

November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

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

**December 8,
Solemnity of
the Immaculate
Conception, is
a Holy Day of
Obligation**

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Sneaker and Sock
Drive Begins
This Weekend**

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Choral Concert
Friday,
December 9**

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We Honor Our Nation's Veterans



“God is the inevitable word of providence... We are all soldiers of Christ.”

— General Eisenhower during World War II

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Daily Mass: 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.; Wednesday 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, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5:00 p.m.

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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions (SI) Requested by

November 26, 2016 Saturday

8:00 AM + Lucy Bruce Bocchini Family

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

3:00 PM + Jerome Paul VanderHorst Janet VanderHorst

5:00 PM + Susan Wynn Mother & Richard

November 27, 2016 Sunday

7:00 AM + Deceased Members of Ray Walenga
Walenga Family

9:00 AM + Gregory Blaesing The Blaesing Children

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM SI The Hyland Family The Jerris Family

5:00 PM + Norman Zerilli Catherine Celeberto

November 28, 2016 Monday

8:00 AM + Patricia Sullivan Dick Sullivan

9:00 AM SI Frank & Mary Lou Kreber Julie Mullenix & Siblings

November 29, 2016 Tuesday

8:00 AM SI Kenneth J. McAvoy Elsa McAvoy

9:00 AM SI Frank & Mary Lou Kreber Jack Kreber

November 30, 2016 Wednesday

8:00 AM + Jim Scielzo Liz & Bob Koplitz

9:00 AM SI Frank & Mary Lou Kreber Jim Kreber

6:30 PM + Ann Read Lorraine Houlahan

December 1, 2016 Thursday

8:00 AM + Ginger Sliney John & Susan Bordes

9:00 AM SI Frank & Mary Lou Kreber Chris Higgins

December 2, 2016 Friday

8:00 AM + The Reuss & Page Family Ronald Reuss

9:00 AM + Jason E. Webster The Family

December 3, 2016 Saturday

8:00 AM + Jozica Vitulich Husband Romano & Daughter Claudia

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

3:00 PM + Robert Ulliana Marion & Philip Ulliana

5:00 PM + Lieselatte Niebur Herbert & Elizabeth Stopper

December 4, 2016 Sunday

7:00 AM + Martha Defrancesca Peter

9:00 AM + Michelle Walsh-O'Connor Bob & Norma Claussen

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Bill Seymour Wife Judy

5:00 PM SI Vincent Ventura Maria & Curtis Binns

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 26, 2016

Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Sunday, November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday, November 28, 2016

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

St. Andrew

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday, December 1, 2016

World AIDS Awareness Day

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 2, 2016

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 3, 2016

St. Francis Xavier; Blessed Virgin Mary

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;

Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5 available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 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

November 27, 2016

“Yet if there is one thing typical of the saints, it is that they are genuinely happy. They found the secret of authentic happiness, which lies deep within the soul and has its source in the love of God. That is why we call the saints blessed.” — Pope Francis



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Thankfulness: Our Parish Family

The outpouring of generosity and service from our Parish Family always astounds me. Just when you might think we have given all we can of our time, our talent, and our treasure, Saint John the Evangelist comes through even more to assist those most in need. This past week illustrated our commitment to our Mission with the Saint Vincent DePaul food pantry programs, Thanksgiving in the Park led by the Knights of Columbus and our entire parish, the Ladies of Charity providing meals to families in Immokalee and Naples Park, and countless individuals and families pitching in to make this season welcoming, loving, and fruitful for as many people as possible.

I want to take this moment in time to thank you all for your stewardship, your joyous faithfulness, and your constant support and encouragement for our initiatives here at our small corner of the world, St. John. Saint Theresa said, *“In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.”* You all have shown that together we can do wonderful things with so much love that they can become great.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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.

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

Jean-Paul Boucher,
General Manager
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JUDY SULLIVAN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc.
3174 Tamiami Trail East
Naples, Florida, 34112

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
Jean-Paul Boucher
625 111th Ave N,
Naples, FL 34108



Dear Jean-Paul,

On behalf of Catholic Charities staff and clients, I wish to thank the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church for the food collected to support our Power Pack Program. Thank you for helping us feed hungry children in our community. We are very grateful for the support!


Allegra Belliard,
Program Director

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

Lectors Ministry

lectors@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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business Office is located in the PLC (behind the Church)

All Administrative Staff

239.566.8740

General Manager

Jean-Paul Boucher: *Ext. 3910*

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Kyle VanDuser

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Karen Beebe

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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

Thank you!

*For complete information on the Sacraments, please visit our website:

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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: 8:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 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.,

11:15 a.m. & 1:15 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 *Darlene*

Follese: 495.9741

Divine Gift Boutique (located across from the

restrooms). **Season Hours:** Saturday from 2:00

to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. If

interested in volunteering, contact *Elaine: 566.8740*.

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

Mass Intentions. We are now accepting 2017 intentions.

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH INFORMATION... OPERATIONAL

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Jamaica Outreach Program

Bishop Burchell McPherson, of Montego Bay, Will Visit Our Parish Next Weekend

As the JOP enters its 19th year we find ourselves spreading our wings and sponsoring clinics and good works beyond our outreach in Kingston. For over a year now, at the invitation of Bishop Burchell McPherson, the bishop of Montego Bay, JOP board members and missionaries have visited the Montego Bay diocese to assess the needs there and determine how best we can meet them. Bishop Burchell has introduced us to a community in his diocese that needs what we can offer: medical, dental, and optical services for its citizens. Bishop Burchell will speak at Masses at St. John next weekend to ask for our help and support.

Seaford Town is nestled on a hilltop in the Westmorland section of Jamaica and just about an hour outside scenic Montego Bay. The



Bishop Burchell and Pope Francis

contrasts between the two populations are striking. Poverty is rampant in Seaford and brings with it all the maladies found in populations that lack public health resources. The lack of good roads and a means of transportation to the city keep most of its citizens unemployed and locked into a kind of poverty that knows no cure.

On the bright side there is a wonderful little church serving as a beacon to the people of Seaford Town and its surrounding villages. Sacred Heart parish is staffed by Fr. Lukasz Sweda, a missionary priest from Poland. He has been at this mission church for five years. Along with Father are two nuns from the Philippines, Sr. Jhorna, a CNA cook and valuable assistant at Sacred Heart, and Sr. Athanasic, a nurse. These three are a dynamic team and very much entrenched in the life of the community.

Under Fr. Luke's leadership, a clinic, kindergarten, and primary school have taken root in the parish. It is Father's energy and compassion for the poor that inspired Bishop Burchell to ask us for our help in sending dental, optical, and medical teams to the Sacred Heart Clinic.

Sr. Athanasic needs the support of physicians to diagnose and prescribe medications, and we have the proven ability to attract medical professionals to Jamaica. It is a good match. This past October we staged a four-day dental and medical mission in Seaford. Over 200 patients were served and treated by dental and medical professionals. Making a difference is always our goal. We have done that in Kingston and we believe we can do it in Seaford. That goal is what drives our work in Jamaica and renews our resolve to support corporal works of mercy there whenever the opportunity arises.

Next weekend the second collection will be dedicated to the ongoing services we provide in Jamaica. JOP is an integral ministry of Saint John the Evangelist, and our parishioners continue to be our source of inspiration and celebration. Our gratitude knows no bounds.

text and photo submitted by Martha Mador, JOP

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Is a Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, is the patronal feast day of the United States of America, and as such, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times for Thursday, December 8 are 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The regular Wednesday evening Mass on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. will also fulfill the holy day obligation.

Advent Penance Services – Local Area Churches

St. William – Friday, December 9, at 5:30 p.m.
601 Seagate Drive, Naples

St. Finbarr – Monday, December 12,
at 2:00 p.m.
13520 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

St. Agnes – Tuesday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m.
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

San Marco – Thursday, December 15,
at 7:00 p.m.
851 San Marco Road, Marco Island

St. Elizabeth Seton – Monday, December 19,
at 7:00 p.m.
2730 53rd Ter Sw, Naples

St John the Evangelist –
Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter the Apostle –
Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

#ToKnow – Saint John the Evangelist, Incorporated Non-Profit Organization

It may come as a surprise to some of you, but the structure of our parish entity of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church has not changed since it was originally formed over 27 years ago. For financial and functional capabilities, it was an organization-type called a sole proprietorship. That is a legal entity that is owned and operated by one single person. There is no distinction in a sole proprietorship between that person and the organization. That owner is in direct control of all legal and financial liabilities of the organization, to include debts, loans, income, lawsuits, etc. In fact, every single parish in the Diocese of Venice was created as a sole proprietorship. The owner of all these organizations is Bishop Frank Dewane. There were many reasons that the Diocese structured the parishes in this format, but since that was way before my tenure here, I am not privy to that history. Needless to say, it did make for some concerns when I arrived, about how that structure functions, both operationally as well as canonically. For example, if someone slipped and fell at St. Ann, and sued that parish, the suit would actually be brought against St. Ann, Bishop Dewane, and every other parish in the Diocese. We could have been responsible for damages for issues at churches in Sarasota.

Luckily, as I began that research, I was provided a wonderful path forward. The Diocese of Venice had already identified the issues with the sole proprietorship and was moving forward with a strategy to incorporate all the parishes as separate



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entities. This is great news for everyone involved. No longer are all parishes and the Diocese tied together for liabilities. As a non-profit, incorporated entity developed exclusively for religious purposes, St. John is able to be responsive to the needs of our Parish Family, and still report to the Bishop as the “sole member”. Fr. John, as the Pastor, is given the full and complete authority vested in him as Pastor, as part of the Board of Trustees and through our new By-Laws, that fit the canonical responsibilities for his position. This incorporation occurred a few months ago, and we have just received the official letter from the IRS, indicating that our ID number has been transitioned to our new non-profit corporation, “St. John the Evangelist Parish in Naples, Inc.” We are also officially known as “Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church”.

So, while we are not making any major changes to our church mission, structure, or function, we are now protected from liabilities and debts that are not our own. It is a very positive transition for our Parish Family.

#ToLove – Safety Concerns with Parking

As we see more and more members of our Parish Family coming back to our campus these past few weeks, we have also noticed that some people are creating safety concerns in where and how they are parking their vehicles. In the past, I have requested that we all take into account the safety of our community when we park on our campus, especially during Mass and major programs like Faith Formation. It is completely understandable that people want to park as close as possible to the church. Some of our Parish Family have challenges with mobility, and we want to prioritize their ability to celebrate the Sacraments with close parking. Additionally, we have placed signs in key locations, designating those locations for expectant mothers and veterans. Other signs have been posted to clearly show spots where we cannot have parking. Those thoroughways are essential for the safety of our entire Parish Family. We need to have clear access for fire trucks and ambulances, in case of a medical incident.

While almost everyone has been respectful of these attempts to create the safe and protected environment here at St. John, there are still some individuals who continue to park inappropriately. Please take into consideration our entire Parish Family when you park on our campus. Thank you!

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Congratulations to these seniors for being commended in the National Merit Scholarship Program this year!

John Koga



Sophie McFee

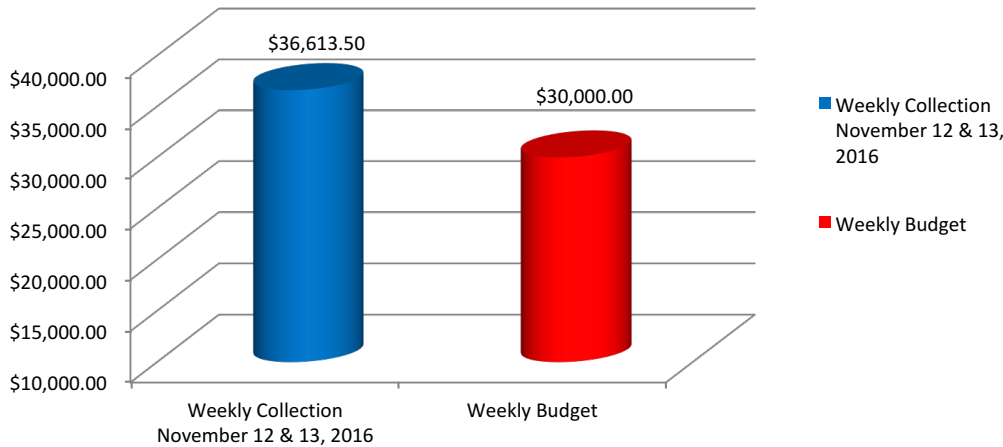


Allison Minker

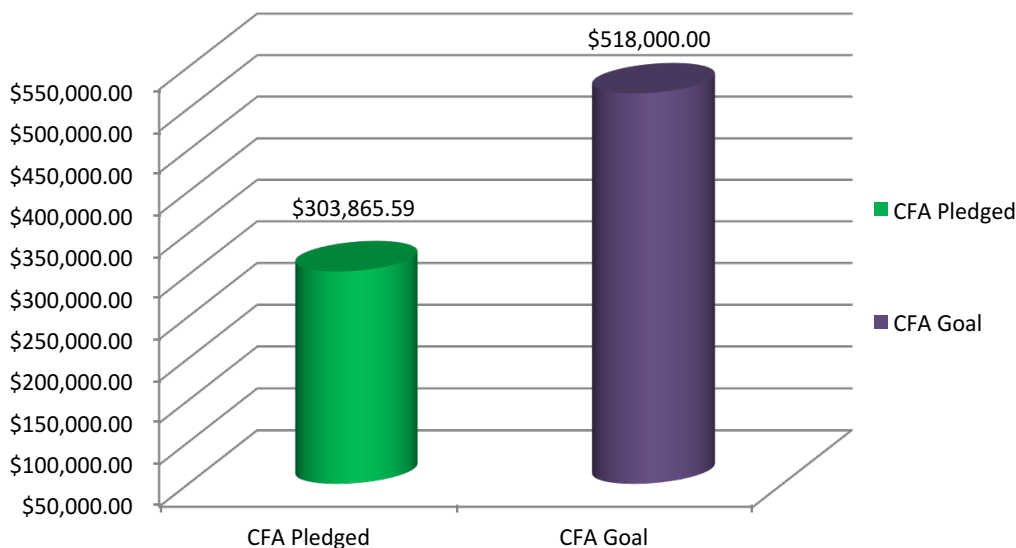


After taking the PSAT as juniors, these students were in the top 50,000 scorers in the country, surpassing over 1.4 million others.

Weekly Collection Summary



CFA Summary



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.

Diocesan Catechetical Enrichment Day Has Been Re-scheduled

The Diocesan Catechetical Enrichment Day (originally planned for September) has been moved to January 28, 2017. National speaker and author Kathy Hendricks will present "The Faith Prayed."

Details and registration will be available at a later date.

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*

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*

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*

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 Koullouheras:nick@hfhcollier.com*

Jamaica Outreach Program. JOP has been an integral part of Saint John the Evangelist since 1997. Our mission is to help the poor in Jamaica. JOP provides goods, food, medical-vision-dental services, education and basic support to improve the lives of the poor in Jamaica. We welcome new volunteers. For more info: *Jeanne Stamant (season) 514.0290 (summer 248.3248). To volunteer: Martha Mador 860.449-2105*

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 meets 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*

Vocations Ministry. Vocations are a calling from God and each of us has one, from single or married life to religious life. Help the Parish Family educate and identify vocations through prayer and activities. *Marty Gautier: marty@naples.net*

Women of the Word (WoW). We welcome any woman of any age to study our faith using the Bible and other Catholic writings in a non-judgmental, supportive community. Thursday 9:30 a.m. *Nancy Bouchard: 443.498.8452 or nancybdh@hotmail.com*

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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

Lt. Jr. 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. Space Limited. 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:

Al Buchanan, Nicholas Gallopo, Jr., Georgine Hazel, Gerald Mitchell, Vincent Pellegrini
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
Steve Allender
Rich Annunziata
Fernando Ardila
Thomas Ardila
Paschal Arpaia
Paul Arpaia
Marge Baker
Jean & Emmunale Balliro
Richard Becker
Margie Benefico
Barbara Berg
Linda Berry
Gallen Boardman
Teresa Brecht
Doug Callen
Carrie
Robyn Cassidy
Susan Chiappini
Tiffany Chill
Eric Christensen
Joan Ciccarella
Sam and Frank Comeriato
Fr. Gerard Critch
Kathryn Gallagan-Culp
Anthony D'Antuono
Mark Dabronzo
Glenn David
Donald Dempski
Florence Demski
Sandra Demski
Bernadette Dennis
Beverly DeVille & Family
DF
Carey Eliason
John Farrell
McKenna Feinstein
Wendy Bui Fewell
Tanna and Taelor Fiedler
Donna Flynn
Anna Focht
Tara Follese
Fran
Galloway Family

Edward Gaynor
Jackie Gibson
Emma Gilardi
Carlos D. Gomez
George Gonser Jr
Joe Goss
Keri Grasso
Harry Grevey
Doris Heath
Kim Hocker
Donald Howe
JM
KM
Neil King
Pam Kirk
Krista Leigh Kozowyk
Jim Krauser & Family
Lindsay Lavery
Estelle LeChelavier
Rene Lacoste
Mary Lou Leibig
Arlene Lento
Delk Lindaman
Logan
Jack Lucarelli
Jean Lydon
Margie Lynch
Maria and Family
Ron Marlow
Ross Mart
Kenneth J. McAvoy
Kevin McDonagh
Carolyn McDonald
Carolyn McNichols
James Meleo
Beth Ann Meloche
Lorrie Morrison
Peter Mullarkey
Maxine Newman
Marylee Olsen
Emma O'Rourke
Maryla Panagos
Charles Parente Family
Michael Paul
Babe Pelli
Elizabeth Perez

Anne Perrino
Ann Petrillo
Irene Pires
Thad Pluc
Bill Porter
Renee Rake
Cindy Renner
Peter Renner
Ruth Rechtsteiner
RLC
Roberta
Jean Ruel
Lloyd Sample
Lisa Sanfelippo
Peter Scariati
Darlene Scerbinski
Mary Schell
Eli Schneider
Pat Schuler
Breana Short
Lisa Siegwarth
John Smith
Solazzo Family
Anthony Spinella
Nancy Stewart
Susan Stokes
Rita Taranto
William J. Teplica
Demonic Terrogrossa
Gary Tester
John Thyen
Logan Uzzi
Denny VanWeelden
Lawrence Varone
Jothan Warner
Vera Weinstein
Sue and George Willis
Nancy Wise
Bob Wright
Ed Zerrer
Zoe

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

LET US PRAY... To submit a one-month prayer request call 566.8740, or email: prayerlist@sjecc.com
When submitting a name for Prayer List, please make sure you have that individual's permission.

NOVEMBER 27, 2016 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Catholic-Jewish
Dialogue Presents
“Walking God’s
Paths” December 4**

Catholic-Jewish Dialogue will present “Walking God’s Paths - Part 3” “Common Texts - Different Scriptures” Film and discussion Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m.

The presenters will be Fr. Bob Kantor, Pastor at St. Agnes, and Rabbi Ammos Chorny, of Beth Tikvah Synagogue. The event will be held at Beth Tikvah, 1459 Pine Ridge Road. Please RSVP to cjdialogue@naples.net or 239.370.4277.

**Advent Retreat
December 7-8 at
Diocesan Retreat
Center**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, 3989 South Moon Drive, Venice, invites everyone to its “Prepare Your Heart for Christmas Advent Retreat,” with guest speaker Patty Merlo, Wednesday, December 7 to Thursday, December 8.

To register and for further information, please call 941.486.0233 or visit www.olph-retreat.org.

**Hurting after
Abortion?**

Come receive God’s healing and mercy through Project Rachel. For confidential information, contact Fonda at 239.719.7210 or Fonda.rachel@gmail.com.

“Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy.” (No. 301, The Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska)

**Music Department Looking for New Members
for Children/Youth Choir for Liturgies and Concerts**

The Saint John the Evangelist Music Department is looking for new members for our Children/Youth Choir. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children and youth of the parish to come together to enhance our liturgies with their angelic sound, while learning and growing in their choral/musical talents. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

In addition to Sunday liturgies, we are currently preparing for our Christmas concert, which will be held on Friday, December 9.

Please contact Gary Prettyman, Pastoral Musician and Liutrgist, at 566-8740, ext. 3920 for more information or with any questions.

For the Love of Children

The Ladies of Charity 4th Annual

Christmas Sneaker and Sock Drive

*to benefit the needy children of
Naples Park Elementary School
& the children of Immokalee*
Items must be NEW.

Starting: November 26-27

Goal: 500 Pairs

Ending: December 17-18

- Ornaments depicting the children’s different shoes sizes can be found on Christmas trees in the Narthex the weekend of November 26-27.
- Please take an ornament, or two, and generously donate NEW only sneakers and socks.
- Please wrap your package and be sure to attach your ornament to the outside of the gift box.
- You may also write a check to Saint John the Evangelist with “Sneakers Drive” written in the memo line. Your checks can be placed in the collection baskets passed during Mass or taken to the church office.
- Please bring your gift to the church by Sunday, December 18.

Please help us reach our goal of 500 pairs.



We Honor Our Nation's Veterans



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Friday, November 11 marked the remembrance of Veterans Day at Saint John the Evangelist with a special tribute to those who served to preserve our freedom.

Participating at the 9:00 a.m. Mass were members of Harp & Thistle Pipe Band, the Knights of Columbus Color Corps, as well as the Marine Corps League of Naples, who presented and posted the colors.

S/K Jim McDonald welcomed everyone to the remembrance prior to Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of our National Anthem.



In his homily, Fr. Paul thanked all our veterans for what they have done for our country and spoke of the history of our fight for liberty. He went back to the Revolution and recalled that Gen. George Washington was trapped by the English Gen. Howe at Brooklyn Heights. Outnumbered 4-1, our first president prayed. A 24-hour fog descended on New York's harbor and Washington's continental army escaped and lived to fight another day. The rest is history.

Fr. Paul also spoke about President Lincoln who, during the terrible civil war said, "I have been driven to my knees, because there is no where else to go."

Fr. Paul also remembered General Eisenhower during World War II who was at a quandary on what day to attack the shores of Normandy to free Europe from the Nazi dictator. The weather was terrible, but Ike made the decision as "God is the inevitable word of providence." adding, "We are all soldiers of Christ."



S/K Jim McDonald in his remarks thanked our veterans and asked all who served to stand and be recognized. He went on to tell the history of Veterans Day and how it was changed from Armistice Day, ending World War I when President Eisenhower officially changed the name in 1954. He also thanked Fr. Paul, the St. John Choir, our Pastoral Musician and Liturgist Gary Prettyman as well as our Artistic Director Jennine Fuentes.

Following the Mass, the congregation assembled at the Lest We Forget statue where Fr. Paul rededicated the monument with the Marine Corps rifle team firing three rounds, followed by taps for the fallen. Don Goller of the Harp and Thistle Pipe band played "Amazing Grace".



Refreshments followed in the parish life center.

*text by Tom Middlemiss; photos by Jerry Mierzwa
– Knights of Columbus*

Hymns for the First Sunday of Advent, November 26 & 27, 2016

Readings:	31	
Entrance Hymn:	38	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Preparation Hymn:	574	Soon and Very Soon
Communion Hymn:	73	Creator of the Stars of Night
	596	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Closing Hymn:	43	People, Look East
	<i>Choral Anthem at 11:15AM Mass</i>	
Communion:	Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring (<i>Bach</i>)	

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid **Sunday, November 27, 2016: The First Sunday of Advent**

Opening Song **56 Emmanuel**

Presentation Song **67 Ready the Way**

Communion Song **334 Taste and See**
351 The Supper of the Lord

Closing Song **574 Soon and Very Soon**



I want to be holy, just like you; I want to go where you lead me to,
With reckless abandon to your Truth,
I want to fall deeper in love with you!

prepare ye the way of the Lord

2016 Christmas Choral Concert



Friday, December 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

In the flurry of holiday activities, may the wonder of Christmas be yours. In the noise of hectic days, may the peace of Christ be with you. In the darkest night of the year, may the light of Christ shine through!

Celebrate the Spirit of the Season

Hear, sing, and reflect on the meaning of Advent and Christmas.

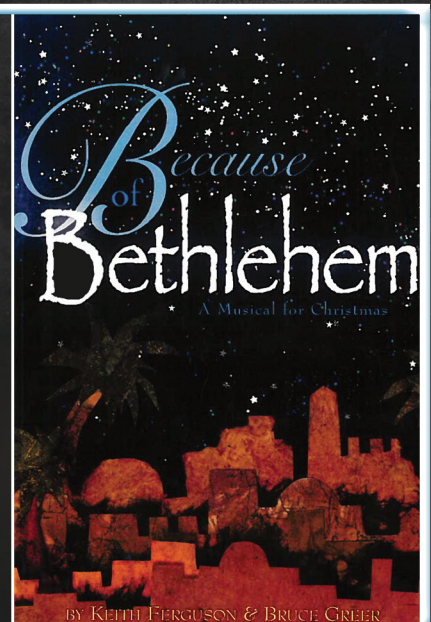
Presented by members of the Adult and Children's Choirs of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Featuring "Because of Bethlehem" – an exciting Christmas Cantata by Keith Ferguson and Bruce Greer

Also: Do You Hear What I Hear, Air for Advent (Bach/Fettke), Every Valley (J.N. Beck), Christmas Carol Sing-a-long, and other musical treasures and surprises.

Presented in the St. John Church Sanctuary

Cost: Can of food or dry good.



The Word & Life

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

The Season of Hope, Expectation and Promise

“Give me time to think!” This was my sentiment when I went out to buy a few things the other day. Even before Thanksgiving Day arrived, our stores were filled with Christmas bargains and songs. Whatever happened to a sense of reflection and sacred preparation for the Incarnate Feast of the Church? We are called to take a step back as Catholics and to reflect on the events surrounding Christmas as we now begin our journey through the Advent Season. It is a season of hope, expectation and promise. It is a time to appreciate the great gift that God bestowed upon our world when He sent his only Son to be our Savior.

The people of the ancient world, who lived under God’s law, longed to see the day when the messiah would come to bring justice. The prophet Isaiah refers to this as the time of fulfillment and promise. The world was in need of God. The covenant made at Mount Sinai was broken because of sin. The people of God were in need of a new covenant, one that would once and for all unite heaven and earth. It is no surprise then that redemption is truly the sole purpose of the Christ event. In Jesus’ teaching everything is restored and made whole — the world is reconciled with God. In contrast, the people of the early Christian Church then longed for the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Humanity always seems to hunger for more — there is a constant longing for God’s hope by the people of faith!

So what does this mean for us? It means that we simply live in a right relationship with God, others, and ourselves. In the event of the Incarnation, we are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see. We who live two thousand years after the Christ event have been gifted with the Word of God through the passage of time. Even though we might not see God face to face right now, we know by the promises given us in baptism and in the Word, that we will eventually see the Lord. If we live on in Christ’s love and are open to his presence in our lives, we will truly stand justified before the Son of Man. In this way *we will be prepared to meet the Lord when He comes.*

Let us take the time during the Advent Season to pray and



reflect on the coming of Christ. As we move through the four weeks of this Season, let us be renewed in faith and experience the longing for the God of peace in our own lives. If there are troubling situations in our lives or in our families that continue to be unresolved, let us be the instruments of Christ's love and compassion.

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



Reflection Questions

1. What did the coming of Christ mean to ancient Israel?
2. What does the Christ event mean to you?
3. What does Jesus mean by the coming of the Son of Man?
4. How will you observe the Season of Advent in your home?
5. Why is it important for Christians to celebrate Christmas each year and spend time in prayerful preparation for the sacred feast?
6. Would you be prepared to meet Christ face to face if your life was taken from you today? Why or why not?
7. Is Christ the center and focus of your life? Why or why not?

Prayer

*O come, O come, Immanuel.
Captivate our imaginations and
our hearts as we seek your ways.
May we be redeemed as we
contemplate the events that gave
us salvation in Christ. Let our
prayer be sincere as we place all
our hope in You. Amen.*

Wisdom of the Fathers

“With today’s first Sunday of Advent, a new liturgical year begins. The Church takes up her journey again, and invites us to reflect more intensely on the mystery of Christ, a mystery that is always new and that time cannot exhaust. Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Thanks to him, the history of humanity proceeds as a pilgrimage toward the fulfilment of the Kingdom which he inaugurated with his Incarnation and victory over sin and death.

For this reason, Advent is synonymous with hope: not the vain waiting for a faceless god, but concrete and certain trust in the return of him who has already visited us, of the “Spouse” who with his blood has sealed with humanity a pact that is an eternal covenant. It is a hope that stimulates vigilance, the characteristic virtue of this special liturgical season. Vigilance in *prayer*, fostered by a loving expectation; vigilance in the dynamics of *concrete charity*, aware that the Kingdom of God comes close whenever men learn to live as brothers.

The Christian community begins Advent with these

resolutions, keeping the spirit vigilant, the better to receive the message of the Word of God. In today’s liturgy we hear the famous and wonderful *oracle of the Prophet Isaiah*, spoken at a time of crisis in the history of Israel. “In the days to come, the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it;... they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again” (cf. Isaiah 2,1-5).

These words contain a promise of peace that is more urgent than ever for humanity and, in particular, for the Holy Land, from where even today, unfortunately, sad and worrying news reaches us. May the words of the Prophet Isaiah inspire the minds and hearts of believers and of all men and women of good will, so that will help to create a more serene and solitary climate in the world.”

— *Saint John Paul II, The Angelus Address, Sunday, 2 December, 2001*

Faith Formation

2016-2017 School Year

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

30 Wednesday Evening Faith Formation Class
Parent Faith Formation Session

DECEMBER CALENDAR

4 Sunday Faith Formation Class
Parent Faith Formation Session
High School Confirmation Class

7 Wednesday Faith Formation Class
Parent Faith Formation Session

11 Sunday Faith Formation Class
Parent Faith Formation Class

High School Confirmation Make Up Class
- For anyone who started late in the year
and missed one or more classes.

Catechist Christmas Brunch 12:00 Noon

*Sunday Morning Classes ~ 9:30 -10:45 a.m.

*Wednesday Evening Classes ~ 5:45 -7:00 p.m.

The Advent Calendar

As we await the celebration of the birth of Jesus with anticipation, we prepare our hearts this advent season. Please enjoy this Advent Calendar (page 17) to count down the days until Christmas! A special thank you to Sharon Pelletier, one of our 3rd grade catechists, for creating this lovely calendar, inspired by the great work at Loyola Press. As you reflect on the inspirational thought each day, may your Advent be filled with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love!

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)

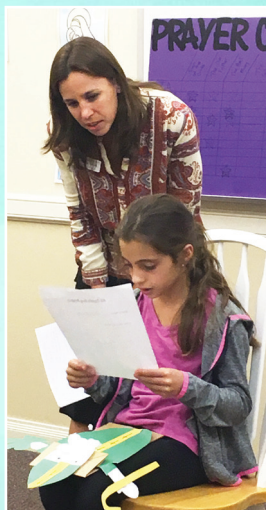
Celebrating the First Sunday of Advent

On Sunday, November 27, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. In Faith Formation, each class received a special advent wreath for their prayer table. Together in prayer the children prayed and lit the first purple candle, sometimes referred to as the candle of HOPE.

Mrs. Talford's Class Saint Projects



Mrs. Christina Talford's class reports on some very special Saints!

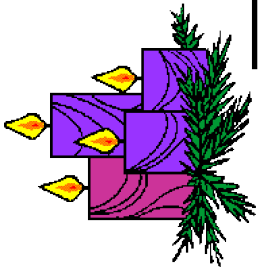


(Far Left) Gisella Maffei reads aloud her report on Saint Patrick to the class.



(Left) Nicolas Landi displays his Saint Nicholas puppet for all his classmates.

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The Catholic Church begins the Liturgical Calendar 2016-2017 —Year A—with Advent.
In preparation for the coming of Jesus, here are some thoughtful suggested activities for you!

ADVENT 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 First Sunday of Advent <i>I will spend a few extra minutes in prayer today.</i>	28 <i>I will do my work well today and with joy for God.</i>	29 <i>I will secretly do a kind act for someone.</i>	30 <i>I will obey my parents, my teachers, and others in charge of me.</i>	1 <i>I will try to show special love for someone who seems unhappy or lonely.</i>	2 <i>I will work hard today and do my best.</i>	3 <i>I will eat more of what is good for me and less of what is not.</i>
4 Second Sunday of Advent <i>I will try to be more thoughtful of others.</i>	5 <i>I will try to maintain peace and calm today.</i>	6 <i>I will donate items that I have outgrown to needy families.</i>	7 <i>I will make a special effort to be kind to those I find it hard to like.</i>	8  Immaculate Conception <i>I will honor Mary in a very special way today.</i>	9 <i>I will try to remember to use the words, "Please" and "Thank You" today.</i>	10 <i>I will try to be patient today.</i>
11 Third Sunday of Advent <i>I will find a quiet place to sit and talk with God.</i>	12 <i>I will ask Mary, our Mother, to help me make room in my heart for Jesus.</i>	13 <i>I will keep calm and not lose my temper today.</i>	14 <i>I will pick up my clothes and put them away.</i>	15 <i>I will do what I can to please my parents and family today.</i>	16 <i>I will not complain today, even if I must do things I do not want to do.</i>	17 <i>I will do a kind act for each member of my family today.</i>
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>I will be grateful and thank God today for all I have.</i>	19 <i>I will be satisfied with the things I have instead of asking my family for more.</i>	20 <i>I will be helpful at home during this week before Christmas.</i>	21 <i>I will speak kindly to all I meet today.</i>	22 <i>I will thank God for all He has given me today.</i>	23 <i>I will give a smile to all I meet today.</i>	24 <i>I welcome Jesus with great love and offer Him all the good acts I performed during Advent.</i>
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!						
<p style="text-align: center;"> <i>“O God, source of all good, help us to do good, so we can present to You, who are all good, the offering of our actions and hope for a just reward.”</i> - St. Anthony of Padua </p>						

Calling All Shepherds and Angels!

All Elementary School-age children are invited to participate in our annual 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass as angels and shepherds, proclaiming the joyous news of the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ!

If you are interested in being part of this wonderful celebration, please contact our Artistic Director, Jennine Fuentes, at jennine@sjecc.com, so she can provide you with the schedule of rehearsals.



photos from previous Christmas Story programs



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 or call him at 566.8740.



Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

Adult Parishioners Who Have Not Been Confirmed

If you were baptized Catholic and received your First Communion, but for whatever reason have not been confirmed, ADULT CONFIRMATION is available to YOU.



Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at Saint John the Evangelist parish in late April or May on both adult baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed, as well as our young adults who have completed two years of preparation.

Like Baptism, which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark. "Confirmation is an assertive counterpart to passive baptism, an ecclesial symbol that those who are empowered by the Holy Spirit can transcend their own limitations and can be instruments of grace in the world." (Karl Rahner)

Through the laying on of hands, anointing with chrism, and prayer, those already baptized are strengthened by the Holy Spirit so that they may spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ.

It is never too late to receive Confirmation; last year our adult confirmani ranged in age from 18 to 80 and spanned three generations.

Whether you are definitely interested or would simply like more information, please contact Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator NOW. Contact info below.

For Parents of Children in Faith Formation:

Even though the Library has become a construction zone, Sunday morning Coffee and CATHOLICISM and Wednesday evening CATHOLICISM Happy Hour continue.

Check the Schedule on the doors for the temporary location of these sessions.

Remember, this is your opportunity to join other parents facing the same issues you are in a quest to develop a mature faith that enables you to relate your faith to the complexities and ambiguities of the postmodern world and be better prepared to answer the questions your children ask you.



Introduction to Christian Meditation

Christian Mediation is a form of prayer that is very healthy for your personal consciousness. It can quiet anxieties and reduce needless worry. By consistently practicing meditation you can be more peaceful deep inside where it counts.

Beginning this Thursday, a form of Christian Meditation will be introduced and practiced. Each session will discuss consciousness, because the more you understand consciousness, the more you will understand how meditation works.

Join us on December 1, 8, and 15 in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center. There will be two sessions each day, one at 11:30 a.m. and another identical session at 7:00 p.m. The series of sessions is progressive. But, if you must miss one session, you are still invited to come to the next one.



This Week's Complete Schedule

Tuesday, November 29

CATHOLICISM, *The Communion of Saints* ~ 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Space (Office 13)

RCIA Inquiry ~ 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room

Wednesday, November 30

Parents' Happy Hour ~ 5:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room

Thursday, December 1

Christian Meditation – 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room

Friday, December 2

Forming Intentional Disciples, *Cultivating Discipleship* – 11:30 a.m. in the Seminar Room

Sunday, December 4

Parents' Coffee ~ 9:30 a.m. in the Ballroom

It's a Wonderful Life ~ 6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom

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



We welcome new members to our Parish Family. You may use this form to register. Please return the completed form to the Parish Office.

Office Use Only:	Envelope # _____
	Date Entered _____

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Parish Registration

625 111th Ave N., Naples, FL 34108
(239) 566-8740 • Fax: (239) 566-9117

Website: www.saintjohntheevangelist.com E-mail: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Today's Date _____

Family Name _____

Local Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Local Subdivision _____ Email _____

Northern Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Marital Status _____ Date of Marriage _____ Year-Round Resident: Yes _____ No _____

Seasonal Resident: Yes _____ No _____ What Months do you reside in Florida? _____

All parishioners receive an envelope number upon registration. Do you want to receive paper envelopes?

Yes _____ No _____

In addition to the above, please complete PARTS A and C (required). Complete PART B if it applies to your household.

P A R T A	Head of Household Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other	Spouse Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other
	First Name _____	First Name _____
	Date of Birth _____ M__F__	Date of Birth _____ M__F__
	Religion _____	Religion _____
	Occupation _____	Occupation _____
	Have you received:	Have you received:
	Baptism: Yes _____ No _____	Baptism: Yes _____ No _____
First Communion: Yes _____ No _____	First Communion: Yes _____ No _____	
Confirmation: Yes _____ No _____	Confirmation: Yes _____ No _____	

Dependents	
P A R T B	Child's First Name _____
	Date of Birth _____ M__F__
	Place of Baptism _____
	First Communion Yes _____ No _____
	Confirmation Yes _____ No _____
	Current Grade _____
	Current School _____
	Enrolled in Faith Formation? Yes _____ No _____
Please use additional paper for additional dependents.	

PART C Please check if we have your permission to publish phone publish address
publish the following in the ParishSoft Directory: publish email publish photo

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BISHOP VEROT
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

WIN A NEW FORD...OR SOME CASH!!!



2016 BISHOP VEROT "RAISE THE ROOF" CAR RAFFLE

**GRAND PRIZE
YOUR CHOICE OF...**



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\$20,000
CASH!!!**

Grand prize is your choice of 2016/2017 Ford Explorer, Edge, F-150, Mustang or Fusion or \$20,000. No more than 4,000 tickets will be available. Drawing to be held December 12, 2016. Tickets suggested donation amount \$100/ticket.



Vehicle described above must be obtained at Sam Galloway Ford Inc. 1800 Boy Scout Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33907. Vehicle cost must not exceed \$30,000, all eligible rebates and incentives will be applied to vehicle cost at the time of the transaction. Winner is responsible for all state and local taxes, title and licensing fees. If selected vehicle cost less than \$30,000, winner is not entitled to cash difference. Vehicle may vary from photos, model year may determine availability. Must be 18 years of age or older to be eligible. Winner need not be present to win. See dealer for complete details.



Oh Christmas Tree TEA



To benefit **Jamaica Outreach Program**

Wed. NOV. 30, 2016 12:30 p.m.

St John the Evangelist Ballroom
625 111th Ave. North, Naples FL

\$40 per person — Reserved Seating — For Tickets :

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Please let us know who you want to be seated with. Tickets will be mailed to you or held at the door.

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“Keep Christ in Christmas”

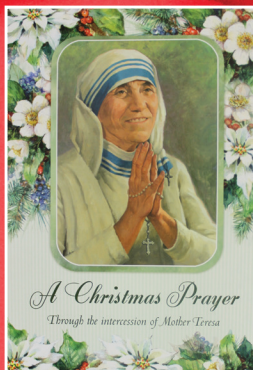
Help to “Keep Christ in Christmas” by sending religious Christmas cards.

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.



Buy early to
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