

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

March 5, 2017
First Sunday of Lent

**Gate Between
 Naples Park
 Elementary and
 St. John Will
 Be Closed at
 Times During
 Construction**

see page 3

**Special St. Pat's
 Day Mass
 Friday, March 17
 at 9:00 a.m.**

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**Bishop Dewane
 Will Celebrate
 Confirmation for
 Youth and Adults
 Monday, May 1**

see pages 16-17

**Groundbreaking
 of New Pulte Life
 Center Saturday,
 March 18**

see pages 7 and 21

Ministry Fair Offers Opportunity to Find Your Niche

**Join Us This Weekend, Sunday, March 5
 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Ballroom**

It can be overwhelming to see all of the activities and programs of our church. Each Ministry of Saint John the Evangelist can only succeed in its mission with the time and talent of you, our Parish Family. In order to assist you in finding a way to contribute that speaks to your soul, we will hold our annual Ministry Fair, this weekend, Sunday, March 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the PLC Ballroom.

Over 25 ministries will be at the fair. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast with our St. John Cub Scouts Pack 226 and browse the various organizations of St. John to see if there is something that interests you, whether you are here for two months of the year or all year long.

We need your help!



See more about the Cub Scouts Breakfast on page 12



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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.

Scan this tag with your smartphone to view our mobile website.

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

March 4, 2017 Saturday
8:00 AM + Felix Gryskiewicz Phyllis Gryskiewicz
Vigil Masses for Sunday
3:00 PM + Jerome VanderHorst Vicki VanderHorst
5:00 PM + Montello & Corbino Families Vincent & Kathy Corbino

March 5, 2017 Sunday
7:00 AM + Larry Doherty Hank & Emmy White
9:00 AM + Victona Ann Martin John Martin
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM + James Decarmine (3rd Anniv.) Carol Nucci
5:00 PM + Nicholas Senatore Wife & Daughters
Wine and Host in Memory of Jose Nicolas Arteta ~ requested by Mom, Dad and Sister

March 6, 2017 Monday
8:00 AM + Peter Dat Team Lan Tran
9:00 AM + Robert Pritchard Pritchard Family
12:15 PM + Pauline Piselli Barbara & Tom Dator

March 7 2017 Tuesday
8:00 AM + Marie Frieh Gina Andrews
9:00 AM + Concetta & Peter Mantegazza Pamela & Vincent Conlon
12:15 PM + Duane D. Peet Barbara Peet

March 8, 2017 Wednesday
8:00 AM + Jack Gaffey Lan Tran
9:00 AM SI Frank & Mary Lou Kreber Ann Miller
12:15 PM + Fay Van Wie Beverly & Dominic Gallo
6:30 PM + Bridget O'Keefe Joann Ryan

March 9, 2017 Thursday
8:00 AM + Steve Di Mattio Ruth & Rodney Sennett
9:00 AM + Fritz Fromert Judy & Joe Sambataro
12:15 PM + Dennis O'Keefe Joann Ryan

March 10, 2017 Friday
8:00 AM + Jennie D. Giandomenico Marion Gravina & Family
9:00 AM + Gaspare Barbaro Wife, Phyllis Barbaro
12:15 PM + Leo O'Connor Douglas O'Connor

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
Wine and Host in Memory of Raymond Leclerc ~ requested by Lorraine Leclerc

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 4, 2017
St. Casimir; First Saturday
Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Sunday, March 5, 2017
First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Monday, March 6, 2017
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 7, 2017
Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 8, 2017
St. John of God
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 9, 2017
St. Frances of Rome
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 10, 2017
Abstinence;
Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

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

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...

Campaign Corner

March 5, 2017

“Patience is the companion of wisdom.”
— Saint Augustine



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

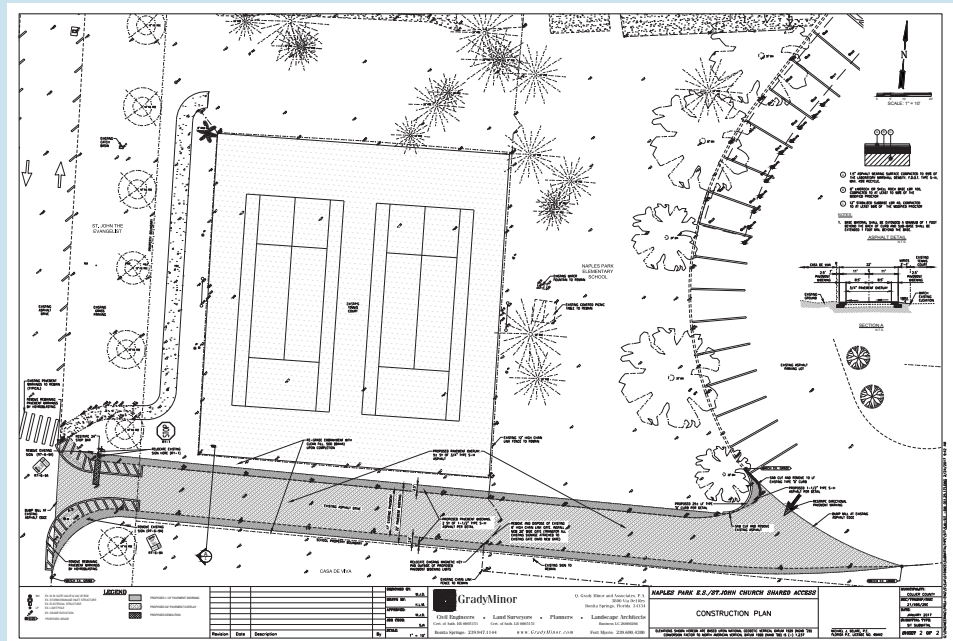
Collaboration with Naples Park Elementary

With the Groundbreaking almost upon us, we are working with our partner next door, Naples Park Elementary School, to ensure the smoothest possible transition from the campus we have now to the campus we will have next year. The safety of our Parish Family and the children of the school is our top priority. We have been working with the administration of Naples Park Elementary to communicate the “Year of Patience and Flexibility” and they will be as flexible and supportive of us as we are of them.

The main construction traffic for our Life Center will come into our campus through our main entrance. It will then drive around the outer perimeter of our parking lot and use the direct driveway from the front parking area all the way to the back area, travelling immediately past the adjoining roadway between us and the school, the tennis courts, and the baseball field. This construction traffic will impact the use of that driveway during business hours and school hours. It has been the determination of both the church and the school that the gate between the two campuses should be closed during those hours to ensure students, parents and parishioners are not put in harm’s way. Additionally, the school will be instructing all its members and after school programs that they can no longer park on our campus for pick-up times. We will have a dual-lock mechanism on the gates so that we can ensure access and use of the school parking for Mass times. This will allow us to continue to have access during our needed parking times, while protecting everyone during construction.

At the end of this construction, however, we will have a vastly improved connection between St. John and the school. We will be constructing a brand new pedestrian walkway between the school parking lot and the church. We will be widening the roadway to a true, two-lane access road. These changes will make it easier for our Parish Family to utilize the parking and fields on the school grounds for CYO and Masses, and allow the school to benefit from our parking lot and newly renovated access. It will be a tremendous step forward for both organizations. Please join me with your patience as we make the necessary changes to support the growth of our church and the Naples area.

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



Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager • 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

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Eucharistic Ministry

Maureen Reed EMMinistry@sjecc.com

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Call the Office 566.8740

Hospital

Mary Ellen Metro maryellen@sjecc.com

Lectors Ministry

lectors@sjecc.com

Greeters & Ushers:

Bill Fuller wfuller1@comcast.net
239.280.8870

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH*

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

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

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

All Administrative Staff
239.566.8740

General Manager

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Assistant to the Pastor

Tricia Schwarz

Parish Secretary

Deborah Marsh

Front Office Manager

Kathy Mooney

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Gary Prettyman

Artistic Director

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Sacristan & Martha's Guild

Lan Tran

Director of Family Mission

Jean-Paul Boucher

Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor

Kathy Sims

CYO Social and Spiritual Coordinator

Kyle VanDuser

Memorial Garden

Jean-Paul Boucher

Bookkeeper

Karen Beebe

Religious Boutique

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

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:

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. & 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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Bishop Dewane Celebrates Mass at St. John on Ash Wednesday, March 1

March 1 - April 9
40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

HELP SAVE LIVES IN NAPLES!

You can protect mothers and children; pray to end abortion and pray for healing for those affected by abortion.

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, *40 Days for Life* has inspired **725,000** volunteers worldwide!

With God's help ... we've seen proven results from *40 Days for Life* campaigns over the past 10 years:

- 12,668 babies have been saved from abortion
- 75 abortion centers have closed

Here Is How You Can Take Part:

St. John the Evangelist 40 Days for Life Dates:

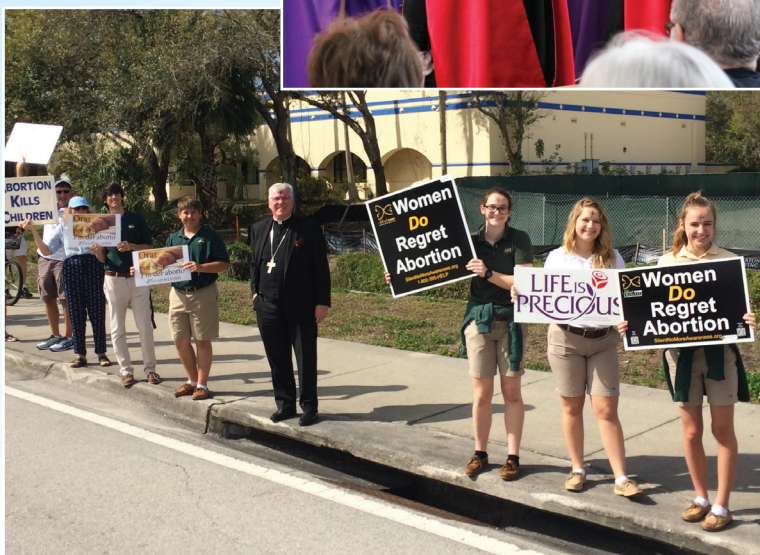
- **March 10 (Friday) – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
- **March 14 (Tuesday) – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, including a 10:30 a.m. prayer service with Fr. John

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

*Join us outside Planned Parenthood
at 1425 Creech Rd.
to pray for an end to abortion.*

Bishop Frank J. Dewane celebrated Mass here at Saint John the Evangelist on Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 8:00 a.m. Following the Mass, Bishop Dewane, Fr. John, and parishioners proceeded to Planned Parenthood for the Ash Wednesday Prayer Walk for Life, hosted by St. John. Over 150 people participated in The Prayer Walk, which is part of the 40 Days for Life campaign.

photos by Bob Reddy, Diocese of Venice



#ToLove – Migrant and Immigrant Support is Our Responsibility

It was heartening to see so many of our Parish Family at our Ash Wednesday Masses and our first Knights of Columbus Fish Fry this week. We dedicated the day to our support of Guadalupe Social Services, the Catholic Charities organization that serves the poor and migrant population of Immokalee. Our direct support to this organization has been able to fill its food pantry, stock the free clothing and sundry room, ensure they can keep the shower rooms and laundry operating every week, and feed over 100 people a day in the soup kitchen.

However, this past Tuesday, just one day before, we were responsible to prepare and serve that very same soup kitchen. We had over a dozen volunteers pile into our St. John CYO bus, beaming with the love and mercy of our Catholic faith. They were shocked at the ghost town that greeted them. Instead of lines of hungry, malnourished individuals and families, barely 15 people were waiting to eat. Normally, the soup kitchen serves three seatings of 40+ people, getting a simple but filling lunch. This time, there was not even enough to fill the room half way. What happened?

The simple answer is fear.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, during his speech to the International Forum on Migration and Peace, has made it clear how we as Catholics are to support immigrants, migrants, and those displaced from their homes with four simple words: welcome, protect, promote and integrate:



Migration, in its various forms, is not a new phenomenon in humanity's history. It has left its mark on every age, encouraging encounter between peoples and the birth of new civilizations. In its essence, to migrate is the expression of that inherent desire for the happiness proper to every human being, a happiness that is to be sought and pursued. For us Christians, all human life is an itinerant journey towards our heavenly homeland...

Before this complex panorama, I feel the need to express particular concern for the forced nature of many contemporary migratory movements, which increases the challenges presented to the political community, to

civil society and to the Church, and which amplifies the urgency for a coordinated and effective response to these challenges.

by Jean-Paul Boucher
General Manager
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Our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate...

I believe that conjugating these four verbs, in the first person singular and in the first person plural, is today a responsibility, a duty we have towards our brothers and sisters who, for various reasons, have been forced to leave their homeland: a duty of justice, of civility and of solidarity. – Pope Francis 2/21/2017 (http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2017/02/21/pope_francis_the_protection_of_migrants_is_a_moral_duty/1293921)

I recommend everyone please read the entire speech (we will post the full text on our website), as it is truly powerful. Please join us in finding solutions that bring justice, civility and solidarity to our area, and remove the fear from those needing to eat lunch at a Catholic Church in Immokalee.

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#ToKnow – CFA Weekend Brings in Over \$52,000 Towards Our Goal

The generosity and engagement of our Parish Family truly knows no bounds. Thank you for showcasing this fact during our Catholic Faith Appeal Weekend, which raised over \$52,000 towards our overall 2017 goal of \$521,000. This amount will not be reflected in this week's chart of our CFA goal, as it will take time to process these gifts and submit it to the Diocese. By raising 10% of our goal in a single weekend, not to mention the wonderful continued pledges and donations of our Parish Family to the CFA, we will be able to directly impact the lives of those in need here in Naples and around the Diocese.

*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:

Cpl. Francisco Alvarenga
U.S. Marines

Sp. Petrus Botha
U.S. Army

S. Isaiah Brutus
U.S. Air Force

Ensign Stuart Campbell
U.S. Navy

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

Adam Decker
U.S. Air Force

Nicholas Detloff
U.S. Air Force

Joshua Emmons
U.S. Air Force

LCpl. Conor Fleurant
USMC

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

Lt. Bernardo Garcia
U.S. Marines

Lt. Joseph Gilig
1st Marine Division
* LAV Recon

Cpl. Dylan Granza
U.S. Army Ranger

Spc. Shelby Granza
U.S. Army

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

Spc. Douglas Hennessy
U.S. Army

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

Marine Colonel Brian Howlett USMC

2nd Lt. Sean Kealey
U.S. Army

Lt. John Meyers
U.S. Army

LCpl. Randy A. Novak
USMC

LCpl. Ryan D. Novak
USMC

Ryan D. Novak
USMC

Sgt. Larry Oldenburg
Iraq

Cpt. Daniel Palmer
U.S. Army

Cpt. John Palmer
U.S. Army

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

Lt. Robert Pedrigi
U.S. Army

Lt. Joseph Schafer
U.S. Army

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

Lt. Jr. Gabriella Scudato
U.S. Coast Guard

MidShipman Micaela Scudato
U.S. Naval Academy

Spc. Andrew Smith
U.S. Army (Kuwait)

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

Houng Tran
U.S. Army

IT2 Jason E. Tydingco
(USN)

Staff Sgt. Brandon Waithe
U.S. Air Force

Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino
U.S. Air Force

OUTREACH & OTHER GROUPS

AA. Robert: 239.287.2442

Al-Anon. Carol: 804.306.5323 and Juliette: Lysack

Narcotics Anonymous.

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

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:

Richard Joseph Foulsham, Patricia Ann Moroney, Anna Parrish and Patricia Frankovic Singer

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

Dick Clark

Anthony D'Antuono

Mark DaBronzo

Anna Focht

Rick Genel

Joe Goss

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 5, 2017 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Hymns for the 1st Sunday of Lent, March 4 & 5, 2017

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Entrance Hymn: 717 Litany of the Saints

Preparation Hymn: 136 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

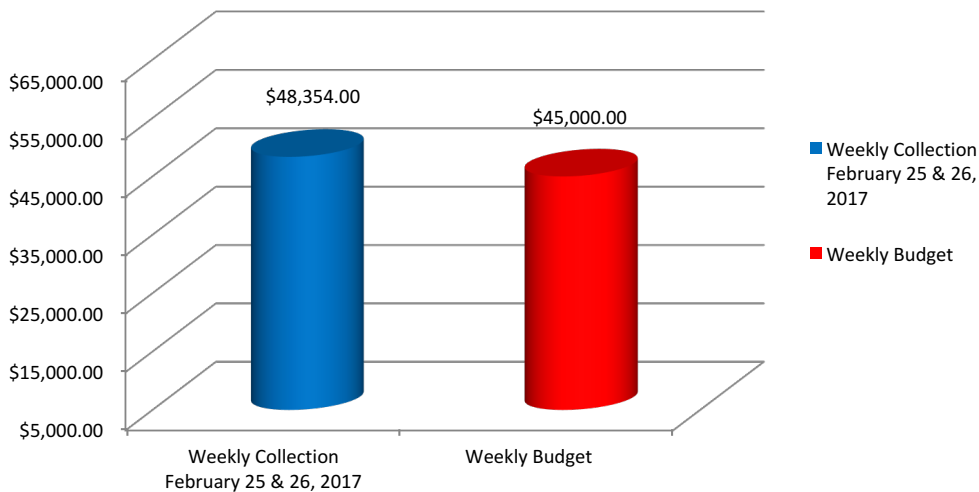
Communion Hymn: 659 Turn to Me

435 On Eagle's Wings

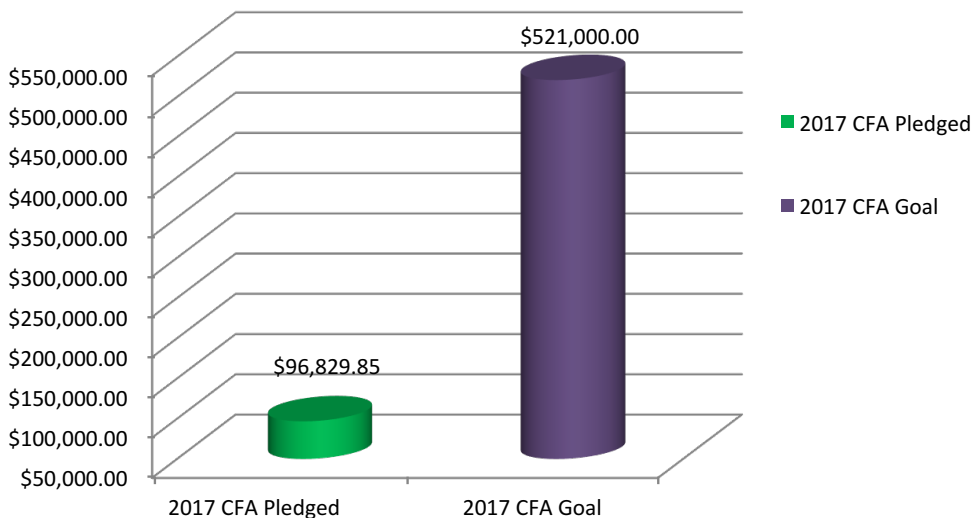
Closing Hymn: 713 Lift High the Cross

During this great season of Lent, the Holy Church charges us to present and sing music which centers on the themes and pillars of Lent. Our Opening Hymn, Litany of the Saints, is chosen to invoke the Saints to pray for us on this Lenten journey. We refrain from the Glorias and Alleluias (with a few exceptions) until Holy Thursday and Easter. The Roman Missal even provides specific instructions for music during this season. The music may seem more reflective; yet, still powerful, intense, and even dramatic (if you will). The joy does not cease, however, because we remain a resurrection people. There are special and beautiful Lenten hymns and chants which we can, once again, immerse and enrich our spirits during our Lenten journey.

Collection Summary



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



A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People

The Catholic Jewish Dialogue presents Dr. William Madges, renowned professor and compiler of the world traveling exhibit *“A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People.”*

Lecture and slide presentation and discussion.
St. Ann Catholic Church,
Jubilee Center,
525 9th Avenue S., Naples
Sunday March 5, 1:30 p.m.

RSVP to cjdialogue@naples.net to help us plan.

Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

Monday, March 6 10:00 AM
Solaris Senior Living
+Juana Cabrera req. by LeChic

Tuesday, March 7 11:00 AM
Bayshore Memory Care
+Michele LaVita
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Santorelli

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, March 5, 2017: the First Sunday of Lent

Opening Song 717 **Litany of the Saints (Becker)**

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
5
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 659 **Turn to Me**

Closing Song **You Are the Lord** Matt Maher

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V.1) You gave me a title, although I didn't know you. You called my name, and blessed me with life. Now I've squandered the fortunes of my childhood, given in to a world of lies... But I can't hide forever from what I know is true; Jesus, I surrender my life to you— (*to chorus*)

V.2) The mountains, they move at the sound of your holy name; the lame will walk and the blind will see. I know you want my heart, I know that I am nothing; you are the source of ev'rything... And I can't live forever, unless I live in you; Jesus I surrender my life to you— (*to chorus*)



Chorus

'Cause YOU ARE THE LORD and there is no oth-er, You're my God and I'm not a - shamed,
5
I'll stand for you when the whole world fal-ters, I will bear your name And I won't be the same.

Our Adult Choir Seeking New Singers to Join...NOW! Our adult choir is currently inviting ALL SINGERS, ages 18 and older, to join our choir. Why join the St. John adult choir? We develop proper vocal skills, sing exciting sacred music for our beautiful liturgies and concerts, learn more about our Mass and Faith, gain a more personal and rewarding involvement in the worship, work together as a team, socialize as a family. You get the idea...and we have fun in the entire process! The invitation is open to all interested singers, but especially needing Altos, Tenors and Basses! We rehearse every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. We are about to immerse ourselves into the magnificent music for Lent/Holy Week/Easter!!! Consider coming to a rehearsal to see what you think. Try choir for one month or a season. Please contact Gary Prettyman or Jennine Fuentes at the Parish Office during the week, or after Mass, for more information.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March Madness Fundraiser

March 5 and 12: Register outside of Mass to receive the March Madness NCAA Tournament bracket by email. \$10 per entry. Prizes for Best Win Percentage Bracket and Championship Game Closest Score guess.
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE GRENADA MISSION TRIP.



NCAA and NCAA Championships are trademarks of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

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



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 for our ministries. See opportunities at Ministry Fair Sunday, March 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Ballroom.

Help needed serving refreshments and clean-up after 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Must be fingerprinted and take Safe Environment Training Class. Contact Darlene 566.8740.

To place a Help Wanted ad, please send all info to: info@sjecc.com at least two weeks prior to publication date.

St. John Cub Scouts Pack 226 Pancake Breakfast with sausage this Sunday, March 5

Available after

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses
in the St. John Ballroom

Enjoy breakfast with other parishioners and support Saint John the Evangelist's Cub Scout Pack 226 Sunday, March 5. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee will be served.

This is an important fundraiser for our Cub Scouts and a fun morning for you!

DONATIONS ACCEPTED!

Thank you for planning to support them.

**Browse the Ministry Fair
while enjoying
your pancakes and sausage!**



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!

St. John Neumann Catholic High School OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 5 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

CALL TODAY! 239-455-3044 or visit: www.sjnceltics.org

MASS PARKING

MARCH 18-19, 2017

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

The Word & Life

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Let God Be God!

*D*uring this first week of Lent, we are asked to step outside our normal routines and spend some time in prayerful preparation. Lent is a time when we open ourselves to renewal, conversion, and transformation. We are called to turn away from our sin and be faithful to the gospel, which brings us new life. On Ash Wednesday numerous Catholics were marked with the cross on the forehead with ashes. As they were marked they were told, “Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return,” or, “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel.” Lent is a time to humble ourselves by admitting one day that our bodies are going to be returned to the earth. More importantly, Lent is a time to consider the spiritual aspects of our lives, i.e. the way in which we will prepare to meet God face to face one day. We should ask ourselves in the meantime “How am I to live a truly authentic Christian life?”

Reflection Questions

1. Why does Jesus go into the desert?
2. What is the value in fasting and praying?
3. What are the temptations Jesus experiences?
4. How does Jesus respond to each temptation?
5. What does Lent mean to you?
6. What does Lent prepare you for?
7. Are there temptations in your life? Name them.
8. How does the gospel teach you to overcome your temptations?
9. Are you willing to join the Church’s call to fast, pray, and give alms this Lent? Why or why not?
10. What commitments are you willing to make?

We are told in today’s gospel that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to prepare for what became known as his public ministry. There, Jesus fasted and prayed. However, he was also tempted by the devil. The interchange between both Jesus and the devil demonstrates all too familiar temptations that the world faces today. The devil wants Jesus to abuse his power to produce loaves of bread out of stone. Jesus’ response is to rely on God and let His Word feed him. The devil’s request for Jesus to throw himself off the temple is merely a ploy to put God to the test. The third request is the promise of material wealth given through false worship. Jesus dismisses all these temptations and allows God to take precedence in his life. He relies on the Father’s words to guide and nourish him totally, trusting in its promise. His worship does not necessarily bring him worldly power but God’s guiding hand through the angels to aid him. Such confidence does not need to put God to the test.

Humanity can learn from Jesus’ example today. We are faced with many temptations. The need to achieve material wealth can obscure the vision and dream that God has for each one of us. Myriads of advertisements

tell us that our lives would be so much better if we purchased the products they are endorsing. But do they? Relying on God’s Word and imitating Christ brings us happiness and the betterment of life. Many of the humanistic philosophies and new age thoughts try to pull us away from the reliance of the Transcendent. These philosophies say that we do not need God because we can stand on our own two feet. Humanism merely speaks to the present — it does not promise a future and the hope of resurrection. True worship leads us to God. False worship leads people to death. Looking at the

scientific advancements that have taken place, we might come to the conclusion that we are putting God to the test. Drugs are readily available to destroy the beginnings of human life. Governments continue to push for embryonic stem cell research. In England, it is now alright for scientists to clone human embryos. We are told that this is necessary for the convenience of life and the importance of discovering new ways of eradicating diseases. But what is God's plan? What are his expectations of us? Why cannot we let God be God in a world yearning for Him? We are asked to prayerfully ponder all these things during the holy season of Lent.

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



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Prayer

God of all beginnings, help us to be renewed during this season of Lent. May we prayerfully consider how we have treated one another and always respond to your love, concern, compassion, and forgiveness. May we not be tempted by the temporal things in life that lead us away from you. Rather, let us grasp the things that will transform us and bring us closer to you. May we be your people and you be our God. Amen.

Voices of Faith

Temptation

The fearless preacher Paul
Reminds us all
"The word is near you,
In your mouth and in your heart."
Sentiments not of an empty soul
But one who knows The Lord

And so we enter into forty days
Of Holy Lent
God bids us enter forth the wilderness
To spend time with him
With fasting, prayer and charity
Our hearts, mouths and souls open to the living Lord

In the desert of our lives
We encounter our God
Waiting to speak to us
To love us and show us the Way
Leading us to the Truth of all truths
And to the reality of Resurrection's Light

Our holy longing leads us forth
To seek heaven's way
Hungers run deep in our souls
As we wait to be fed by Sacred Word
Fleeting promises of a deceptive world
Brings temptation's dawn born on the wings of a
fallen angel

In false promises our minds do wander
Taken away from wisdom divine
Our mouths praise not God's Word
Nor do our hearts reveal love sublime
Our imaginations fall into temptation
Where an angel fallen waits to steal

But in Christ we move forward still
Our discipline of Holy Lent enables us to see
Hope divine and sacred will
Of the One who bids us to rely not
Upon the food that will perish
But upon the Word that gives life

In the midst of a world filled
With allusions and selfish ambitions
We are tempted to settle with second best
And fill our minds with false promises
But God patiently awaits
Our fitting worship and praises

So let us not be taken in
By the prince of lies
Cast not your lives into the darkness of sin
Put not The Lord your God to the test
Allow not the promise of his mercy to excuse not
your actions
But fall into the arms of Love itself who will bear
you upon eagle's wings

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



Faith Formation

2016-2017 School Year

WHAT IS CRS RICE BOWL?

FAITH FORMATION LENTEN MISSION PROJECT: CRS RICE BOWL: WEEK 1



photo by Jennifer Hardy, Catholic Relief Services

This week CRS Rice Bowl invites us to encounter Megha and Raj Singh and their family in India. Catholic Relief Services is working with them to ensure that they have the tools and knowledge they need to continue putting food on their family's table even during storms.

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

WHAT IS CRS RICE BOWL?



CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program for families and faith communities in the United States who want to put their faith into action. Through CRS Rice Bowl, participants are invited to hear stories about their brothers and sisters in need around the world, and devote their Lenten prayers, fasting and alms to change the lives of those who suffer in poverty.

Participants journey through the 40 days of Lent with a collection of daily reflections and activities included in the CRS Rice Bowl calendar and on the mobile app. Rice Bowls can be picked up in the Parish Office reception area or in the Faith Formation Office. We will collect Rice Bowls at the end of Lent.

Thank you all for participating!

Bishop Frank J. Dewane Will Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation Here May 1

Bishop Frank J. Dewane will be at St. John on Monday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. Our High School Youth have been preparing for two years for this special day.

Our Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, "the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For by the sacrament of Confirmation, (the

baptized) are more perfectly bound to the church and enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." (CCCC1285)

Please pray for our youth as they continue to prepare for their special day!

See page 17 for information on Adult Confirmation.

Faith Formation This Week

Sunday, March 5

Faith Formation Class and Parent Faith Formation

~ 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

High School Confirmation Class ~ 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Safe Environment for High School classes this week.

Wednesday, March 8

Faith Formation Class and Parent Faith Formation

~ 5:45 - 7:00 p.m.

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 Schedule Set

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 confirmations ranged in age from 18 to 80 and spanned three generations.

Preparation for Confirmation, which will be on Monday, May 1, consists of four 90-minute sessions on Thursday evening, March 16, March 30, April 20, and April 27. There will also be a Retreat and Penance Service together with the RCIA Catechumen and Candidates on Saturday, April 8 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

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.

Beginning This Week: Lenten Happy Hour With Themes From Father James Martin

Six Tuesdays in Lent beginning March 7 from 5:00 – 6:25 p.m.

Reflect on the major themes of lent. Listen to inspirational talks on Lenten themes given by Father James Martin, S.J. Following each video there will be a group discussion, followed by praying Lectio Divina based on the upcoming Sunday Gospel.



Father Martin's succinct Spirit-led talks will guide us to gain transforming patterns for our lives that will enhance our Lenten experience and future lives. Learn why there is "JOY" when we are in Christ Jesus. We will focus on our oneness, our joy, and our inner peace in Christ.

James Martin, S.J. is a Jesuit priest and editor-at-large of America magazine. His sermons are taken from his New York Times best-selling books including *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*, *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*, *My Life with the Saints*, *Between Heaven and Mirth*, and *Seven Last Words*, and others.

This Week's Complete Schedule

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

The Bible Timeline, *Desert Wanderings, Numbers* ~11:30 a.m., Seminar Room, and 7:30 p.m., Rome Room

Parents' Happy Hour ~ 5:45 p.m., Seminar Room

Thursday, March 9

CATHOLICISM, *The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church* ~ 11:30 a.m., Seminar Room

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

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, *Divided Kingdom, Exile, Return* ~12:30 p.m., Rome Room and 7:00 p.m., Seminar Room

Friday, March 10

Introduction to Meditation ~ 6:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room

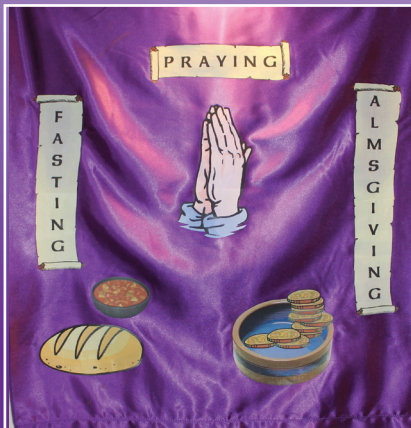
Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator. Call 239.566.8740, ext. 3918 or email jack@sjecc.com

Arts and Liturgical Prepares the Church and Grounds for Lent

The Arts and Liturgical Environment Ministry provides leadership in setting the environment of the Church during all the Liturgical seasons. On Tuesday, February 28, ministry members prepared the church and grounds for Lent.

“For the Lenten Season, we tried to make the church an inviting, comfortable place for spiritual renewal by placing subtle reminders of what Jesus did for us. We emphasize the Lenten color of violet both on the cross and in banners behind the statues and below the Stations of the Cross. The tree limb symbolizes the *‘Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving’* that we all are mindful of, particularly during this season. The three jugs – one of which has been broken many times and fixed – represent God’s people working toward being better,” said Kay Sanfelippo, ministry leader.

Ministry members who help set up the church for Lent were: Marty Gauthier, Marianne Brooks, Sharon Monaco, Janet Patterson, and Richie Zweifel, under the direction of Kay and Andy Sanfelippo.



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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 Trespasses, 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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Our sales rep for the bulletin is Joe Sheehy. You can contact Joe direct: 203.231.0727 or email: jsheehy@MessnerPublications.com Joe will also be on campus the week of Monday, March 6, and Wednesday, March 8, if you wish to speak to him directly.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and continued support of the weekly bulletin. We ask that you also continue to support our current sponsor advertisers, many of whom have been advertising for years, and let them know you saw their ad in the bulletin.

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 3, March 10, 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.

Annual Emerald Ball Saturday, March 11 at Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples; Benefits Catholic Charities

The Annual Emerald Ball will be held on Saturday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m., at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples. All proceeds will benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. in Collier County which include financial assistance, professional counseling, food pantries and food programs, empowerment program, refugee services, senior services, immigration services, soup kitchen, clothing room and shower program, English classes for mothers, and special projects like Undy Sunday, the Weekend Power Pack Food Program, and holiday gift and food distribution.

The evening will include a cocktail hour, auctions, dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$300 a person. For information and tickets visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or call 239.455.2655 or email banderson@catholiccharitiescc.org.

The St. John local Farmers
Market is open every
Friday, from 9:00 a.m.
to 2:00 p.m.

BIG BAND DANCE

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
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CONTACT: 239-821-9395
Prepayment Required

Singles Welcome

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Admission:
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and Soda ~ \$1.00
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per 12 oz. cup;
\$7.00 per 60 oz.
pitcher
• Wine and
Mixed Drinks
~ \$3.00
Dress: Country
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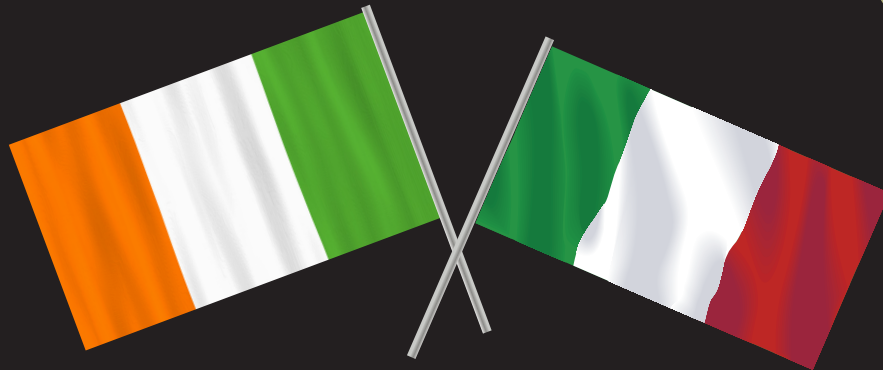
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March 19 from Noon to 7:00 p.m.

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- 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. 20, 2018	Day at Sea	
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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