquets and feasts  
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Forget not their needs  
For whenever you reach out in love, you tend to me"

History goes on repeating itself  
In every race, face and creed  
The poor, the lonely, and the aged yearning to be  
heard  
Those who live with endless comforts remain with  
vision blurred  
The dignity of the powerless is cast aside  
As Man remembers not both Christ and his bride

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Forget not their needs  
For whenever you reach out in love, you tend to me"

Across the globe the same story is told  
Of governments and authorities who fail to be bold  
They fall short to reach out and transform what is broken  
Their words and eloquence just mere rhetoric and tokens  
For the decisions of the powerful continue to be  
The powerless are left lacking of all dignity

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For whenever you reach out in love, you tend to me"

And so the disciples of the Way must see  
Those men, women, and children who are honored not with dignity  
The wandering migrants who yearn for a better life  
Should be given the tools to end their strife  
The voices of the uneducated, the beggar, and the poor  
Should not be told to be silent of just to be ignored

The voice of God is heard  
"Those who sleep on ivory beds  
Who have sumptuous banquets and feasts  
Forget not the plight of the poor ones  
Forget not their needs  
For whenever you reach out in love, you tend to me"

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

# Faith Formation

## 2016-2017 School Year

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

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 25** Sunday Class 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.  
Parent Morning Coffee in the Library 9:35 - 10:40 a.m.  
Mass 11:00 a.m. - 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
FIRST COMMUNION - Parent Meeting  
9:30 - 10:45 a.m.  
High School Confirmation First Day – Morning  
Session 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.  
Meet the Teacher 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.  
High School Confirmation First Day – Evening  
Session 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.  
Meet the Team of Teachers 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 28** Wednesday Class 5:45 - 7:00 p.m.  
Parent Happy Hour in the Library 5:50 - 6:55 p.m.  
FIRST COMMUNION - Parent Meeting  
5:45 - 7:00 p.m.



### 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).

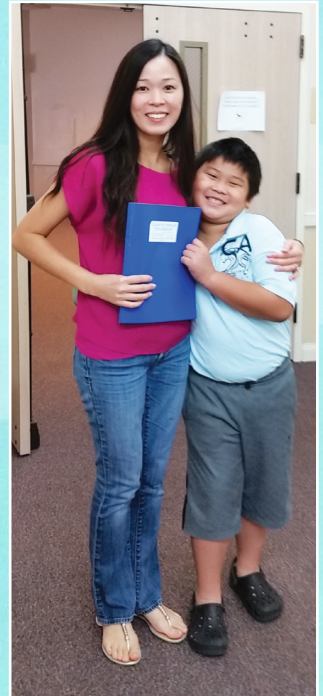
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# Faith Formation

## 2016-2017 School Year

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# Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

## Take a Look at the Programs and Join Us This Week

### Explore Becoming Catholic

Anyone and everyone who would like to explore “becoming Catholic” is invited to join others with similar questions in a period of inquiry beginning Tuesday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center. This is an informal opportunity to begin a journey that may or may not result in taking the next step toward full membership in the Catholic Church.

On this and subsequent Tuesday evenings we will utilize Bishop Robert Barron’s **CATHOLICISM** program to provide the topic focus for the discussion. This groundbreaking documentary film series takes viewers around the world and deep into the Catholic faith. Key topics include:

- Jesus, human and divine,
- the teachings of Jesus,
- the mystery of God,
- Mary, the mother of God,
- the mystical union of Christ and the Church,
- the Church’s sacrament and worship, and many more.

Questions, including what do Catholics believe, and what do Catholics do, will be addressed as they arise.

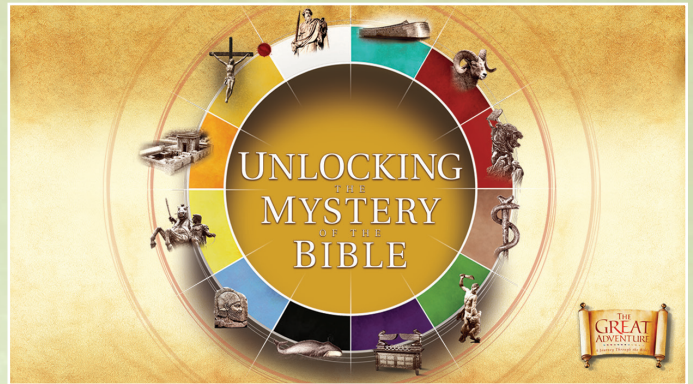
For those who choose, the next step is to enter the more formal



process to the Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults (commonly abbreviated RCIA) which begins in early December and culminates with the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) that are celebrated at the Easter Vigil in April.

### New to Catholic Bible Study?

### Get Started by Getting the Big Picture



**Beginning Wednesday, September 28 at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m in the Seminar Room**

You can attend either session, or daytime some weeks and evening other weeks!

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

This eight-part study provides an easy way to understand the Bible. This 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. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it is all about. The Bible is a story about the Father’s unfailing love for you – a love that you are now called to share with others.

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

**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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# Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

## Take a Look at the Programs and Join Us This Week

### THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS, A NEW, JUST RELEASED PROGRAM

*Beginning Thursday, September 29 at 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room*

You can attend either session, or daytime some weeks and evening other weeks.

**THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS** 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.



**September 29: ST. FRANCIS, The Reformer**, radically and literally lived as Jesus commanded to transform the Church.

**October 6: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, The Theologian**, demonstrated that faith and reason are not at odds, as they come from the same source.

**October 13: BL. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, The Convert**, left a prestigious career to seek and preach the apostolic faith.

**October 27: ST. CATHERINE of SIENA, The Mystic**, gave testimony to the reality of the spiritual dimension here and beyond.

**November 3: G.K. CHESTERTON, The Evangelist**, publicly, humbly, and humorously announced the paradoxes and truth of Christianity.

**November 10: MICHELANGELO, The Artist**, dramatically demonstrated that beauty and creativity are a primary route of access to God.

An optional Study Guide for **CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players** is available from the Divine Gift Boutique or the Parish Office for \$20. It was compiled under the direction and approval of Bishop Barron. Each Study Guide lesson provides details about the Pivotal Player's life and contributions to the culture, "Questions for Understanding" that support the teaching in the video and reference Scripture verses and sections from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Questions for Application" and help to connect the material to your own life and experience.

### THE GRAND ADVENTURE

*Beginning Friday September 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Claussen Family Center*

**THE GRAND ADVENTURE: A New Call to Grandparenting**, is a six-meeting, small discussion group program that will meet on September 30, October 14, November 11, November 18, December 2, and December 16.

*"Grandparents are a precious resource for families, the church, and society."* – Pope Benedict XVI, April 2008

Grandparents are perfect candidates to fill in the gaps in the fabric of family life – not to supplant the parents but as unique reservoirs of knowledge and experience who bring a valuable dimension to the lives of their grandchildren. **The Grand Adventure** was developed to tap the grandparent resource and provide greater assistance to busy and stressed families.

**The Grand Adventure** helps grandparents to realize their true grandparent potential as they explore new ways to enhance the grandparent-grandchild relationship. They assess their many gifts and talents and ways to use them to benefit their grandchildren. Each session includes action suggestions that challenge grandparents to do something that will make a difference in their grandchild's life.

These sessions will be facilitated by Sue and Wayne Hamilton who have many years of experience in leading small groups. They have served as national and international presidents of the Christian Family Movement (CFM). This inspirational program was written by their good friends, Gary and Kay Aitchison, from Ames, Iowa.

Both grandparent couples and single grandparents are invited to participate. For this is small group discussion, registrations are limited. Register as soon as possible to secure your place.

### BEGINNING NEXT WEEK ...

*Beginning Tuesday, October 4*, the Classic **CATHOLICISM** program will commence at 11:30 a.m. in the Library and 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room in the Claussen Family Center. It will continue for 10 sessions, with a Thanksgiving break, until December 13.

On Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room and on Friday, October 7 in the Seminar Room a six-session workshop on **FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus**, by Sherry A. Wadell, will begin.

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DIocese OF Venice IN Florida  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

### **Special Collection Next Weekend for Respect Life**

October 2016

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Church remains at the forefront in speaking out on the issue of the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death, regardless of age or condition. During this Year of Mercy, the words of Pope Francis remind us that, “We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.” In thanksgiving for the mercy shown to us throughout this Year of Mercy, let us do what we can to help others and to promote a greater respect for all human life.

Each year on Respect Life Sunday, the first weekend in October, parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice conduct a special second collection to enhance the life-affirming work of the Diocesan Respect Life Office. The funds remain in the Diocese of Venice and facilitate our witness as a faith community in southwest Florida.

Please continue to pray for a greater respect for all human life at all stages of life. Further, please be as generous as you can in supporting this annual collection so that this outreach can be expanded. Thank you!

To explore ways to use not only your treasure but your time and talent as well to support life, contact your Parish or the Diocesan Respect Life Office at 941-441-1101. May God bless you with a deep appreciation for the gift of life and the courage to defend the sanctity of life. Let us remain united in prayer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

### **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 multi-media 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.

### **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.



# 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  
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your fall purchase.  
*Offer expires October 9, 2016*





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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.