



March 12, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent

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GAELIC AND GARLIC FESTIVAL

*Whether Irish or Italian, Next Weekend's Festival
Offers Good Food, Drink and Fun for Everyone*

March 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. | March 19 from Noon to 7:00 p.m.

*Which color will you choose? Red for Italian or green for the Irish?
Fr. John will definitely be sporting green next weekend at the St. John Gaelic and
Garlic Festival. Which side will you choose?*

The St. John Gaelic and Garlic Festival will open next Saturday, March 18 at 11:00 a.m. with food, drink, beer and wine and a car show featuring Italian antiques cars, followed by the Tir Na Nog Irish Step Dancers and music by West of Galway at 1:00 p.m.

The long-awaited groundbreaking of our new Pulte Life Center will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the site location. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will officiate at the ribbon-cutting. In addition to Fr. John, Fr. Bob and Fr. Paul, representatives from Gates Construction and the design firm of Studio Plus will be in attendance. Everyone is invited to the ceremony.

The Saturday Vigil Masses will be celebrated as usual at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Tours of the church will also be offered several times during the festival.

The regular Masses will be held on Sunday, March 19. However, the 11:15 a.m. Mass will include a celebration of St. Joseph with Fr. John officiating. There will be the traditional procession into church with the Knights carrying the St. Joseph statue before Mass. Following Mass the Knights will recess from the church with the St. Joseph statue and carry the statue through the campus enroute to the parish ballroom.



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Daily Mass: 8:00, 9:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.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**

March 11, 2017	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Nick Episcopo	Children: Antoinette Scott, Joseph Episcopo, Maria Jackson
		Vigil Masses for Sunday	
3:00 PM	+	Tom Wood	Janet D'Addario
5:00 PM	+	Lambert & Louise Abell	Kathy & Bob Sims
March 12, 2017	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	O'Keefe & Ryan Families	Joanne Ryan
9:00 AM	+	John Claussen	Bob & Norma Claussen
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Larry Doane	Susan & Robert LaTour
5:00 PM	+	Florence Mary Caroline Brayson	Nanny & Faith Garcia
		<i>Wine and Host in Memory of Raymond Leclerc ~ requested by Lorraine Leclerc</i>	
March 13, 2017	Monday		
8:00 AM	+	Jack Gaffey	Fred & Patricia Palumbo
9:00 AM	+	Fred (Fritz) Fromert	Elinor & Bill Smith
12:15 PM	SI	Annie Marsh	Her Sister
March 14, 2017	Tuesday		
8:00 AM	+	Bruce Sherman	Lan Tran
9:00 AM	+	Mary Socci	Claire & Pete Regan
12:15 PM	+	Paul Varhach	Tony Varhach
March 15, 2017	Wednesday		
8:00 AM	+	Ramy Garrido	Elida Gil
9:00 AM	+	John Marotta	Pat & Harold Jaffee
12:15 PM	+	Loren McGirr	Lisa Godlasky
6:30 PM	+	Charles Williams	George & Anna Maffeo
March 16, 2017	Thursday		
8:00 AM	+	Diana Marie Derienzo	Mike & Kim Casella & Family
9:00 AM	SI	Frank & Mary Lou Kreber	Joe Kreber
12:15 PM	+	"The Souls in Purgatory"	Renate Mross
March 17, 2017	Friday		
9:00 AM	+	Marie & Thomas Reilly	Rosemary & Mike Rich
		and For the Intentions of Members of St. Vincent DePaul	
12:15 PM	+	Sharon Ann Sama	Jane & Dominio Sama
March 18, 2017	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Betty Carrier	The Carrier Family
		Vigil Masses for Sunday	
3:00 PM	+	Tom Wood	Jim & Darlene Follese
5:00 PM	+	Lambert & Louise Abell	Kathy & Bob Sims
March 19, 2017	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Patricia Vachris	Dr. & Mrs. Anzilotti
9:00 AM	SI	Frank & Mary Lou Kreber	Julie Mullenix
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Steve DiMattio	Ruth & Rodney Sennett
5:00 PM	+	Monica Ann Henkel	Staff & Office Volunteers @ SJE (Toni Eckert's Daughter)

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, March 11, 2017**

Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset
Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday, March 13, 2017

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 17, 2017**St. Patrick; Abstinence**

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 18, 2017**St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Sunday, March 19, 2017**Third Sunday of Lent**

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS...

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Campaign Corner

March 12, 2017

“To Infinity... and Beyond!”

— Buzz Lightyear



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Life Center and Beyond

What an exciting time for our Parish Family. Our **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past** campaign is allowing us to embark on the next step of our Catholic engagement here in Naples, while at the same time, supporting and growing our current environment and programs. Due to a change in the Bishop's schedule, our Groundbreaking Ceremony will be slightly later this Saturday, at 2:00 p.m. I hope you will all join us for this joyous moment!

Just because we are at the cusp of the Pulte Life Center construction does not mean we are ending our campaign, however. In fact, as many of you know, there are still additional needs of our Parish Family that we have identified beyond the Life Center. Our campus is over 27 years old, and each building and our grounds need additional resources to ensure we are able to support this growing parish in an effective and engaging way. From a new roof on the church and renovations of our Ballroom to a new lighting system for the parking lots and video streaming of our Masses, we have many varied and various needs. Our Capital Budget Committee, made up of leaders of our Parish Councils, will be meeting at the end of this month to identify which of these items we can move forward with this next year, and which items are too essential to wait on. As these items are chosen, we will discuss their priority here, and how you may be able to take advantage of this next year's waiver on campaign contributions to ensure every dollar of your generosity goes to the specific component of our campus.

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.



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PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

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

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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

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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. & 12:15 p.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 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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GAELIC AND GARLIC FESTIVAL

Next Weekend - March 18 and 19

An integral part of the St. Joseph Feast is the St. Joseph Table or Altar consisting of specialty breads, tools and holy cards of St. Joseph. The St. Joseph Altar will be set up in the Narthex, as well as in the Ballroom, and individuals will be available to explain the significance of the Altar to those who are interested.

Parishioners and guests are encouraged to wear red, as part of the tradition of the St. Joseph Feast.

CONTESTS. The meatball eating contest and the “Your Best Nonna’s Meatball” contest will both be held Sunday afternoon at the outdoor stage.

To enter “Your Best Nonna’s Meatball” contest, participants must call the Parish Office at 239.566.8740 or email: jp@sjecc.com by Wednesday, March 15. Participants must check in by 1:00 p.m. with three meatball samplings. Fr. Paul will judge the contest at 2:00 p.m. and will crown the winner as “The Best Meatballs in SWFL”.

To compete in the meatball eating contest, participants must be at least 16 years old and check in at the outdoor stage by 3:00 p.m. The contest will begin at 4:00 p.m.

FOOD AND DRINK. Throughout both days, food and drink will be available across the campus. Beverages will include domestic and imported beers and Italian wines, soda and water. Food vendors will include Lansdowne Street, Fitzgerald’s, New York Pizza and Pasta, Parmesan’s Pete’s, BRK Pizza, and Manginos Pizzeria. Hamburgers, hot dogs and chips will also be available in the ballroom at a low charge.

TICKETS. To buy food and drink and play arcade games attendees must first purchase tickets for \$1.00 each. There will be tickets booths throughout the campus. However, discounted tickets can be purchased at six tickets for \$5.00 on the St. John website until Wednesday, March 15. To pre-order tickets, visit:

<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/GGFestival>

SEATING. Seating will be available indoors in the ballroom and outdoors under a large tent in the field where the new Pulte Life Center will be built.

ACTIVITIES. Activities during both days will include face painting, inflatable bounce houses and wrecking ball, as well as arcade games (with prizes) such as: 3D Lasso, Gone Fishing, Duck Pond, Samson Stiker, Noah’s Ark Toss, and Free Throw Basketball Challenge (inflatable). An Italian car show featuring about dozen Italian vehicles will also be on display.

PARKING. Mass and handicap parking (must have tag on license plates or a placard) will be available on campus in our front and middle parking lots, as well as at Naples Park Elementary School and Hodges Funeral Home. Attendants will direct the parking. In order to park in these areas, Mass attendees must have the Golden Ticket from our bulletin (see page 12) or handicapped parking. Golf cart transportation will be provided to Mass and the festival. **Anyone coming for Mass will be able to park at the church (and in our normal exterior support, the school and funeral home).**

All others are encouraged to park at Anthrex on Immokalee Rd. Bus transportation will be provided to Mass and the festival. Arrive at least 30 minutes ahead of time.

Fr. John’s Irish Joke. Dad once told me this joke: “An Irishman not able to find a parking spot at church starts to pray. “Lord, if you open a space for me I swear I’ll give up drink for Lent.” Suddenly, the clouds parted and the sun shone on an empty parking space. “Never mind,” says the Irishman, “I found one!”

Saturday, March 18

11:00 a.m. Gaelic and Garlic Festival opens with food, drink, beer and wine, arcade games and a car show featuring Italian antique cars.

1:00 p.m. Tour of the church

1:00 p.m. Tir Na Nog Irish Step Dancers and music by West of Galway

2:00 p.m. Groundbreaking of our new Pulte Life Center with Bishop Dewane

2:30 p.m. Construction zone experience for the little kids

3:00 and 5:00 p.m. The Saturday Vigil Masses will be celebrated as usual.

4:00 p.m. The Tarantella Italian dancers will offer a workshop

6:00 p.m. The Tir Na Nog Irish Step Dancers

7:00 p.m. Festival closes

Sunday, March 19

The regular Masses will be held on Sunday, March 19.

11:15 a.m. Mass will include a celebration of St. Joseph

Noon The Gaelic and Garlic Festival opens with Italian music

1:00 p.m. Italian Opera singing

2:00 p.m. “Your Best Nonna’s Meatball contest

2:30 p.m. Tour of the church

3:00 p.m. Italian Opera singing

4:00 p.m. Meatball eating contest

6:00 p.m. Tour of the church

6:00 p.m. Italian Opera singing

7:00 p.m. Festival closes

Turn to page 6 to see Jean-Paul Boucher’s personal take on Gaelic and Garlic.

#ToKnow, #ToLove – Pope’s Message for Lent: Treat Your Bible Like Your Cell Phone

What would it be like if we all treated our Bibles like we do our cell phones? That is the question Pope Francis posed to us last Sunday:

What would happen if we turned back when we forget it, if we opened it more times a day, if we read the message of God contained in the Bible the way we read messages on our cellphones?

I know just how blessed I am to have my faith so integrated into my life as my career and my passion rolled up into one, and that is not the norm, especially for those of us working full time and family commitments that can pull us in a thousand directions each day. It can be so difficult to take time for God in the midst of our personal priorities. We can feel overwhelmed with life and the struggles we are all enduring. No matter our age, family situation, or financial position, we all can draw strength from our faith:

That’s why, he said, it is necessary to become familiar with the Bible: read it often, reflect upon it, assimilate it. The Bible contains the Word of God which is always topical and effective... We would be better able to live a resurrected life in the Spirit, accepting and loving our brothers, especially the most vulnerable and needy, and even our enemies... And, please, do not forget – do not forget! – What would happen if we treated the Bible like we treat our cellphone. Think about this. The Bible always with us, close to us! – Pope Francis 3/5/2017 (<http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-francis-consult-the-bible-as-often-as-your-ce>)

This Lent, we should all try to prioritize our faith in the midst of our lives like we do our screen time. If you want to integrate the two together, I would recommend the Laudate, the YouVersion Bible (with the New America Standard Bible download), and the USCCB Catholic Connect Apps for your devices to help you carry your faith with you in your pocket.

#ToLove – Gaelic and Garlic Festival: My Personal Take

As many of you know who have been reading this column (I cannot believe it has been nearly three and a half years since I was gifted this opportunity to serve all of you), the Parish Mission of Saint John the Evangelist, To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community, is burned deeply into my heart and soul. From increasing our focus on Faith Formation for all ages, to starting new opportunities for concerts and dances,



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to developing service programs for us to make meals for thousands of refugees, we have taken tremendous strides to live out that mission. One of the themes for these new efforts is Matthew’s Gospel, “New Wine in New Wineskins”, in which Jesus showcases that our faith is built to be renewed constantly, and that renewal needs to take new forms. The latest version of our New Wineskins is the Gaelic and Garlic Festival, a celebration of Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph, Irish and Italian cultures, all at once, and open to the entire community.

The name is not meant to be derogatory in any way. In fact, there is a deeply personal connection for me to this name. When my wife and I had our youngest daughter, Stella, we had best friends in Virginia, who also had their child, Sèamus. As you can probably guess, my wife and I are Italian. My mother was born in Naples, Italy, and traveled with her family when she was five to the United States as an immigrant, which makes me First Generation. Our friends are seriously Irish. So, whenever we had play dates with Stella and Sèamus, we always talked about getting the Gaelic and Garlic together. That is how the name came to be, for two babies, one dark haired and the other fiery red.

When we try new ways, sometimes they can surpass the expectations of previous programs and events. That is the hope with the Gaelic and Garlic Festival. What is more approachable for non-Catholics than St. Patrick’s Day, and the street festival atmosphere of a St. Joseph Feast? It is our responsibility as Catholics to spread the joy and love of our faith to all those around us, and we have the chance to express that to thousands of potential non-practicing Catholics in our area, along with welcoming individuals and families who have never stepped on a Catholic campus before. This is a change from the previous St. Joseph Feast dinner. Hopefully, everyone, from those visitors we will have on campus to those

of us who have been here for the previous events for years, will find this new program inclusive, engaging, and most importantly, faithful and fun.

Finally, on a personal note, as the child of an immigrant, I believe it is important now more than ever, to remember and celebrate our cultural heritage in a positive and inclusive way. It was not long ago that the Irish and the Italians were demonized for their ethnicity, much less their religion. Gaelic and Garlic will be a celebration of our cultures and welcome our community to our Church.

*Saint John the Evangelist
Lenten Schedule*

Daily Masses will be:

8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Morning Masses will be:

8:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross will be:

Fridays following 12:15 p.m. Mass

Reconciliation:

Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

There will be no Lenten Penance Service:

There will be an extended opportunity for Reconciliation on Friday, April 7 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 8 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Holy Week:

April 9 ~ Palm Sunday
April 13 ~ Holy Thursday
April 14 ~ Good Friday
April 15 ~ Easter Vigil
April 16 ~ Easter Sunday
April 23 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

More specific celebrations and times will be published in a later bulletin.

**Special St. Patrick Day Mass and Celebration
Will Be Held at St. John on Friday, March 17**

On the feast day of St. Patrick, Bishop and Patron of Ireland, on Friday, March 17, all parishioners are invited to celebrate with a special Mass at 9:00 a.m. About 30 minutes prior to the start of the Mass, Fr. John, Jennine Fuentes, Artistic Director, and the St. John Choir, will sing a variety of Irish music. As is traditional, this musical Prelude will conclude with Fr. John singing “Danny Boy”, and everyone joining in for the “The Soldier’s Song” (Irish national anthem) and finishing up with the “The Star-Spangled Banner”.

The collection from this Mass is donated to the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference whose members help those in need right in the geographical boundaries of our church (zip codes 34108, 34109 and 34110).

Immediately following Mass, in thanksgiving of your generous support, SVdP members invite everyone to a continental IRISH breakfast in the Parish Life Center with pastries, juice and real IRISH coffee. Wear your Green!

Please note, there will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, March 17.

Bishop Dewane Grants St. Patrick’s Day Dispensation

With St. Patrick’s Day falling on a Friday (March 17) during the Lenten Season, Bishop Frank J. Dewane is granting a one-day dispensation of abstaining from meat on that Friday alone. The faithful are encouraged to choose another day in the same week to abstain from meat and to perform some other penance or work of charity on March 17 to assist in their spiritual Lenten journey. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. This past Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent (and Good Friday) are days of abstinence. Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent.

Portrait of a Caregiver

Did you know

There are 65.7 million unpaid caregivers. (That includes you!)

62% of care recipients are female

The average care recipient age is 61

The average age of the caregiver is 48

*Annalee Kruger,
President of CareRight, Inc.
presents*



Taking Care of YOU

March 21, 2017
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at St. John the Evangelist

This seminar is FREE and a light lunch will be served. However, anyone wanting to attend must RSVP by March 14 to the Parish Office at 239.566.8740.



For more information, contact
Liz at liz@sjecc.com
or JP at jp@sjecc.com



**Everyone Is Invited
to the
Pulte Life Center
Groundbreaking
Saturday,
March 18, 2017
at 2:00 p.m.**

(please note this new time)

Bereavement. Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Grief facilitators hold support groups as needed to give support to those suffering a loss. *For Arimatheans: Toni: 597.1966. 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. Our mission is to become the light in the life of separated/divorced Catholics by giving them a sense of inclusion in our parish family and providing support and guidance through our shared spiritual journey. We meet Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please call for more information *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. Info: *www.faithandwine@gmail.com, www.faithandwine.com or Nancy Squitieri: faithandwine@gmail.com*

Finance Council. The Finance Council is an integral part of the Stewardship responsibilities of the parish. The council assists the Pastor and General Manager in their deliberation and decision-making process in order to serve the needs of the Parish in the prudent administration of its resources and funds. *President: Barbara Kuryea*

Habitat for Humanity. Build homes in Naples for qualifying families in need. *Nick Kouloheras: nick@hfhcollier.com*

Jamaica Outreach Program. 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 March 27. 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*

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 Gauthier: 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 at 5:30 p.m.: Maria Jones: 348.5361
Wednesdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Liturgy of the Hours
Phyllis Gryskiewicz: 566.7307

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

Sgt. Larry Oldenburg
U.S. Army (Iraq)

Note: In order to place a name on our Military Prayer List, that individual (the individual to be prayed for), must provide us with a signed release (or email-based approval) prior to the inclusion of his/her name in the printed Military Prayer List.

See the Consent Form to the right or visit our website to download a form:

<http://sjecc.com/forms>

Thank you for your understanding.

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

Gambler's Anonymous. 1-800-ADMIT-IT

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:

Joseph Brzoza and Enrique Martinez Trevino

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

Kaylee B
Jean & Emmunale Balliro
Gallen Boardman
Brian Bodnar
Caeleigh Brown
Connie Cahill
Sam Comeriato
Dick Clark
Anthony D'Antuono
Mark DaBronzo
Anna Focht
Rick Genel
George Gonser Jr.
Joe Goss
Don Hauptman
Donald Howe
Ann Kerns
Krista Leigh Kozowyk

John Kuryea
Rene Lacoste
Pattie Leiner
Jean Lydon
Margie Lynch
Maria and Family
Barbara Marsh
Eileen McDonagh
Kevin McDonagh
J. McG
Patricia McGrath
Cynthia McLemore
Carolyn McNichols
Lorrie Morrison
Emma O'Rourke
Michael Paul
Anne Perrino
Ann Petrillo

Irene Pires
Renee Rake
Ruth Rechtsteiner
Lloyd Sample
Lisa Sanfelippo
Shelia Scaduto
Joan Scariati
Peter Scariati
Nancy Stewart
William Strouse
Edward Sullivan
Rita Taranto
William J. Teplica
Marilyn Thyen
Lawrence A. Varone
Mike Walsman
Nancy Wise

Prayer List Consent Form

Last Updated: January 30, 2017



SAINT JOHN
the **EVANGELIST**
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Prayer List Participant: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

POLICY:

Saint John the Evangelist will only accept additions to the Prayer List from the individual to be prayed for, or the parent or legal guardian of that individual. A signed release (or email-based approval) will be required prior to the inclusion in the printed Prayer List.

I understand and agree to all of the above.

Signature _____

Date _____

Parish Acknowledgement _____

General Manager Signature _____

Date _____

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...

MARCH 12, 2017 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

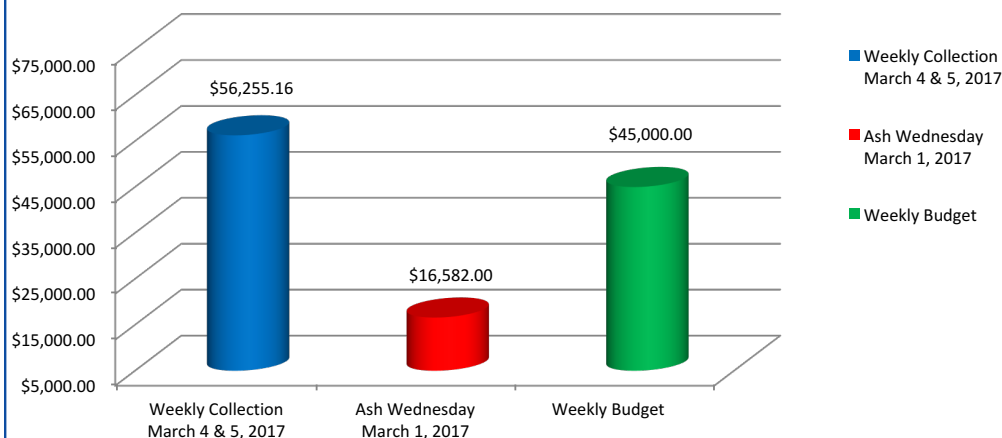
Hymns for the 2nd Sunday of Lent, March 11 & 12, 2017

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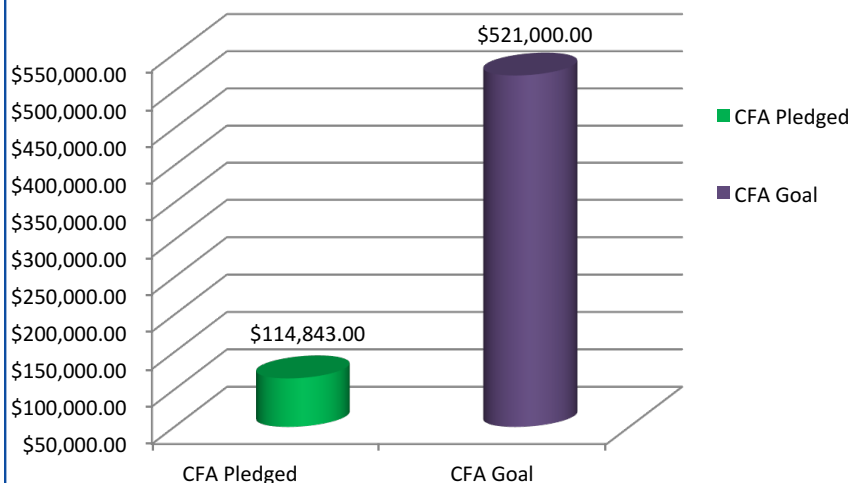
Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

Wednesday, March 8 Sl of Romaine Melchionna	3:00 PM	Aston Gardens req. by Romaine Melchionna
Tuesday, March 14 + Ian Mearn	11:00 AM	Brookdale req. by Peter Kiely
Wednesday, March 15 Sl of Romaine Melchionna	10:00 AM	Bentely req. by Romaine Melchionna

Collection Summary



Fiscal YTD (7/1/2015-6/30/2016) & CFA Summary



Lenten Retreat

Saint John the Evangelist
Lenten Retreat

**Creating a Culture
of Encounter**

**Monday, March 13,
Tuesday, March 14, and
Wednesday, March 15**

Immediately after the
9:00 AM Mass
in the Church AND
6:00 PM each day in the
Rome Room
(previously the PLC Library)

FREE
and open to the public.
No registration required.

PRESENTERS:
Dr. Dobie Moser,
CYO Director of
Cleveland, OH
Sister Adelina Garcia,
Office of Evangelization
and Catechesis, San
Angelo, TX

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, March 12, 2017: the Second Sunday of Lent

Opening Song 594 **Christ Be Our light**

Preparation Song **Lord, I Need You** Matt Maher

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Verse 1) Lord, I come, I confess;
bowing here, I find my rest
And without you, I fall apart:
you're the One that guides my heart *(to Chorus)*

Verse 2) Where sin runs deep, your grace is more;
where grace is found is where you are
And where you are, Lord, I am free:
Holiness is Christ in me! *(to Chorus)*

Chorus

Lord, I need you, oh, I need you, ev' - ry hour I need you; my
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one de-fense, my ri - ghteous-ness, O God, how I need you.

Bridge) So teach my song to rise to you when temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you—Jesus, you're my hope and stay *(to Chorus)*

Communion Song 390 **Open My Eyes**

Closing Song **Lord, I Lift Your Name On High** Rick Founds

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Lord, I lift Your name___ on high; Lord, I love to sing___ Your
prais - es.____ I'm so glad You're in___ my life;
I'm so glad You came___ to save___ us.____
You came from heav-en to earth___ to show the way,___ From the earth___ to the cross___
___ my debt to pay;___ From the cross___ to the grave,___
___ from the grave___ to the sky;___ Lord, I lift Your name___ on high.

HELP SAVE LIVES IN NAPLES!

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful and effective pro-life campaign.

About 60 parishioners participated in last week's two *40 Days for Life* activities:

- The Ash Wednesday Prayer Walk for Life led by Bishop Frank J. Dewane, and
- Our first Saint John the Evangelist *40 Days for Life* date held the morning of March 2.

Over 100 parishioners are expected to attend the 40 Days for Life prayer vigils on March 10 and March 14.

Pope Francis said,

"The right to life is the first of human rights".

Your presence and prayer at Planned Parenthood is a powerful witness. You don't need to talk to people; you don't need to hold a sign; just be there and pray. God uses us as instruments to do His will.

Our next *40 Days for Life* date is March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fr. John will also lead a one-hour prayer service outside of Planned Parenthood from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Planned Parenthood is located at 1425 Creech Rd.

For more information, contact Nancy or Paul Curti at plancurti@gmail.com or 612.616.5535.



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 by Nancy
 Curti

MASS PARKING

MARCH 18-19, 2017

YOU MUST SHOW THIS TICKET
 FOR ON-SITE PARKING FOR MASS ONLY.



Faith and Wine

Thursday, March 23, 2017
6:30-8:30 PM (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

featuring

Wendy Chanampa

Wendy Chanampa has extensive experience – both personally and professionally – in caring for people with dementia. Dementia and Alzheimer’s disease is a devastating diagnosis for both the person with dementia as well as the family members who become their caretakers. The frequency of the diagnosis is increasing rapidly, such that any one of us may need to step into the role of caretaker of a parent, spouse, or other loved one. Wendy will help us prepare for, and understand, this role better by discussing the changes taking place in our loved ones, showing us how we can make a difference through acceptance and gratitude, teaching us how to take care of ourselves, and helping us recognize the unexpected gifts along the way.

You want to save the date for this compassionate and educational event.

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

“The Unseen Gifts of Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia – The Greatest of These is Love”



Italian Night

Appetizer Display:

Italian Antipasta Display • Caprese Display

Buffet:

Classic Vegetarian Lasagna

Chicken Parmesan

Eggplant Parmesan

Italian Meatballs • Italian Roasted Vegetables

Market Salad w/ Vinaigrette

Frisco’s Garlic Rolls

Dessert: Italian Cookies and Cheesecakes

Cost: \$25 prepay • NO WALK-INS!

Please prepay for this event no later than noon on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 by going to www.faithandwine.com (using Paypal) or dropping off your check made payable to “St. John the Evangelist” at the St. John Parish Office. In the memo line put Faith and Wine. Or you can mail (**postmarked before Thursday, March 16, 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 DATE: Mark your calendar now for the final Faith and Wine of the Season: April 20, 2017.

Go to www.FaithandWine.com to learn more!

CYO - YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS

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

ONGOING EVENTS

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.

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.

Host Homes

We still need Host homes for our NET Missionaries. 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 for more information.

For more information on these events please contact Kyle VanDuser 239.207.0537 or kyle@sjecc.com.

The Word & Life

Genesis 12:1-4A

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

2 Timothy 1:8B-10

Matthew 17:1-9

Lord, It Is Good That We Are Here

Today's gospel recalls the event of the Transfiguration. We are told something changed in Jesus' appearance the day in which he ascended the high mountain with Peter, James, and John. Was this a taste of what was to come in the resurrection? The Transfiguration event reveals the true nature of Jesus as God and man. The divinity of Jesus shone through his humanity and illuminated the world of the three apostles. When Moses and Elijah appeared, it was a confirmation that the consolation of Israel had finally arrived. God's voice coming forth from the cloud was the crowning of the theophany (experience of God), revealing the Father's pleasure in His Son and giving the apostles the command to listen to Jesus.

Reflection Questions

1. How do the words "transfiguration" and "transformation" relate to one another?
2. What is the significance of the presence of Moses and Elijah?
3. Why do you think Peter wants to erect three tents for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus?
4. Why are the disciples afraid when they hear the voice coming from the cloud?
5. Do you allow yourself to be transformed by the gospel?
6. How do you allow the gospel and teachings of the Church to alter your life?
7. Is your life shaped by your understanding of the gospel and Church teachings? Why or why not?
8. How are you part of God's story?

The story of the Transfiguration might appear to be out of our reach. However, we are reminded today to look for Jesus' presence in society today. Hidden in the fabric of everyday life is the presence of the one who calls us to imitate him — the Lord of life with whom the Father is well pleased. We are called to listen closely to Jesus' request and pay attention to his summons in the needs of the world around us. When we are challenged to reach out to someone in our family or neighborhood, we have the opportunity to transform the broken realities that we encounter. It is then that Jesus is made manifest through us. Our acts of love can make all things possible. Once we open ourselves to the forgiveness and healing of God in the way that we interact with one another, God is truly pleased with us.

The reality Jesus offers is an optimistic overview of life. Jesus never makes any judgment against the

sinner; rather he sees their situation as an opportunity for redemption and transformation. When he meets the disturbed, the sick, or the outcast, Jesus sees this as an occasion for God's glory to shine through the brokenness.

The Transfiguration revealed the presence and glory of God to Peter, James, and John. It is a reminder that there is a deeper reality at work in the world. The apostles were simply regular people who experienced extraordinary things. These men chose to journey with Christ by setting everything aside to follow him. In this event, Jesus' image is transfigured into the brilliance of light — a sight the apostles would recall after the resurrection. During this Lenten season, we too are invited to set aside those things which are nonessential so that may allow God to lead us to the recognition of his presence in our experience. We are also invited to “transfigure” ourselves as we give witness to our transformation through the gospel.

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



Prayer

Lord, transform our lives with the light of your presence. May we recognize you in the fabric of life. When we face the hardships in our home or in society, may we see these as opportunities to encounter you. Once we embrace this gift, let our response be to you: Lord, it is good that we are here. Amen.

Voices of Faith



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“For that one moment, ‘in and out of time’,
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.”

“Transfiguration” by Malcolm Guite

Faith Formation

2016-2017 School Year

Encounter Evelina



Evelina Banda, like generations of Zambians before her, used to survive on meals made from corn flour, usually a porridge called “nshima.” “Growing up, I’d eat porridge in the morning, at

lunchtime and again in the evening,” she says. After all, it was cheap and easy to make.

Unfortunately, nshima has very little nutritional value — and relying too heavily on it has led to high rates of malnutrition. Many in Zambia have full bellies, but little nourishment. And this is particularly dangerous for children under the age of two, who need high levels of vitamins and minerals to grow up healthy and strong. That means mothers who are nursing — as well as their children — need nutritious meals.

So, CRS is teaching women like Evelina how to prepare healthier meals and grow new, vitamin-rich crops like peanuts, pumpkins and sugar cane. In many cases, these crops were already being grown in the village. Now, Evelina and others are adding more nutritious food to

their children’s nshima: ground peanuts or eggs, for example. And, what the women learn, they share with their community — especially expectant mothers.

Learn more at: <http://bit.ly/2ffqviG> #EncounterLent



photo by Jim Stipe, Catholic Relief Services

WHAT IS A CRS RICE BOWL?

A cardboard or homemade CRS Rice Bowl is a tool for collecting your Lenten alms. The CRS Rice Bowl app puts Lent in your pocket with daily reflections, meatless meal recipes and more. The app is available for both Android and Apple devices.

WHERE CAN I GET A CRS RICE BOWL?

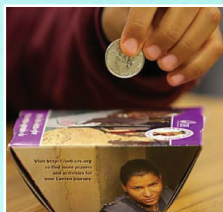
They are available in the Parish Office or the Faith Formation table in the Claussen Center.

HOW MANY COMMUNITIES PARTICIPATE IN CRS RICE BOWL?

In 2016, nearly 14,000 Catholic parishes and schools across the U.S. participated in CRS Rice Bowl.

Learn more at:

<http://bit.ly/2ffqviG> #EncounterLent



Faith Formation This Week

Sunday, March 12

NO Faith Formation Class today

Wednesday, March 15

NO Faith Formation Class today

UPCOMING:

First Communion Parent Meeting & Activity Night

March 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the PLC Ballroom.

Nursery Care Available.

Faith Formation Office Hours: Mondays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. • Wednesdays: 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. (on the days of Faith Formation classes only) • Fridays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. • Sundays: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. (on the days of Faith Formation classes only)

Natalie Campbell • Director of Religious Education • 239.566.8740, ext. 3909 • email natalie@sjecc.com

Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

Adult Confirmation Information

Initial information and introduction session, Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rome Room (formerly the Library)

If you were baptized Catholic and received your First Communion, but for whatever reason have not been confirmed, this is your opportunity to receive this once-in-a-lifetime sacrament.

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.

Like Baptism, which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark. It is never too late to receive Confirmation; last year our adult confirmani ranged in age from 18 to 80 and spanned three generations.

Adult Confirmation 2017 Schedule:

Four, 90-minute, Thursday evening preparation sessions:
March 16, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Rome Room for this initial session.
March 30, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Seminar Room.
April 20, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Seminar Room
April 27, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Seminar Room, plus
Saturday April 8, 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Retreat/Penance, Rome Room

Confirmation, Monday May 1, 6:30 p.m.

All of us at St. John the Evangelist are here to assist you on your journey. 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.

Introducing our Catechumen and Candidates

These seven men and women were recognized for progress in their spiritual formation in the RCIA program and sent by our parish community to the cathedral last Sunday for the rite of election or recognition by Bishop Frank Dewane.

Catechumen Todd Babbitt and Mathew Gibson expressed their desire to enter fully into the life of the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Their names were placed in the Book of the Elect.

The Candidates, who have been previously baptized in another Christian tradition, asked to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. As a reminder of their Baptism and as a sign of their continuing conversion, the bishop invited them to come forward, take the holy water and sign themselves with the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



photo by Bob Reddy, Diocese of Venice

This Week's Complete Schedule

Tuesday, March 14

Lenten Themes from Fr. James Martin ~ 5:00 p.m., Seminar Room

Wednesday, March 15

The Bible Timeline, Conquest and Judges, Part 1 ~11:30 a.m., Seminar Room, and 7:30 p.m., Seminar Room

Thursday, March 16

CATHOLICISM, The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist ~11:30 a.m., Seminar Room

Thursday, March 16 continued

Introduction to Meditation ~ 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Space

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, Maccabean Revolt, Messianic Fulfillment, Part 1 ~12:30 p.m., Rome Room and 7:00 p.m., Seminar Room

Adult Confirmation Information and Introduction ~ 7:00 p.m., Rome Room

Friday, March 17

Introduction to Meditation ~ 11:30 a.m. in the Seminar Room

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

Ladies of Charities at Retreat: Peace Is Possible



“The Ladies of Charity of Southwest Florida had their annual retreat on February 10 at the Mary and Mercy Center located at Ave Maria University Campus. With over 62 women participating, the guest speaker was Peggy Stanton, author, journalist, and program host of “Power from the Pews” on Ave Maria radio and EWTN. The theme of this year’s retreat was “Peace Is Possible”. Following the retreat, participants attended Mass together at the church of Ave Maria. Touring the Saint Mother Teresa Museum ended the day of prayer and meditation.

The Ladies of Charity wish everyone “PEACE now and forever and will always pray for our parishioners, families and friends. God bless all of you!”

Jamaica Outreach Program

What You Do in His Name Is Always An Inspiration to Others

The annual JOP Food Drive saw Saint John the Evangelist parishioners supporting our ministry in Jamaica with enthusiasm and lots of food donations. An ocean-bound container left the parish grounds on March 6 with 600 cartons of food and goods. Over 500 of those were cartons of food. Among them were 129 cartons of cereal, 106 cartons of pasta, 97 cartons of canned vegetables, and 34 cartons of rice. Each carton of rice contained approximately 35 lbs. of rice packages. Additional cartons contained soup, flour, oatmeal, canned fruit, beans, juice, and shelled nuts.

Not all cartons listed on the manifest contained food. Also put on the Jamaica bound container were donated optical and dental supplies, 100 handmade dresses for young girls, donated text books from St. John Neuman High School, and a carton of handmade toys made by a woodcraft club at Bentley Village.



Bill and Ginny Rocha begin the work of sorting and packing the first day of the Food Drive.

Many volunteers from St. John Neuman and Caridad showed up to lend a hand in sorting and packing the food. Caridad is a Hispanic organization dedicated to helping non-profits like us in projects that feed the poor. Both these contingents worked both days of the Food Drive and gave meaningful help to a somewhat overwhelmed committee. Veteran JOP volunteers and a few new ones also contributed to the rather hefty tasks associated with this annual event. In fact, a group of parishioners from Rhode Island showed up to help our chairman, Ray Shawcross, a native of that state.

In the name of those Jamaicans who will receive the food and goods collected, we extend sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of the Food Drive. What you do in His name is always an inspiration to others to do the same.

text and photo submitted by Martha Mador, JOP

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During the
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*This year's theme...The Lord's Prayer, presented as six phrases over the six weeks of Lent.
Following each luncheon, you're invited to stay for a tour of the host facility.*

MARCH 8

*Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.*

Location: St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
7100 Airport Road, Naples, FL 34109
Presenter: Father Joseph Shaheen,
St. Paul's Antiochian Orthodox Church

MARCH 15

*Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on Earth as it is in Heaven.*

Location: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Avenue, Naples, FL 34110
Presenter: Father Paul D'Angelo,
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

MARCH 22

Give us this day our Daily Bread.

Location: AVOW Hospice
1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105
Presenter: Chaplain Henry Braga,
M Div., AVOW Hospice

MARCH 29

*And forgive us our Trespases, as we
forgive those who Trespass against us.*

Location: Naples YMCA
5450 YMCA Road, Naples, FL 34109
Presenter: Dr. Donald Wortham, Ph.D.,
President, Hodges University

APRIL 5

*And lead us not into
Temptation...*

Location: St. Agnes Catholic Church
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples, FL 34120
Presenter: Father Bob Kantor,
Pastor, St. Agnes Catholic Church

APRIL 12

But deliver us from Evil.

Location: East Naples United Methodist Church
2701 Airport Road South, Naples, FL 34112
Presenter: Pastor Zenford Gause,
First Love Family Ministries

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HELP WANTED



**Gaelic and Garlic Festival. Pitch in and Help Your Parish Family
March 18 & 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Two- Hour Shifts:**
Golf Cart Drivers • Traffic Controllers • Food Runners
Welcome Table • Trash and Cleaning Detail

Special Tasks:

March 18, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. – Life Center Groundbreaking Support
More to Come! Email jp@sjecc.com

Help needed serving refreshments and clean-up after 9:00 a.m. Mass on
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Contact Darlene 566.8740.

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The Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281 will host



“Friday Night Fish Fest” during Lent

at Saint John the Evangelist PLC

Dinner will be served from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Remaining Lenten Fish Fest Dates:

Friday Nights in Lent:

March 17, March 24, March 31, and April 7.

(No Fish Fest on Good Friday)

MENU CHOICES

Baked Fish Platter ~ \$12.00

Baked Cod, cup of homestyle clam chowder, cole slaw, and any of the following: mac and cheese, rice pilaf, stewed tomatoes, green beans almondine

Fried Cod Basket with Steak Fries ~ \$12.00

Deep fried beer battered Cod, cup of homestyle clam chowder, steak fries, cole slaw

Children’s Meal – under 7 years old ~ \$5.00

All Meals Include: french bread and butter, tartar sauce, lemon wedges, malt vinegar, dessert, soda, lemonade, coffee, tea

Tickets for Wine & Beer Available at \$3.00 each.

(Take Out Available)

Fish Fest Tickets only available at the door.

Long-Sleeve Relief Drive Now Through Thursday, April 13

The Florida Catholic Long-Sleeve Relief Drive takes place during Lent through Holy Thursday, April 13. Please donate clean, new, or used men’s and women’s cotton long-sleeve shirts to be worn in the fields to protect against sun and pesticide exposure.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to the Florida Catholic and mail to: Long Sleeve Relief, PO Box 4993, Orlando, FL 32802-4993.

For more information please contact Tammy Osborne at: tosborne@thefloridacatholic.org or 407.373.0079 or toll free 1.888.275.9953.

Some drop-off locations are:

Farmworker Association of Florida, Inc.
106 S 2nd St Suite 10, Immokalee, FL 34142 Contact: Jeannie Economos: 407.886.5151

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store
– Naples, FL 3196 Davis Blvd, Naples, FL 34104 call: 239.775.5768; M-Sat 9am-6pm

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ITALIAN NIGHT



MEATBALL SANDWICHES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

BIG BAND DANCE

Singles Welcome

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Tuesday, March 14, 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*



- Big Band Dance
- Remaining Schedule
- Tuesday, March 14
- Tuesday, March 28
- Tuesday, April 11

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

Sponsored by the Men’s Club and Ladies Auxiliary

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.)

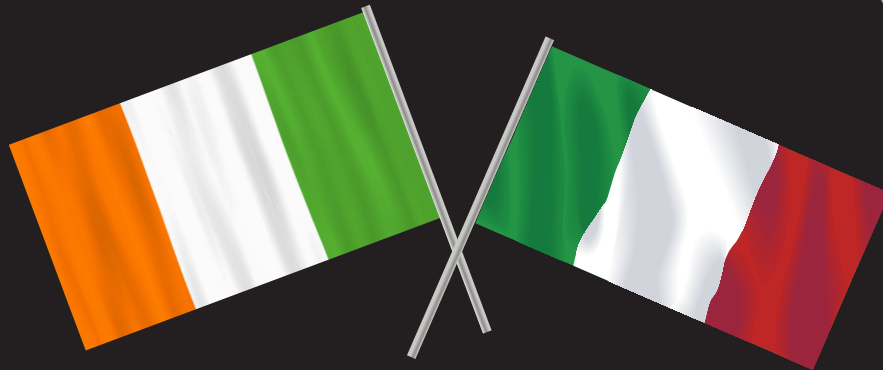
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March 19 from Noon to 7:00 p.m.

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- Pub Grub • Pizza • Corned Beef & Cabbage • Irish Beer •
- Italian Wine • Italian Music • Tir Na Nog Irish Step Dancers •
- Tarantella Italian Dancing • Opera Singers •
- “Your Best Nonna’s Meatball Contest” • Meatball Eating Contest •
- Arcade Games • Bounce Houses • Face Painting • & more •

Special Event:

Groundbreaking Ceremony of the
Pulte Life Center on Saturday, March 18
at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Frank J. Dewane



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Jan. 21, 2018	Day at Sea	
Jan. 22, 2018	St. Johns, Antigua	8am-4pm
Jan. 23, 2018	Bridgetown, Barbados	9am-6pm
Jan. 24, 2018	Castries, St. Lucia	7am-4pm
Jan. 25, 2018	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	9am arrive
Jan. 26, 2018	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	6pm depart
Jan. 27, 2018	Day at Sea	
Jan. 28, 2018	Day at Sea	
Jan. 29, 2018	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	7am



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