

January 8, 2017  
*The Epiphany of the Lord*

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

**New Family Life  
Center Has  
Donor Name**

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**Passion and  
Purpose for  
Marriage Retreat  
at St. John  
Saturday,  
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Rabbi Adam Miller  
Featured Speakers  
at Faith and Wine  
Thursday,  
January 19**

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**Naples Park  
Elementary  
Students Say  
Thank You  
for the Sneakers**

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## First Three Months Offer a Host of Activities

From movies, dining and dancing, to celebrating the Irish and Italians, from spiritual renewal to concerts and other artistic endeavors, to First Reconciliation and Lenten fish fries, a host of activities are slated for the months of January, February and March — hopefully, something for every parishioner. Here are just a few of the upcoming events.

**First Big Band Dance of the Season**

– January 10, 7:00 p.m., *see page 20*

**Movie Night *Doubt*** – January 15,  
6:00 p.m., *see page 22*

**Faith and Wine for Women and  
Men *On Heaven and Earth*** – January  
19, 6:30 p.m., *see page 13*

**First Reconciliation** – January 19,  
5:30 p.m., *see page 16*

**Fierce *Frozen*** – January 20, 6:00 p.m.,  
*see page 13*

**Senior Prom Casino Night** – January  
21, 6:00 p.m., *see page 21*

**Arts Fair** – January 22 after 11:15  
a.m. Mass

**Passion and Purpose Marriage  
Retreat** – January 28, 6:30 p.m., *see  
page 5*

**Encounter on the Mountain** –  
January 28, 6:30 p.m., *see page 11*

**Country Western Hoe Down and  
Chili Cook-Off for Life** – January 30,  
6:00 p.m., *see page 22*

**Free Concert with Eric Genuis** –  
February 4, 6:00 p.m., *see page 20*

**Valentine's Day Dance** – February  
16, 6:00 p.m., *see page 21*

**Movie Night *Spotlight*** – February 19,  
6:00 p.m., *see page 13, see page 22*

**Families in Christ** – February 26 and  
March 26, 10:00 a.m.

**Ash Wednesday Fish Fry** – March  
1, 6:00 p.m. (*and Fridays throughout  
Lent*)

**St. Patrick's Day Party** – March 12,  
6:00 p.m.

**Gaelic and Garlic Festival** – March  
18 and 19

*Future bulletins will have more details  
on some of these upcoming activities.*



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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**

<b>January 7, 2017</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Mary Powers	Bruce & Arlene Ryan
		<b>Vigil Masses for Sunday</b>	
3:00 PM	+	Patricia Peter	Pamela Stracka
5:00 PM	SI	Oswald Drica Minieris	Lisa Ditri
<b>January 8, 2017</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		
7:00 AM	+	Kenneth Magnani	Bill & Maureen Elek
9:00 AM	+	Elva Romanow	Hank and Joan Maier
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Bruce Lurvey	Rev. John J. Ludden
5:00 PM	+	Harold Courtney	Marie Elaina Mullin
<i>Wine and Host for the Intention of Richard &amp; Lorraine Leclere ~ req. by Lorraine Leclere</i>			
<b>January 9, 2017</b>	<b>Monday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Deceased Members of The Webster Family	Deborah Marsh
9:00 AM	+	Robert Newell	Phil & Betty Duff
<b>January 10, 2017</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Margaret Kegaly	Lee Myalls
9:00 AM	SI	Frank & Mary Lou Kreber	Molly Scott
<b>January 11, 2017</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Gary Kochinsky	Barbara & Ed Duff
9:00 AM	+	Ed Bodner	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Powers
6:30 PM	+	Benjamin Rigby	Barbara J. Peet
<b>January 12, 2017</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Bill White	Mary P. O'Neill
9:00 AM	+	Veronica & John McNulty	Anne McNulty
<b>January 13, 2017</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Bob Doody	Pat & Bill Small
9:00 AM	+	Michael Meissner	Sybil & Bob Drummond
<b>January 14, 2017</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
8:00 AM	+	Jack Gaffey	Lee Youlio
		<b>Vigil Masses for Sunday</b>	
3:00 PM	+	Rodney Mailhot	Mom & Dad
5:00 PM	+	Lambert & Louise Abell	Kathy & Bob Sims
<b>January 15, 2017</b>	<b>Sunday</b>		
7:00 AM	SI	Anthony Ciazzo	Mr.&Mrs. Ballmiro
9:00 AM	+	Steven Tauro	Benito & Debora Tauro
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Harold Courtney	Molly & John Perez
5:00 PM	+	Peggy Kegaly	Jack Kegaly

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES  
AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, January 7, 2017**  
St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday;  
Julian Calendar Christmas  
1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

**Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday**  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Sunday, January 8, 2017**  
The Epiphany of the Lord;  
National Migration Week  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Monday, January 9, 2017**  
The Baptism of the Lord  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;  
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017**  
First Week in Ordinary Time begins  
Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28  
or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;  
Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 11, 2017**  
Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 12, 2017**  
Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday, January 13, 2017**  
St. Hilary  
Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 14, 2017**  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

**Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday**  
Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

**Sunday, January 15, 2017**  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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

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

January 8, 2017

*“Lord, give us the grace of an open heart, of a heart open to the voice of the Holy Spirit, which can discern what must not change because it is fundamental from what has to change in order to be able to receive the newness of the Holy Spirit.” — Pope Francis*



A Capital Campaign for  
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## *Pulte Family Life Center*

As we put the final touches on our new multi-purpose room in the Parish Activity Center, and finalize the name for that room, our attention turns towards the construction of the Life Center, the new beating heart of our programs for our Parish Family. The Life Center will house the Catholic Adult Organization and Catholic Youth Organization, filling our days and our hearts with fun, engaging, and faithful events. There is one family that has given so much to make the Life Center a reality in such a quick way. Even the Diocese thought it would take us an additional year to reach the needed construction funds to build our building. Bill Pulte and his wife, Karen, have provided their gift to the Parish Family and fully approve the vision of the Life Center. They are so gentle and quiet about their gifts; they did not know if they even wanted their name communicated as a major donor. Father John was able to convince them, however, that their participation in our parish should be visible. There are many areas and homes in and around Naples with the Pulte name on it, but our new Pulte Family Life Center will be the illustration of community and engagement that showcases the best of our Catholic Faith. Please join me in prayers of thanksgiving for the Pultes and to the new Pulte Family Life Center.

As we **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past**, we still need all the prayers and support of our Parish Family to reach our Pinnacle Goals. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Lichwalla, the Campaign Coordinator at 239.495.2001 or email: [campaign@sjecc.com](mailto:campaign@sjecc.com). You can also learn more information about our Capital Campaign at: <http://www.sjecc.com/future>.



Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager • [jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

## PARISH CLERGY



**Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor**

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

### Altar Servers:

Jean-Paul Boucher [jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

### Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay and Andy Sanfelippo 949.7122

### Eucharistic Ministry

Maureen Reed [EMMinistry@sjecc.com](mailto:EMMinistry@sjecc.com)

#### Homebound

Call the Office 566.8740

#### Hospital

Mary Ellen Metro [maryellen@sjecc.com](mailto:maryellen@sjecc.com)

### Lectors Ministry

[lectors@sjecc.com](mailto:lectors@sjecc.com)

### Greeters & Ushers:

Bill Fuller [wfuller1@comcast.net](mailto: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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[jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

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**Parish Secretary**

Deborah Marsh

**Front Office Manager**

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Gary Prettyman

**Artistic Director**

Jennine Fuentes

**Sacristan & Martha's Guild**

Lan Tran

**Director of Family Mission**

Jean-Paul Boucher

**Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor**

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**Coordinator**

Kyle VanDuser

**Memorial Garden**

Jean-Paul Boucher

**Bookkeeper**

Karen Beebe

**Religious Boutique**

Elaine deLaurentis, *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](mailto: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!

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

[www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com)

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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](http://www.sjecc.com)

**Mass Intentions.** We are now accepting 2018 intentions.

**Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine.** We have 2017 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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*Chris Salvail*

JANUARY 28, 2017

6:30PM-10:30PM

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## #ToKnow, #ToLove, #ToServe – 2017 Starts with Protection of the Vulnerable as our Task

Some people still question Fr. John and me about our Safe Environment Training Initiative. If you are not aware, Saint John the Evangelist has placed a specific and direct priority on the safety of those who are vulnerable in our church. To be honest, we are all a step away from becoming vulnerable, from a fall that breaks a bone, to a loss of a loved one that breaks a heart. We want to ensure that every single person, no matter if they are a 4-year old, a 40-year old with Autism Spectrum Disorder, or a 104 year old with a cane, feels the love, safety, and protection of the Catholic Church when they enter our campus. The world is fraught with dangers and St. John should be a sanctuary where children and adults alike can enjoy their lives and their faith together. Without our strong Safe Environment policies and procedures, and our constant vigilance to ensure they are followed, we cannot assure that protection.

Our Holy Father echoes this sentiment in his recent letter to all the Bishops of the World for the Feast Day of the Innocents, requiring them to build a church with “zero tolerance” for allowing the joy of life to be robbed:

*The same thing is asked of us pastors today: to be men attentive, and not deaf, to the voice of God, and hence more sensitive to what is happening all around us. Today, with Saint Joseph as our model, we are asked not to let ourselves be robbed of joy. We are asked to protect this joy from the Herods of our own time. Like Joseph, we need the courage to respond to this reality, to arise and take it firmly in hand (cf. Mt 2:20). The courage to guard this joy from the new Herods of our time, who devour the innocence of our children. An innocence robbed from them by the oppression of illegal slave labour, prostitution and exploitation. An innocence shattered by wars and forced immigration, with the great loss that this entails. Thousands of our children have fallen into the hands of gangs, criminal organizations and merchants of death, who only devour and exploit their neediness.*

*To illustrate this point, there are at present 75 million children who, due to prolonged situations of emergency and crisis, have had to interrupt their education. In 2015, 68% of all persons who were victims of sexual exploitation were children. At the same time, a third of all children who have to live outside their homelands do so because forcibly displaced. We live in a world where almost half of the children who die under the age of five do so because of malnutrition. It is estimated that in 2016 there were 150 million child labourers, many of whom live in conditions of slavery. According to the most recent report presented by UNICEF, unless the world situation changes, in 2030 there will be 167 million children living in extreme poverty, 69 million children under the age of five will die between 2016 and 2030, and 16 million children will not receive basic schooling.*

by Jean-Paul Boucher  
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*We hear these children and their cries of pain; we also hear the cry of the Church our Mother, who weeps not only for the pain caused to her youngest sons and daughters, but also because she recognizes the sins of some of her members: the sufferings, the experiences and the pain of minors who were abused sexually by priests. It is a sin that shames us. Persons responsible for the protection of those children destroyed their dignity. We regret this deeply and we beg forgiveness. We join in the pain of the victims and weep for this sin. The sin of what happened, the sin of failing to help, the sin of covering up and denial, the sin of the abuse of power. The Church also weeps bitterly over this sin of her sons and she asks forgiveness. Today, as we commemorate the feast of the Holy Innocents, I would like us to renew our complete commitment to ensuring that these atrocities will no longer take place in our midst. Let us find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated. In this area, let us adhere, clearly and faithfully, to “zero tolerance”.*

*Christian joy does not arise on the fringes of reality, by ignoring it or acting as if it did not exist. Christian joy is born from a call – the same call that Saint Joseph received – to embrace and protect human life, especially that of the holy innocents of our own day. Christmas is a time that challenges us to protect life, to help it be born and grow. It is a time that challenges us as bishops to find new courage. The courage that generates processes capable of acknowledging the reality that many of our children are experiencing today, and working to ensure them the bare minimum needed so that their dignity as God’s children will not only be respected but, above all, defended.*

*Let us not allow them to be robbed of joy. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of joy, but guard it and nourish its growth. – Pope Francis 12/28/2016 ([http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2016/documents/papa-francesco\\_20161228\\_santi-innocenti.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20161228_santi-innocenti.html))*

This is why the next two Movie Nights for Adults will focus on the essential themes of child abuse. Never again will we allow our church to be complacent or quiet about this risk, which will always be there, waiting for a loophole or some other way into our sanctuary. Please join us, especially for **Spotlight**, on February 19, where all three of our priests will attend and provide opportunities for discussion afterward.

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### #ToKnow – CFA Status Update

As we focus on our Catholic Faith Appeal Assessment Goal, I will be providing a short summary of where we stand on a weekly basis. These updates may be a week or so behind, so we will also provide them on our website, so please visit <http://sjecc.com> for the most up-to-date information.

Our Parish Family has certainly responded to our call to support the Catholic Faith Appeal. From over \$47,000 gathered during our “Last Hurrah” weekend, to the constant gifts that have continued to flow into our parish and directly to the Diocese, we have closed the gap to just \$23,013.72, which includes over \$84,000 in additional donations provided to the parish that are not

reflected yet in the Diocesan report in the chart below. Thank you all who have given so generously. We have this final weekend to provide our support to the CFA, and once that is complete, we will be able to determine just what the shortfall is, and how we can best pay it so that we cause minimal impact to our operations and Parish Family.

Of course, we are not done with the CFA, as we will be receiving our 2017 CFA Goal number from the Diocese shortly, and kicking into gear with a new focus for the CFA here at St. John that will ensure we are properly engaged with the Diocese for the proper amount our Parish Family should provide for these needed services.

### Companion Driving Ministry Offers Rides, Needs Drivers

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

### Royal Palm Academy Will Host Open House Wednesday, January 18

Royal Palm Academy Admissions will host an Open House Wednesday, January 18 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

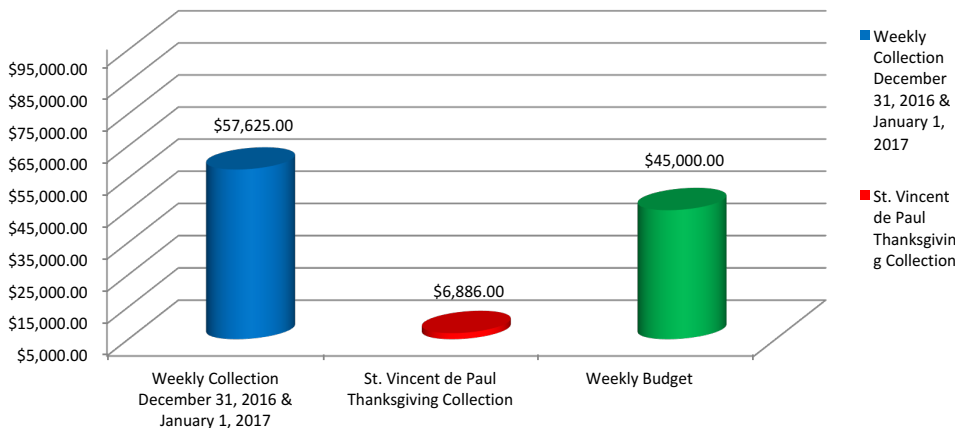
Attendees can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to meet the new Head of School, Academic Dean, Dean of Students and learn about Royal Palm programs and future plans, and hear testimonials from current parents. Prospective families will tour the Royal Palm Academy campus, visit classrooms, and learn about the exciting happenings at the school. Refreshments will be served.

Call Susan O’Malley at 239.594.9888 (ext. 241) to register.

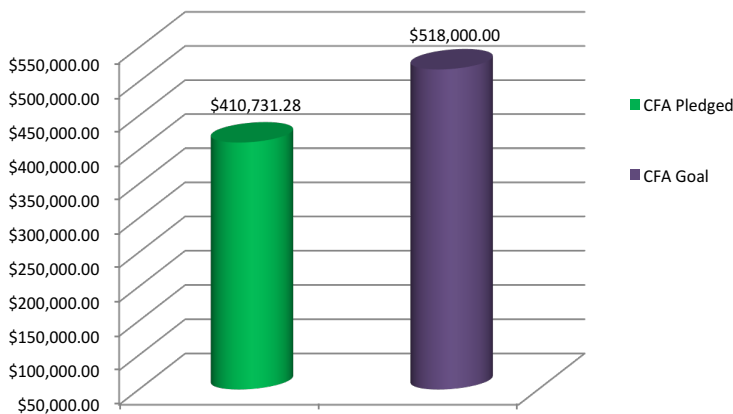
The mission of Royal Palm Academy is to provide an education of rich academics with Catholic content while teaching the mind, educating the heart, and forming the character of tomorrow’s leaders.

**The 2017 Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Calendar is available. Don’t forget to pick up your copy.**

Weekly Collection Summary



CFA Summary



**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. *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 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from October to May. Meets in the Youth Room of the Claussen Family Center. New members welcome. Accepts fabric, notions, monetary donations. Needs fleece fabric. *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**

Gorana Saner: 293.1765

**Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina**

Mondays: Maria Jones: 348.5361

Resumes January 11 after 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**Liturgy of the Hours**

Phyllis Gryskiewicz: 566.7307

**St. John Charismatic Prayer Group**

**"Blazing Hearts"**

Linda Reilly: 821.8982

## THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

Please pray for our loved ones who are serving in the military:

**Cpl. Francisco Alvarenga**  
U.S. Marines

**Lt. John Meyers**  
U.S. Army

**Sp. Petrus Botha**  
U.S. Army

**LCpl. Randy A. Novak**  
USMC

**S. Isaiah Brutus**  
U.S. Air Force

**LCpl. Ryan D. Novak**  
USMC

**Ensign Stuart Campbell**  
U.S. Navy

**Ryan D. Novak**  
USMC

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

**Cpt. Daniel Palmer**  
U.S. Army

**Adam Decker**  
U.S. Air Force

**Cpt. John Palmer**  
U.S. Army

**Nicholas Detloff**  
U.S. Air Force

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

**Joshua Emmons**  
U.S. Air Force

**Lt. Robert Pedrigo**  
U.S. Army

**LCpl. Conor Fleurant**  
USMC

**Lt. Joseph Schafer**  
U.S. Army

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

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

**Lt. Bernardo Garcia**  
U.S. Marines

**Lt. Jr. Gabriella Scrudato**  
U.S. Coast Guard

**Lt. Joseph Gilig**  
1st Marine Division  
\* LAV Recon

**MidShipman Micaela Scrudato**

**Cpl. Dylan Granza**  
U.S. Army Ranger

U.S. Naval Academy  
**Spc. Andrew Smith**  
U.S. Army (Kuwait)

**Spc. Shelby Granza**  
U.S. Army

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

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

**Houng Tran**  
U.S. Army

**Spc. Douglas Hennessy**  
U.S. Army

**IT2 Jason E. Tydingco**  
(USN)

**Staff Sgt. Brian Holmes**  
U.S. Army (Iraq)

**Staff Sgt. Brandon Waithe**  
U.S. Air Force

**Marine Colonel Brian Howlett**  
USMC

**Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino**  
U.S. Air Force

**2nd Lt. Sean Kealey**  
U.S. Army

## OUTREACH & OTHER GROUPS

**AA.** Robert: 239.287.2442

**Al-Anon.** Carol: 804.306.5323 and Juliette: Lysack

**Narcotics Anonymous.**

**Cursillistas.** Robyn DeVille: 253.6275 or robyndeville@earthlink.net

**Mah Jong.** 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:*

Forest Crowley, Frank J. Gerace, Philomena McKeon, Ronald E. O'Neill, Marie Poulard

and Roman Tomal

*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*

Steve Allender  
Rich Annunizata  
Fernando Ardila  
Thomas Ardila  
Jean & Emmunale Balliro  
Margie Benefico  
Barbara Berg  
Gallen Boardman  
Teresa Brecht  
Joseph Brzoza  
Connie Cahill  
Doug Callen  
Carrie  
David Casola  
Eric Christensen  
Dick Clark  
Sam and Frank Comeriatto  
Fr. Gerard Critch  
Kathryn Gallagan-Culp  
Anthony D'Antuono  
Mark Dabronzo  
Donald Dempksi  
Sandra Demski  
Carey Eliason  
Pat Erhadt  
Coletta Farina  
John Farrell  
John Farrow,  
Donna Flynn  
Anna Focht  
Jon Fournier  
Fran  
Galloway Family  
Edward Gaynor  
Connor Gelinas  
Roberta George  
Emma Gilardi  
Carlos D. Gomez  
George Gonser Jr  
Joe Goss

Keri Grasso  
Glenn Griffin  
Margi Hearson  
Gerard Heyen  
Kim Hocker  
Donald Howe  
JRM  
Neil King  
Krista Leigh Kozowyk  
Jim Krauser & Family  
John Kuryea  
Lindsay Lavery  
Rene Lacoste  
Delk Lindaman  
Logan  
Jack Lucarelli  
Jean Lydon  
Margie Lynch  
Richard Lyncheski  
Maria and Family  
Andrew Maroney  
Marisa Mazza  
Kenneth J. McAvoy  
Kevin McDonagh  
Paul McIntyre  
Carolyn McNichols  
Jean Meleo  
Paul Miller  
Lorrie Morrison  
Maxine Newman  
Marylee Olsen  
Emma O'Rourke  
Maryla Panagos  
Charles Parente Family  
Michael Paul  
Babe Pelli  
Anne Perrino  
Petric Family  
Ann Petrillo  
Georgia Pinto

Irene Pires  
Thad Pluc  
Bill Porter  
Renee Rake  
Ruth Rechtsteiner  
Aurielia Rein  
Cindy Renner  
Peter Renner  
RLC  
Susie Romanovich  
Jean Ruel  
Lloyd Sample  
Christine Sanders  
Lisa Sanfelippo  
Joseph Savani  
Shelia Scaduto  
Peter Scariati  
Mary Schell  
Eli Schneider  
Breana Short  
Thomas Sissman  
John Smith  
Solazzo Family  
JoAnne Spohn  
Anthony Spinella  
Nancy Stewart  
Rita Taranto  
William J. Teplica  
Domonic Terrogrossa  
Gary Tester  
John Thyen  
Logan Uzzi  
Lawrence Varone  
Mike Walsman  
McKenna Weinstein  
Vera Weinstein  
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](mailto:prayerlist@sjecc.com) When submitting a name for Prayer List, please make sure you have that individual's permission.

JANUARY 8, 2017 ~ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## Jamaica Outreach Program

### *The Jamaica Choir Will Be Spreading Joy and Fellowship at St. John in February Host Families Needed from February 3 to February 6*

Kevin Williams and his delightful choir will be singing at the 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Masses on Saturday, February 4 and the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses on Sunday, February 5. If you are new to the parish, try to attend one of these Masses to experience the choir's love of liturgy and song. Most of the choir members are employed or attending University, all of them are dedicated members of the choir returning year after year to show gratitude and appreciation to our parish for its steadfast support of the JOP.

They are very aware of the JOP mantra, "Making a Difference" in the lives of the poor in Jamaica. Our optical, dental and medical clinics are change-makers in the lives of the people who visit them. Optical patients receive

prescription eye glasses at minimum cost; many have also had cataract surgery in Jamaica by JOP volunteer ophthalmology teams from Ohio and Naples. The choir knows that JOP dental teams have treated thousands of patients in Kingston and have introduced a fluoride program at the Dupont School which serves 1,300 students. They appreciate the fact that free medications are available at the St. Pius Medical Clinic. This choir is a living, breathing "thank you" note from Jamaica.

Host families are needed to shelter choir members during their stay. If you feel it is your turn to extend a bouquet of hospitality to the choir, please call Martha Mador 860.449.2105 or email to [martha@madors.net](mailto:martha@madors.net).

*text submitted by Martha Mador, JOP*



Celebrating Our  
**DIAMOND**  
Anniversary!

# OPEN HOUSE

**YOU'RE INVITED! Sunday, Jan. 29, Noon - 2:00pm**  
**Saint Ann Catholic School**

*VPK Provider* Excellence in Education of Spirit, Mind, and Body Since 1956!  
(239) 262-4110 ~ [www.stann.net](http://www.stann.net) ~ [facebook.com/SaintAnnSchool](https://www.facebook.com/SaintAnnSchool)  
**RSVP for a chance to earn a \$1000 tuition voucher!**

## *Separated/Divorced Ministry 12-Week Healing Program Begins Wednesday, January 11; There Is No Cost to Attend*

The Separated/Divorced Ministry is pleased to announce the winter session of our 12-week healing program, beginning January 11. Whether separated or divorced 10 days ago or 10 years ago, this program will offer valuable insight for everyone. The weekly sessions will include 30-minute DVD presentations followed by group discussions.

The video series topics are titled:

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

- Finding Perfect Power
- Seeing God in Romance
- Relearning How to Date
- Loving All Church Teachings
- Finding Perfect Passion

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

Please join us Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Claussen Family Center. The sessions begin January 11 and run through April 5 (with no class on March 15).

There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required. Please pre-register by January 5.

In addition to the 12-week series, we are also going to host informal meetings on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the same room, starting January 12. There is no need to pre-register to the casual meetings, just join us for friendly fellowship in an encouraging and safe space.

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

## Hymns for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord January 7 & 8, 2017

Readings:	Page <b>55</b>
Entrance Hymn:	<b>108</b> The First Nowell
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Communion Hymn:	<b>105</b> What Child is This
	<b>91</b> Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming
Closing Hymn:	<b>79</b> Joy to the World

### 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid - Sunday, January 8, 2017 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Opening Song	<b>108</b> The First Nowell
Presentation Song	<b>110</b> We Three Kings
Communion Song	<b>105</b> What Child is This
Closing Song	<b>79</b> Joy to the World

#### Attention ALL musicians!

We have wonderful opportunities for singers and instrumentalists to join our dynamic music ministry! In the following weekends, I will highlight one of our exciting music ministries! But, please do not wait for the bulletin invitation to join one of our fine choirs! This IS your very warm and official invitation to join us NOW! Whether already well established or conceptual, our ministries are always in development and growth. St. John has been very blessed to have had a history of terrific music. With your participation, we can ensure that this legacy will continue and thrive!

Sincerely in His service, Gary Prettyman ([gary@sjecc.com](mailto:gary@sjecc.com))

*Come and experience*

## ENCOUNTER ON THE MOUNTAIN!

Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

*The first of four quarterly nights of Praise and Worship Music,  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, and Healing Prayer  
in collaboration with our youth and young adult groups  
and NET ministries team.*

*Come, and encounter the Lord in a powerful way  
with fellow parishioners and friends.*

A priest will be available to hear confessions throughout the night,  
and during adoration there will be a brief reflection  
on Encountering the Living God.

### *Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal Underway Through End of January*

The 15th Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal is underway and needs your support! The Christmas Appeal takes place now through January 2017. This year's goal is to raise \$550,000. The Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal is our largest annual fundraiser and critical to operating our social service organization. Your gifts provide funding for the many Catholic Charities programs and services available throughout Southwest Florida. Your generosity enables us to serve those seeking help all year long.

To donate please visit [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org) or mail a donation to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., 5824 Bee Ridge Road PMB 409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065

## Jamaica Outreach Program

### Needs Help

#### *Come Learn More About the Jamaica Outreach Program*

As you may well know, the Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP) was organized in 1997 by parishioners from Saint John the Evangelist parish with a vision of helping the poor and the needy in and around the St. Pius X parish in Kingston, Jamaica. At first, our efforts were dedicated to collecting and sending food and clothing to the poor, however, over the years we have expanded our efforts island wide to include educational, medical, dental, and optical services to Jamaicans in need of that kind of help.

As we approach our 20th year in operation, we find ourselves in urgent need of volunteers willing to take on leadership roles in our outreach endeavors. Our present board of directors needs to add new volunteer members in those roles to ensure that our work will continue into the 21st century. *We need leaders from all walks of life and businesses who have the time and talent to guide and lead us in our ongoing outreach to a worthy*

*population in Jamaica.*

*Empty Nesters • Recent Retirees  
• Anyone wanting to be of service...*

**All are welcome in our effort to continue providing vital support to those who have the very least.** If you feel that you can play a role in our organization, we invite you to an **information gathering January 14 - 15** to learn more about JOP. The gatherings will be held at the following times with refreshments and a question and answer session to follow.

Saturday, January 14 at 4:15 p.m. in the new library **OR**

Sunday, January 15 at 10:15 a.m. in the kitchen side of the ballroom.

If you have any questions please call Martha Mador, Volunteer Coordinator, at 860.449.2105.

**For the LOVE of the Poor**

**Thank you for helping us stock the food pantries.**

**For the LOVE of the Poor**

**The Ladies of Charity**  
are asking your support for our local food pantries to specifically assist them during the **VERY LEAN** summer months when there are items needed outside of what our regular “Simple Gesture” bags provide.

**Ending: February 28, 2017**

**NO FOOD PLEASE! WE ARE REQUESTING CHECKS ONLY.**

- A tree is in the Narthex with ornaments on it.
- Parishioners are encouraged to take an ornament and generously donate a check to St. John the Evangelist with “Food Drive” written in the memo line. Your checks can be placed in the collection baskets passed during Mass or taken to the church office.
- The Ladies of Charity will designate the money collected to be used during the summer months when food shelves are near empty.



# Faith and Wine

Thursday, January 19, 2017  
6:30-8:30 PM (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

featuring

Father Bob Kantor & Rabbi Adam Miller

**Father Bob Kantor**, Pastor of St. Agnes Catholic Church, and **Rabbi Adam Miller**, Rabbi of Temple Shalom, will participate in a dialogue based on a book co-written by Pope Francis and Rabbi Abraham Skorka: "On Heaven and Earth; Pope Francis on Faith, Family, and the Church in the 21 Century." The book brings together a series of conversations between the authors - both tenacious promoters of interreligious dialogues on faith and reason - about God, fundamentalism, atheism, abortion, homosexuality, euthanasia, same-sex marriage, and globalization. Father Bob and Rabbi Miller, as members of the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County, will re-create this fascinating dialogue, making it relevant to our lives and providing us with a better understanding of these religions and their responses to the issues we face today.

So, pre-register NOW at [www.faithandwine.com](http://www.faithandwine.com).

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

## "On Heaven and Earth"



**Event open to men!**

### Menu

*Cheese Display:*

Vegetable Crudite

Fresh Fruit Display

*Buffet:*

Chicken Marsala • Penne Pesto Pasta

Whipped Bliss Potatoes

Cranberry Herb Thyme Green Beans

Greek Salad • Bread Assortment

*Dessert:* Cheesecake Bites

**Cost: \$25 prepay • NO WALK-INS!**

**Please prepay for this event no later than noon on January 17, 2017** by going to [www.faithandwine.com](http://www.faithandwine.com) (using Paypal) or dropping off your check at the parish office made payable to St. John. In the memo line put Faith and Wine. Or you can mail (**postmarked before Thursday, January 12, 2017**) your check to Kathleen Millard at 2134 Morning Sun Lane, Naples, FL 34119

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

**SAVE THE DATES:** Mark your calendar now for the remaining Faith and Wine Dates: February 23, 2017; March 23, 2017 and April 20, 2017.

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

## FIERCE

**All girls 6-12th Grade are welcome to come!**

Come watch **Frozen** and talk about friendships!

Friday, January 20, 2017  
6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

in the Claussen Family Center.

**Wear your favorite fuzzy socks!!!**

*"Without LOVE, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." -St. Therese of Lisieux*

@netteam12

## "Walking Toward Eternity" A Seminar with Jeff Cavins February 3 and 4 at Our Lady of Light in Fort Myers

As Catholics our Faith is meant to be put into practice. "Walking Toward Eternity" with Jeff Cavins in person, is a powerful seminar that will help you to put your faith into practice, draw you closer to Christ, and challenge you to make real and lasting changes in your life. The seminar kicks off on Friday, February 3, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center at Our Lady of Light in Fort Myers with a free talk called "Christ Looks at us with Mercy...And Calls us to Discipleship." Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Saturday's seminar, "Walking Toward Eternity" will be from 9:00 a.m. -2:45 p.m.

The cost for the seminar is \$40 per person and includes materials and lunch. Register at [www.regonline.com/FTMYERSWTE](http://www.regonline.com/FTMYERSWTE) or with [events@ascensionpress.com](mailto:events@ascensionpress.com) or 484.875.4550, x2003. There will be a book-signing reception with Jeff Cavins following the talk on Friday.

Our Lady of Light is at 19680 Cypress View Dr, Ft Myers 33967, 239.267.7088. Jeff Cavins is the creator of The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Program.

## The Epiphany of the Lord: Year A

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

*Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.*

*Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

*Matthew 2:1-12*

# The Word & Life

## Gifts Offered

Today we remember the visit of the magi to the newborn king of the Jews – the very Jesus whom we encounter in the breaking of the bread. But who were these magi? There is much speculation about these people. Some tradition points to the magi being astrologers, others, wise men (or philosophers), still others, kings from other ancient kingdoms. Regardless of where we stand in our interpretation, we know that these characters came from the east and were familiar with the prophecies of Sacred Scriptures. The magi were the ones who followed

a sign pointing to the one who was to shepherd Israel. You could say that they were people who sought for the deeper realities in life, and once they encountered Jesus under the guidance of a star, offered their homage and treasures to the infant king. The magi then listened to their dreams and avoided the Herod who would seek to undermine the sacred life of the shepherd which was waiting to unfold.

As we listen to the story of the gospel we remember a manifestation of God to human beings. We are now challenged to open ourselves to the everyday epiphanies that will lead us to God. The magi teach us that we must seek the deeper realities of life – this is true spirituality. There is really more to life than meets the eye. Every sunset, flower, face and creature can ultimately open us to the beauty that God has gifted us. However, we must have open hearts and minds like the magi, to recognize the sacred in the midst of the ordinary. God gifts us with many things. It is up to each of us individually and collectively to honor such gifts by being faithful stewards of God's creation.

### Reflection Questions

1. How has God manifested himself in my life?
2. What experiences of life have led me to God?
3. What three gifts can I offer to Jesus Christ?
4. Where do I see myself going in life?
5. What is my purpose? What is my ultimate goal? How will I achieve this goal and purpose?
6. How can the world of science and the world of faith entwine with my witness to faith in Jesus?
7. How is God manifesting his presence in the world today?

So what does this all mean? It means simply that we offer ourselves to God by the lives we lead. We are challenged to hold fast to the dignity of human life from the merest beginnings of life at conception, until the Lord comes to take us home in the ultimate Epiphany. We are also asked to care for creation so that future generations will encounter God through the abundance of creation. It simply means that we recognize the Lord Jesus in the poorest of the poor and weakest of the weak. If we open our minds and wills completely to what is sacred in the secular, then our whole lives may be blessed by the eternal epiphanies presented to us in the sacrament of the present moment. Our life is God's gift to us – our lives can be our gift to God. Each one of us has consciously or unconsciously set out on the great pilgrimage of life. Life has its moments which are both great and disappointment. In the midst of all these experiences, God manages to communicate something of Himself if we are receptive to his presence. Sometimes it takes a lot of effort to open ourselves to the gift of Epiphany. For the magi, it meant they had to set out on a journey and follow the sign of the great star. For us it means that we too embark on the Christian journey and follow the way of the gospel!

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



### Prayer

*Lord, may your light always shine upon us! May your glory be made manifest in our lives. Help us to make holy our lives by recognizing you through others and through the beauty of creation. Whenever we feel your presence, may we always be ready to offer you the treasures that are individual to each one of us. Let faith, hope and love be the threefold gift that we offer back to you. Amen.*

## Voices of Faith

### The Magi

Gazing upon the heavens  
The magi are the seekers  
They patiently watch the night skies  
Waiting to see the light of promise  
That prophets hoped and longed for

Then all of creation celebrates  
The manifestation of God's love  
The constellations witness the birth  
Of a great shining star that leads  
To the Light of Life

Caravans set out on a journey  
The seekers pursue this star of wonder  
Heading out to a far and distant land  
Their destination is filled with promise  
But first they must follow the light

The star leads them to a journey's end  
In which they find a new beginning  
Wrapped up in swaddling clothes  
They find a new born king  
Illuminated by heaven's light

The seekers offer their gold  
For the majesty of God born here below  
Frankincense is gifted for fitting worship  
Myrrh, the costly perfumed ointment,  
Is placed before the Christ-child as a reminder  
of his journey's end

Homage the magi pay  
To this infant king  
Light of the world sends them forth  
In the world of dream does God thus speak  
Sending them home to share this tale of  
promise

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



*The visit of the Magi as portrayed in a stained-glass window at St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto. (Catholic News Service/Nancy Wiechec)*

# Faith Formation

## 2016-2017 School Year

### JANUARY CALENDAR

- 8 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class, Parent Faith Formation, High School Confirmation Class
- 11 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class, Parent Faith Formation
- 12 ~ Reconciliation Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. in the Church
- 15 ~ No Sunday Faith Formation Class
- 18 ~ No Wednesday Faith Formation Class
- 19 ~ First Reconciliation Ceremony 5:30 p.m. in the Church
- 22 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class, Parent Faith Formation, High School Confirmation Class
- 25 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class, Parent Faith Formation
- 29 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class, Parent Faith Formation

### First Reconciliation Update

- All 6 Reconciliation Packets due January 12
- Rehearsal, Thursday, January 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Church
- Ceremony, Thursday, January 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Church
- 72 Children Prepared! How blessed we are!



### This Week Faith Formation Highlights

- Our High School Confirmation Class resumes for the New Year beginning on January 8. Our Year 1 Morning Session meets from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. and our Year 1 and 2 Evening Sessions will meet from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
- All children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation should meet in the Church this week on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. for our First Reconciliation Rehearsal. Children should be accompanied by their parent or guardian for the duration of the rehearsal. All Reconciliation packets should be completed and turned in by this date. Nursery services will be available. Please sign in upon entering the church. Thank you.
- As a reminder, Faith Formation opportunities are available for parents while the kids are in class on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Parents may attend either sessions. Locations for Parent Sessions will be posted on the entrance doors when dropping off your child.

### Faith Formation Students Celebrate the Birth of Jesus by Creating Nativity Scenes



*Student in Ms. Manfredi's class, Mrs. Lappin's class, and Mrs. Meleo's class created nativity scenes to celebrate the birth of Jesus! They worked hard and did a wonderful job!*



### 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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# CYO - YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS

FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/netteam16](http://www.facebook.com/netteam16) • INSTAGRAM: [@netteam16](https://www.instagram.com/netteam16)

## ONGOING EVENTS

As we welcome the NET team back from their winter retreat, we want to show them how much we missed them in their absence. Show your appreciation for them by attending the numerous events they have planned for our Parish.



### **ABLAZE (Everybody)**

Praise and Worship *every Sunday, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.* in the Claussen Family Center Youth Room. All are welcome.

### **THE ROCK (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP) ~ 9th - 12th Grade**

*Every Sunday, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.* Meet in the Claussen Family Center Seminar Room for food and fellowship! We will play games, watch skits, open up the Bible, hang out with friends, and more.

We cannot wait to see you there to learn more about our Catholic faith.

## *Several Safe Environment Training Sessions Have Been Scheduled at Area Parishes*

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment. For further information, visit the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment).

There are several upcoming Safe Environment Training sessions at nearby parishes starting in January. For more details or to register, call the Parish Office at the location where the class is offered. Please note that no one should attend Safe Environment Training until their fingerprints have cleared. Fingerprints must be updated every five years. If you need to be fingerprinted here at St. John, call the office at 566.8740 for an appointment.

Any employees or volunteers who need to renew their background clearance or be fingerprinted should complete the paperwork and call the office at 566.8740 for an appointment.

Thursday, January 12	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	St. Peter the Apostle, Naples	239.775-9576
Saturday, January 14	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Peter the Apostle, Naples	239.775.9576
Thursday, February 9	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. Leo Bonita, Springs	239.992.0901
Saturday, February 11	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Leo Bonita, Springs	239.992.0901
Thursday, February 16	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. Finbarr, Naples	239.417.2084
Saturday, February 18	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Finbarr, Naples	239.417.2084
Thursday, March 2	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. Ann, Naples	239.262.4256
Saturday, March 4	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Ann, Naples	239.262.4256

Additional trainings will be added in February and March. For the complete list of regional trainings that will be held this winter and spring, please visit <http://dioceseofvenice.org/programs/safe-environment/training-schedule/>

The next trainings will be scheduled in the spring and summer of 2017.

### **L.I.F.T.E.D ~ 6th - 12th Grade**

Open Youth Room *every Mondays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.* Hang out with the NET Team in the Claussen Family Center Youth Activity Room.

### **MONTHLY**

One Friday every Month there will be a Guys and Ladies Night separately planned for the 6th-12th graders at our Parish.

As they have blessed us with their ministry and wonderful smiles, we still need Host homes for these awesome People. If you would like to host them at your house for one of our two week periods this semester please contact Kyle VanDuser, CYO Social and Spiritual Coordinator, at [kyle@sjecc.com](mailto:kyle@sjecc.com) for more information.

For the Love of Children

# Christmas Sneaker and Sock Drive

## THANK YOU!

The Ladies of Charity would like to take this time to say "THANK YOU" for always being so generous and helping us fulfill our goal for this past year's Sneaker Project. This was the first time we were over 600 pairs of sneakers supporting Naples Park Elementary, Guadalupe Social Services and the Redlands Community Migrant Association both in Immokalee. We feel so blessed to be part of this parish and seeing all the contributions being made by each one of you.

We especially would like to thank McDonalds for donating over 600 free meal coupons, Kriger Orthodontics for toothbrushes, Walmart for the Candy Canes and SunTrust Bank for over 100 pairs of sneakers. You can see by some of the pictures that all the children were so thrilled to receive a gift package filled with goodies and sneakers.

*Thank you again, and God bless each of you now and throughout the New Year.*



# Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

## Frequently Asked Questions

***I was baptized as an infant, received my First Communion, and Confirmed. I attend Sunday Mass regularly, why should I consider Adult Faith Formation?***

The religious education you received as a child was appropriate for a child, but did not prepare you to address the questions you have as an adult. It is difficult to answer the questions and deal with the issues posed by our present society with eighth grade answers.

The Catholic/Christian faith is, for the most part, an adult faith. Much of what it takes to understand the faith – not just with your head but also with your heart – can be dealt with adequately only in adulthood.

***What is the difference between Adult Education and Adult Faith Formation?***

Education presents information and expands understanding of our faith. Formation addresses a deeper spiritual wisdom, a wisdom born of your life experiences and encompassing your head, heart and hands; formation involves making value judgements and applying them to daily life.

Put in the context of our Parish Mission, education is the “to know”, formation is the “to love”.

***What does a typical program entail?***

Generally, the Adult Faith Formation programs consist of viewing a professional video featuring a renowned presenter, followed by facilitated discussion of questions and issues that were raised. Our team of facilitators have been formed through advanced education; most have Master’s degrees in ministry, some with a focus on Adult Faith Formation. They are also experienced in encouraging discussion without putting pressure on anyone to contribute.

***What programs are being offered this winter, and how many times do they meet?***

A new six-week program entitled **The Pivotal Players** presents the life stories of six key people in the Church, selected from the fourth century to the twentieth century for their unique contribution to our faith.

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** is an eight-week overview of the 14 narrative books of the Bible from Genesis to Acts which provides a context in which to understand the readings we hear every week at Mass.

**CATHOLICISM** is a beautiful, award winning, 10-session program that delves into what Catholics believe, and why. Beautifully filmed throughout the world, in the places where the events occurred, and hosted by Bishop Robert Barron, this is truly Catholicism 101 for Adults. If you haven’t experienced this program, you should. Even if you have seen some or all of the sessions before, you are invited to view them again; each time additional insights and aspects of our faith arise.

An in depth Bible study featuring Jeff Cavins’ unique approach to understanding the Bible, will begin, and the first half will be offered before Easter. Entitled **The Bible Timeline**, this covers the same 14 narrative books of the Bible, but more completely and in much greater in-depth than the eight-week Unlocking program. As Cavins says, it’s like driving through the Holy Land in a Land Rover, versus flying over at 30,000 feet.

In addition, there will be regular sessions for parents of youth in Faith Formation while those classes meet, and a special discussion group for grandparents, developed by the leaders of the Christian Family Movement and facilitated by a couple who have been international leaders of that ministry.

***Are these programs just for women, or can men attend, too?***

Good question, and the answer is easy. Men are not only allowed, but encouraged to attend and participate (except the Thursday morning Women of the Word). And two of the facilitators are men as well.

***That’s a lot; how do I choose the best way for me to begin?***

Pick either a day or time (all of the programs are offered both in the daytime and in the evening), or pick the program that interests you the most.

Then let us know to expect you by sending an email or leaving a voice message to Jack Kindsvater the Coordinator, contact info below.

Then just come and try it out; there is no obligation to continue.

***What does it cost?***

There is no charge for the programs. Study Guides and Workbooks are optional for most programs; they are available at cost and couples frequently share them.

Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator. Call 239.566.8740, ext. 3918 or email [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com)

# BIG BAND DANCE

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**First Dance of the Season**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist PLC

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

*Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era*

**Featuring the Live Southwest Florida 16-piece Orchestra  
Sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller & Stan Kenton**

*For Reservations (table of 8 or 10 only) CONTACT: 239-821-9395  
Prepayment Required*

Food available at reasonable prices.



**Big Band  
Dance  
Schedule**

**Tuesday,  
January 10**

**Tuesday,  
January 24**

**Tuesday,  
February 14**

**Tuesday,  
February 28**

**Tuesday,  
March 14**

**Tuesday,  
March 28**

**Tuesday,  
April 11**

**SOCK HOP  
FEBRUARY 24,  
2017**

**Admission:**

\$10.00 cash  
only at the door  
~ includes snacks

**Cash Bar:** Water  
and Soda ~ \$1.00

• Beer ~ \$2.00  
per 12 oz. cup;  
\$7.00 per 60 oz.  
pitcher

• Wine and  
Mixed Drinks  
~ \$3.00

**Dress:** Country  
Club Casual  
(No shorts please.)

*Singles Welcome*

*Sponsored by  
the Men's Club  
and Women's  
Auxiliary*

## GRIEF SUPPORT

A seven-week grief support group will begin at St. John on Tuesday, February 14. The gathering will be from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. each Tuesday and will meet in the Claussen Family Center. Meeting dates are: February 14, February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, and March 28.

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.

**Save the Date for the First Concert  
of our Winter/Spring Concert Series!**

Experience composer, virtuoso pianist  
and acclaimed performer,

**Eric Genuis**

**Saturday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom**

Refreshments at 6:00 p.m. followed by the concert at 6:30 p.m.

Along with a violinist, vocalist, and cellist, Eric Genuis will provide an evening of gorgeous music appealing to both classical and contemporary tastes.

**You will not want to miss this FREE Concert!!**

Pre-order your food and drink tickets online to take advantage of \$5 for PACK of 6 tickets special!

<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/ConcertSeriesEricGenuis>  
\$1 each tickets will be available at the door.



The Knights of Columbus at St. John the Evangelist  
Proudly Presents

# The Valentine's Day Dance

Thursday, February 16, 2017

With Billy Dean and Dawn

6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Entertainment and dinner begin at 6:30 p.m.



**OPEN BAR**



**JACKETS  
REQUIRED.**

Music  
Dancing

50/50

**Tickets: \$50 per person.**

**On sale after all weekend Masses starting  
January 7, 2017.**

Make checks payable to: The Knights of Columbus

**Tickets are also on sale online at:**

<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2017ValentineDinnerDance>

**No sales or refunds after February 12 or at the door.**

## Menu by Frisco's Catering

**Appetizer Display:** Cheese • Vegetable Crudite • Organic Fruit • Pecorino Romano Meatballs.

**Salad:** Mediterranean Salad with Red Wine Vinaigrette.

**Entrée:** Chateaubriand w/Whipped Potatoes and Asparagus.

**Dessert:** Flourless Chocolate Cake.

**We will attempt to meet dietary needs.**

**LIMITED SEATING THIS YEAR.**

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES. For more information, please contact **Jim McDonald** at **947-6454**

Live Casino  
Games



Everyone  
Is Invited!  
All Ages!

# CASINO



# NIGHT

## Senior Prom

for Anyone and Everyone  
*"Let the Good Times Roll"*

Saturday, January 21 • 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.

- Great Food
- Raffle

**Admission  
\$25.00**



*If you are single or widowed, we have a treat for you as  
our Youth will be honored to take you to the prom!*

Sign up online at: <https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2017SeniorProm>

Formal Dress



Music  
from  
Different  
Eras!

- Live Music
- Prizes



# GIT YER DANCIN' BOOTS ON

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNTRY WESTERN HOE DOWN & CHILI COOK-OFF FOR LIFE

Proceeds  
for Respect  
Life

Sponsored by St. John Council Knights of Columbus



**Monday, January, 30, 2017**

6:00 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Life Center

**Cost:** only \$8.00 Per person at the door. Includes chili servings, coffee and dessert. Pay "Saloon" available.

"Chili cook-off open to anyone who wishes to enter their GREAT Chili in the cook-off."  
Call Jerry at (239)821-9395

The St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council will add to this annual respect life fundraising event with good old Country Music. Featuring the country western sound of "Vegas." Music, Cowboys and Cowgirls line dancing, Country Music, Country Dancing, Campfire and Chili Cook-off. Guests will enjoy different chili recipes of "chili aficionados" in the Naples Area.

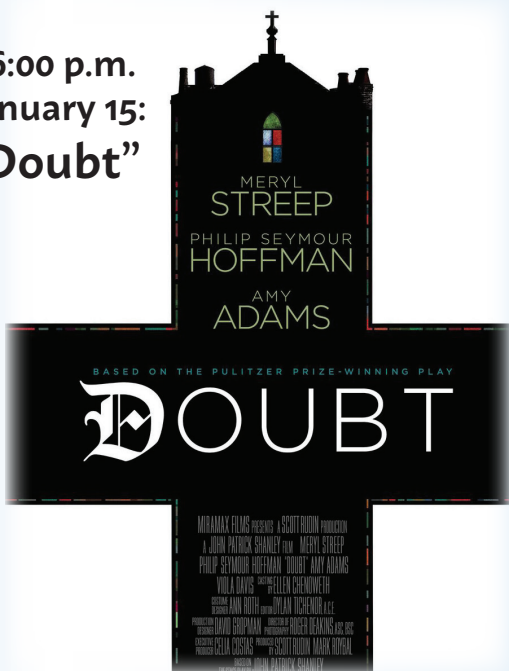


*Florida K of C Charities, Inc / Helping Life Fund is a 501 C 3 non-profit*



## Powerful Catholic Movies for Adult Movie Nights at St. John

6:00 p.m.  
January 15:  
"Doubt"



6:00 p.m.  
February 19:  
"Spotlight"

