


July 9, 2017

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# EVANGELIST

SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Independence Day Celebration Honors Veterans, Service

The Knights of Columbus of Saint John the Evangelist honored four US Veterans at the 6th Annual Independence Celebration on Saturday, June 24. There was a packed Ballroom, filled with a sea of red, white, and blue, all of whom came to show their appreciation for the men and women who put their lives on the line to protect our

freedoms as Americans. The pouring rain did not stop anyone from attending, including our friends from St. Agnes.

Our Parish Family was treated to a full night of patriotic activities, starting with the Naples High School JROTC, led by LTC Paul Garrah, US Army, Ret. After their rousing Drill Team and Drum Line Exhibition, our guest speaker, Gary McClain, provided his passionate description of integrity as well as his efforts for the Military Archdiocese on behalf of the Knights of Columbus. While 25% of the military identifies as Catholic, there are only 200 active Catholic Chaplains in our armed forces. There is a significant need.

The honorees of this year's celebration then came forward and we were able to honor men from both World War II and Korea for their service. It was incredibly special that Fr. Bob Kantor, who was a Military Chaplain, happened to have a special medal given to him for D-Day service, and he was able to pin it on one of our honorees.

The night ended with music and dancing as we all celebrated together. We all thank the Knights who dedicated so much of their time to putting together this wonderful event. God Bless the USA!

*text by Jean-Paul Boucher,  
General Manager*

*see more photos on page 5*



1LT Frank Kogut, US Army



PO2 Carmine (Skip) C. Amodeo, US Navy



PO3 Jerry Vezina, US Navy



CPL Anthony Lombardi, USMC



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Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.  
Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. — Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 & 5:00 p.m.

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

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<b>July 8, 2017 Saturday</b> 8:00 AM + Diane Rieffle <b>Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday</b> 3:00 PM + Jerome VanderHorst 5:00 PM + Peter Acerbi	Bruce & Peg Reale Vicki VanderHorst Son, David Acerbi
<b>July 9, 2017 Sunday</b> 7:00 AM + Rose Plauchak 9:00 AM + Vito, Franco & Gianni Nardulli 11:00 AM For Our Parishioners 1:00 PM + Elvis Hilj 5:00 PM + Alex Dimenna	Paul&June Bilardo Giuseppe & Anna Nardulli Sylvia Kidd (The Kidd Family) Squittieri Famiy
<b>July 10, 2017 Monday</b> 8:30 AM + Maureen Crawford	Douglas O'Conner
<b>July 11, 2017 Tuesday</b> 8:30 AM + Patricia Conboy Shannon	Sue Perry
<b>July 12, 2017 Wednesday</b> 8:30 AM + Sean Scully 6:30 PM + Joyce Family	Sue Perry Patricia Joyce
<b>July 13, 2017 Thursday</b> 8:30 AM + Catherine Root	Mike & Kathy Mooney
<b>July 14, 2017 Friday</b> 8:30 AM + Paul Harris, Jr.	The Stephen Family
<b>July 15, 2017 Saturday</b> 8:00 AM + Carol Seay <b>Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday</b> 3:00 PM + Fred "Fritz" Fromert 5:00 PM + Gene Zilavy	Bruce & Peg Reale Janet D'Addario Nancy Zilavy
<b>July 16, 2017 Sunday</b> 7:00 AM + Fran Purcell 9:00 AM + Fred "Fritz" Fromert 11:00 AM For Our Parishioners 1:00 PM + Rolin Rodriguez 5:00 PM + Peter Acerbi	Catherine Sblendorio Kay Reid Millie Rodriguez & Family Peter's Wife

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, July 8, 2017**  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**  
Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;  
Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

**Sunday, July 9, 2017**  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;  
Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

**Monday, July 10, 2017**  
Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday, July 11, 2017**  
St. Benedict  
Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday, July 12, 2017**  
Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday, July 13, 2017**  
St. Henry  
Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

**Friday, July 14, 2017**  
St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,  
39-40; Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday, July 15, 2017**  
St. Bonaventure  
Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**  
Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23;  
Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

**Sunday, July 16, 2017**  
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23;  
Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

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



**FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5** available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.

**MASS INTENTIONS...**

# Campaign Corner

July 9, 2017

*“Patience is adjusting your time  
to God’s time.”*

— Mother Angelica



A Capital Campaign for  
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## *Access Road, Sidewalk, and New Parking Lot Construction Begins*

In our constant attempt to improve the safety and accessibility of St. John for our Parish Family and the community, we have finalized the construction planning of new approaches to enter and leave our campus. Did you know that our church actually began with Masses in the school next door, Naples Park Elementary School, while our church was being built? We are blessed to have such a wonderful neighbor who provides their needed parking and access to our church. Our Ministry efforts, led by the Ladies of Charity and Sewing Group, have directly impacted the lives of the children and families of the school with food, school supplies, and clothes for years.

This relationship will be strengthened even more in this next year due to the efforts to expand the access to and from both of our campuses. This week, the expansion of the roadway between the school and church will begin: providing a safe, two-lane roadway for traffic. Additionally, a brand-new sidewalk will be built between the parking lots, between the tennis courts and the baseball field. This sidewalk will make it easier for our Parish Family to park in the school lot and walk directly to the church, rather than competing with the vehicle traffic on the road. It will be so much safer for everyone.

The front lot construction we have described before will begin this week as well. Our new front lot will not only be easier to use, but it will increase the total parking available by an additional 40 spots. There will be periods over the next month where we will not be able to park in the very front of the church, but the side lots will continue to be accessible during this construction.

We appreciate everyone’s patience as we make these important changes to our campus.

As we **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past**, we still need all the gifts, prayers, and support of our Parish Family to reach our Pinnacle Goals. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Lichwalla, the Campaign Coordinator at 239.495.2001 or email: [campaign@sjecc.com](mailto:campaign@sjecc.com).

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



## PARISH CLERGY



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

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

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### Greeters & Ushers:

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

## 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: deb@sjecc.com*

**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: tricia@sjecc.com*

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

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

## CONTACT INFORMATION

*Business Office is located in the PAC (behind the Church)*

**All Administrative Staff**  
239.566.8740

### General Manager

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239.566.8740, dial 0

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### Director of Religious Education

Natalie Campbell: [natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com)

### Coordinator, Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

Jack Kindsvater: [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com)

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: [www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com)

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### Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
(until all are heard)

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

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., 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

## FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the front office at 239.566.8740 or email: [info@sjecc.com](mailto:info@sjecc.com)  
Thank you!

### Choirs:

Gary Prettyman: [gary@sjecc.com](mailto:gary@sjecc.com)

### Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Residents and seasonals welcome.

### Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.  
Grades 1-5.

### Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.  
Grades 6-12 especially welcome.

**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 or Darlene Follese: prayerlist@sjecc.com or 239.566.8740*

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*To Know, To Love, and To Serve God  
in His Church and Our Community.*

## PARISH INFORMATION... OPERATIONAL

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# Independence Day Celebration Honors Veterans, Service



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### #ToKnow, #ToLove, #ToServe – Convocation of Catholic Leaders Day 1: Mass that Showcases Universalism of Church

by Jean-Paul Boucher  
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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops held one of its largest meetings, called the Convocation of Catholic Leaders in Orlando over the Independence Day Weekend. We are very blessed as a Parish Family that Fr. John made it a priority for our church to attend to contribute our voice and listen intently to learn from other experts in our faith. Natalie Campbell, our DRE, was requested to attend by Bishop Dewane, Fr. John, Rick Beebe, our Pastoral Stewardship Council, and myself all attended for our Parish Family.

*Inspired by Evangelii Gaudium, the Convocation will form leaders who will be equipped and re-energized to share the Gospel as missionary disciples, while offering fresh insights informed by new research, communications strategies, and successful models. (<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/get-involved/meetings-and-events/usccb-convocation-2017.cfm>)*

We arrived just in time to witness the opening Mass of the Convocation of Catholic Leaders in Orlando, FL. However, out of respect, our team from St. John did not go into the Hall. Instead, we had a unique opportunity to witness how the Mass was experienced by the other participants. It was a wonderful illustration of several themes:

- **Universality** – There were both Gospel Choirs and Gregorian Chants as the Liturgical Music, which engaged the congregation differently
- **Theme of Joy and Inclusion** – Cardinal Dolan gave a light-hearted and engaging Homily.

A core insight came to light in our discussions with all the different people we met after the Mass. They thought that this beautiful Mass illustrated exactly what the theme



was all about, joy. But, we all noticed that there was a feeling of “gloom” when some of the chanting made it difficult for full participation. Some of the participants did not seem to enjoy Cardinal Dolan’s quips during the Mass, where he commented on how “things are done in NYC”. Others laughed out loud.

It invigorated us to make this Convocation a special moment of the Catholic Church here in the U.S. But more importantly, to declare we are in permanent state of Missionary action as a Catholic Church, focusing on embracing and accompanying all, especially those who identify as “Nones” (no religious affiliation) and those on the peripheries of our parish and our society.

Several of us met with nationally recognized experts in Youth and Young Adult programs after the Mass. In those conversations, it was actually these experts who were taken back at just how much we are doing to engage, shepherd, and enliven the younger groups in our area. From the Life Center to starting CYO to involving adults in arts programs, they believe we are not only on the right track, but that we are thought to be leaders for the rest of the parishes should look towards.

*Sister Pat, Principal of Saint John Neumann High School, also attended the Convocation.*

## Create a Catholic Legacy - Support Seminarian Education

You already know the joy that comes from sharing with the less fortunate. Think about the joy that will be yours when you know you have created a Catholic legacy that will provide priests to the Diocese forever. This year, we have a record number of new seminarians and we need your help to support them in their discernment of the call to the priesthood. A gift to the Timothy Endowment Fund will help provide income to train our future priests for years to come.

If you would like more information about the "Timothy Fund", please contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 941.441.1124 or email [ccf@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:ccf@dioceseofvenice.org).

## Register Now for the 2017-2018 Faith Formation Year

Registration Forms are available online at [www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com) or may be picked up in our parish office. Our staff will be working hard to prepare for another great year!

If you are interested in becoming a Catechist or volunteering in our Faith Formation ministry, please contact Natalie at [Natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:Natalie@sjecc.com).

## Arts and Music Summer Camp at St. John for ages 6 - 14 begins July 17 - 21 from 9am-4pm.

Students bring their own lunches and will meet in the Clausen Center Choir Room for their first class.

Offering classes daily in: string instruments · voice  
· piano · acting & improv comedy · painting

Receive 5 weeks worth of classes in one week.

There will be a small showcase at 4 p.m. on July 21.

### Registration for Summer 2017 CYO and CAO Arts and Music Classes is open!

We are offering the following classes during the summer.  
Please register as soon as possible to ensure that your class of interest is offered.



**CYO:**  
Ballroom Dance on Wednesdays at 4pm beginning July 26  
Improv Comedy on Mondays at 7pm beginning July 24  
Art and Painting on Thursdays at 10am beginning July 20  
Singing Lessons on Fridays at 4:30pm beginning June 30  
Guitar Lessons on Sundays at 3:15pm beginning July 2

#### additional summer offerings:

Keyboard/Piano 1 (open to all beginners) on Saturdays  
at Noon beginning July 29  
Keyboard/Piano 2 (by invitation or audition only) on Saturdays  
at 10am beginning July 29



**CAO:**  
Ballroom Dance on Wednesdays at 5pm beginning July 26  
Painting Class on Saturdays at 11:15am beginning July 29  
Vocal/Cantor Training on Fridays at 3pm beginning June 30  
Guitar Lessons on Saturdays at 1pm beginning July 22

Register online on our website or at the parish office!  
Don't miss out on these special summer classes being offered just for you!

Email [jennine@sjecc.com](mailto:jennine@sjecc.com) for more information.

## Wedding Banns

Third announcement between  
Margarita Alfaro  
and Christian Tapia



## GRIEF SUPPORT

A seven-week grief support group will begin at St. John on Tuesday, July 11. The gathering will be from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. each Tuesday and will meet in the Claussen Family Center. Meeting dates are: July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8, August 15, and August 22.

Anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. To register, please call GERALYN POLETTI at Catholic Charities at 455.2655 or for individual assistance call Leo Gallagher at 239.594.1535.

Any parishioner who needs individual grief support or immediate assistance may contact the parish office to set up an appointment with one of our priests.

## PARISH COUNCILS:

**Building 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. *Council President: Bill Siostrom: bsjast@yahoo.com or 239.566.8314*

**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. *Council President: Barbara Kuryea: payables1@comcast.net or 239.513.9952*

**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 or 239.597.2086*

## MEET OUR MINISTRIES:

**Arimatheans.** Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. *Toni Biordi: 239.597.1966.*

**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 Follese: prayerlist@sjecc.com or 239.566.8740*

**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: *Beth Lucci: sjeride@gmail.com or 239.877.6254*

**Divine Gift Boutique** (located across from the restrooms). **Non-Season Hours:** Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If interested in volunteering, contact *Elaine deLaurentis: elaine@sjecc.com or 239.228.3921*

## 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: 239.293.3694 or lhariza@yahoo.com or Beth Lucci: 239.877.6254*

**Faith and Wine.** Provide interesting and thought provoking speakers monthly with food and fellowship for women in the Diocese. Info: *www.faithandwine@gmail.com, or Nancy Squitieri: faithandwine@gmail.com or 239.566.8740*

**Grief Support Ministry.** Grief facilitators hold support groups as needed to give support to those suffering a loss. *Leo Gallagher: 239.594.1535*

**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: 239.248.3248 or info@jamaicaoutreach.org*

**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: Carole Mancini: froglady505@gmail.com 239.370.1521*

**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*

**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: relife@aol.com or 239.250.0432*

**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.

*Phyllis Crivelli: jandpcrivelli@gmail.com or 239.594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: 239.250.4162*

**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. *Bill Smart: (SVdP Office): 239.775.1667*

**Vocations Ministry.** Vocations are a calling from God and each of us has one, from single or married life to religious life. Help the Parish Family educate and identify vocations through prayer and activities. *Marty Gautier: marty@naples.net or 239.370.4277*

## Knights of Columbus Councils:

**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: jmc708@comcast.net or 239.947.6454*

**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. Visiting Knights are welcome. *Grand Knight Ed Phelps: efpep@aol.com or 239.339.3847*

**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: 239.498.9900*

**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 nancybdds@comcast.net*

## PARISH MINISTRIES...

Check the Event Sheets on the building doors for the meeting location of the group. Groups do not always meet in the same location from week to week.



**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](mailto:scoutmaster@troop-226.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](mailto:pack226naples@gmail.com)

### PRAYER GROUPS

**Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy** Carol Swank 757.559.4761

**Cenacle of Life Prayer Group** Patricia Bucalo: 239.248.0694

**Divine Will Prayer Group** Gorana Saner: 239.293.1765

**Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina** Mondays at 5:30 p.m.: Maria Jones: 239.348.5361

**Liturgy of the Hours** Phyllis Gryskiewicz: After 8:30 a.m. Mass. [pmgrys@aol.com](mailto:pmgrys@aol.com)

### THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

**Adam Decker**  
**Nick Detloff**  
**Sp. Douglas Hennessy**  
**Staff Sgt. Brian Holmes**  
**Marine Colonel Brian Howlett**  
**Sgt. Larry Oldenburg - U.S. Army (Iraq)**  
**Austin Spagnola**

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.** 888.435.7301

**Cursillistas.** Robyn DeVille: 239.253.6275 or [robyndeville@earthlink.net](mailto:robyndeville@earthlink.net)

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

**Habitat for Humanity.** Kouolloheras: [nick@hfhcollier.com](mailto:nick@hfhcollier.com)

**Mah Jong.** Space Limited. Lanelle Bishop: 239.352.1860

**Pinochle.** Joseph DeJesus: 239.598.9865

**Recovering Couples Anonymous.** Britta: 239.348.5031 or Roger: 239.250.6888

### PRAYER LIST

*We remember those who have died recently, especially:*

Patrick Beagan, William Duggan, Marie Fabiano and Bob Phelps

*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*

Mary Alligood  
 Kaylee B  
 Jean Balliro  
 Beagan Family  
 Richard Becker  
 Joey Blazer  
 Gallen Boardman  
 Brian Bodnar  
 Lori Breyman  
 Caeleigh Brown  
 Connie Cahill  
 Frank Comeriato  
 Lauren Carr  
 Joan Clark  
 Anthony D'Antuono  
 Mark DaBronzo  
 Donald Demski  
 Florence Demski  
 JF  
 Janet Engleman  
 Jeff Gatt  
 Genel Family  
 George Gonser Jr.  
 Jayne Hagg  
 Don Hauptman  
 Gerard Heyer

Rosie Heyer  
 Donald Howe  
 Krista Leigh Kozowyk  
 Barbara Kuryea  
 Rene Lacoste  
 Jean Lydon  
 Diane Maloney  
 Margie Lynch  
 Maria and Family  
 Barbara Marsh  
 Donna Masee  
 Kevin McDonagh  
 J. McG  
 Paul McIntyre  
 Cynthia McLemore  
 Carolyn McNichols  
 Anne Michaels  
 Lorrie Morrison  
 Bettina Nugent  
 Emma O'Rourke  
 Ronald J. Parker  
 Michael Paul  
 Anne Perrino  
 Ann Petrillo  
 Noreen Prine  
 Irene Pires

Renee Rake  
 Ruth Rechtsteiner  
 Ellen Roberts  
 Lloyd Sample  
 Lisa Sanfelippo  
 Shelia Scaduto  
 Gary Schutebach  
 Thomas Sissman  
 Avery Smithies  
 Nancy Stewart  
 William Strouse  
 Edward Sullivan  
 Rita Taranto  
 William J. Teplica  
 Isaiah Thompson  
 Marilyn Thyen  
 Helen Thornburg  
 JoAnn Tinevra  
 Lawrence A. Varone  
 Mike Walsman  
 Kirsten Wills  
 Nancy Wise

### Prayer List Consent Form

Last Updated: January 30, 2017



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

Prayer List Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand and agree to all of the above.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Acknowledgement \_\_\_\_\_

General Manager Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**LET US PRAY...**

JULY 9, 2017 ~ FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Celebrating 50 Years of Marriage

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to  
Jim and Berny Huber!



Jim and Berny were married on July 15, 1967 at Little Flower Catholic Church in Rugby, ND (the geographical center of North America). They will renew their wedding vows at the 3:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 8.

*Congratulations,  
Jim and Berny Huber!*



## Marriage Struggling? Next Retrouvaille Program Is August 18-20 in Tampa

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, no matter how bad it may be...

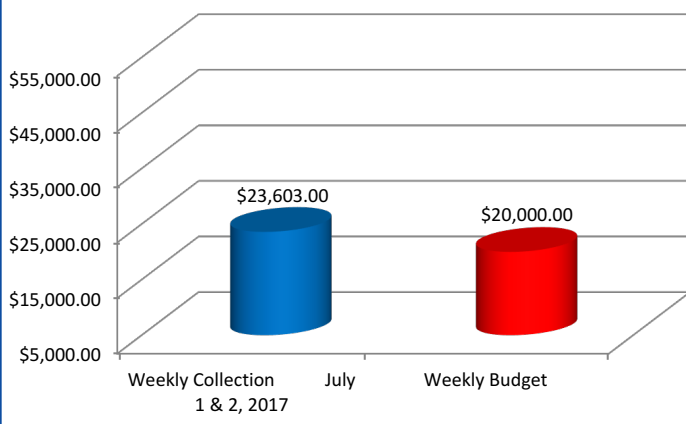


Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others.

Since January, the Retrouvaille ministry has helped 70 couples in our area who were in struggling marriages. Combined, those couples have 143 children that have new hope for a stable family.

Their next program in Tampa is August 18-20. For more information, visit [www.HelpingMarriages.org](http://www.HelpingMarriages.org), or call 813.816.0711. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

### Weekly Collection Summary



## HELP WANTED

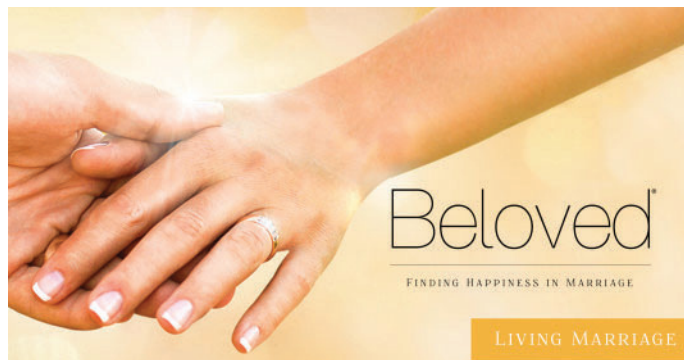
**Nursery Room Assistant.** Our Nursery Room Assistants staff our Nursery Room to ensure the safety and engagement of youth from infant to 5 years old during Mass times and during other events where children will need to be watched independent of their families.

Candidates should have a high school diploma or GED. They must pass the Diocese of Venice employee background check and complete the Safe Environment Training. Childhood education at the collegiate level is recommended.

This is a paid position.

See additional info at: <https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/about-us/job-opportunities-at-saint-john>

To apply: email: [jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)



*Want to enrich your marriage and spend time  
with like-minded couples?*

*Join us for*

## BELOVED: LIVING MARRIAGE

*A monthly, six-part series designed  
to help live out the day-to-day challenges  
of married life.*

**Next session: July 29 from 7:00 -8:30 p.m.**

**FINAL session: August 26**

*Nursery will be available upon request.*

**Please RSVP at the Parish Office at 239.566.8740.**

## Music for the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 8 & 9, 2017

Readings:	Page 179
Prelude Hymn:	<b>511</b> Come unto Me
Entrance Hymn:	<b>585</b> For the Beauty of the Earth
Preparation Hymn:	<b>596</b> I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Communion Hymns:	<b>334</b> Taste and See (Moore)
	<b>333</b> O Sacrament Most Holy
Closing Hymn:	<b>423</b> How Great Thou Art

### 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, July 9, 2017: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song                      **God of Wonders**      Matt Maher      CCLI Song No. 4510938. © 2000 spiritandsong.com. Matt Maher. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. www.ccli.com. CCLI License No. 2008891

*Verse 1)* Revive my heart, renew my soul  
In you, O Lord, I am made whole!  
No more in fear will I wander,  
'Cause you're my God, my Lord, and Lover.

*Verse 2)* Oh lift me up, God my Father,  
In all this world, there is no other!  
I'm dancing in your holy presence,  
and your glory fills all my senses!

Like a burn - ing\_\_\_ fire\_\_\_                      be my one de - sire.\_\_\_\_                      I want to be ho -  
ly\_\_\_ just\_\_\_ like\_\_\_ You.\_\_\_\_                      I want to go where\_\_\_ You\_\_\_ lead\_\_\_ me\_\_\_ to.\_\_\_\_  
With reck - less a - ban - don\_\_\_ to\_\_\_ Your\_\_\_ truth,\_\_\_\_                      I want to fall deep -  
er in love\_\_\_ with\_\_\_ You.\_\_\_\_

Preparation Song	<b>596 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</b>
Communion Song	<b>334 Taste and See (Moore)</b>
Closing Song	<b>499 Go Make a Difference</b>

*Zechariah 9:9-10*

*Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14*

*Romans 8:9, 11-13*

*Matthew 11:25-30*

# The Word & Life

## *Knowing God Through Child-like Wonder*

*M*ost of us have spent time with children, and when observing them we sometimes find that their little minds are off in another world. Babies look at the world with wonder and gaze intently on the realities before them. We often hear parents say, “I wonder what is going through their little mind!” To watch children play is to recognize that life is such a wonderful adventure waiting to be explored and celebrated. Children do not build up walls — they simply trust. When a child has a disagreement with another child, you will find them playing with that same child five minutes later. Children simply accept that God has created the world and is there to watch over them.

As a child progresses through adolescence and grows into adulthood, this idyllic view of life slowly begins to erode and walls are erected. We teach our young that the world is not such a safe place at times and rightly so. However, we also teach the young, through example, that love can be conditional and forgiveness is not so easy. Human beings often transmit their hurts and resist the risk of letting go. No matter how hard we try, children pick up this way of life and slowly build up the walls that block them from one another and from God.

In today’s gospel, Jesus is pointing out that we cannot rely on our own reason alone. When we concentrate on our needs and attitudes exclusively, we miss the signs of God’s presence in our lives. Feelings of hurt, anger, resentment, and rejection hold onto us if we do not learn to let them go. Jesus praises God for the fact that the little ones are more inclined to the experience of God than are the wise and the learned. What does he mean? Jesus is pointing out through unconditional trust, like that of a child, that God can be present to them offering them comfort and strength. Jesus goes on to invite those who are hurting and burdened by the hardship that the world imposes, to find rest in him. He urges those of us who find his gospel challenging, to let go of the unnecessary

### **Reflection Questions**

1. What do you think Jesus meant by his reference to revealing things to the little ones?
2. How does Jesus reveal his Father’s will?
3. In what ways did Jesus relieve the burdens of people?
4. What was the yoke that Jesus was referring to?
5. What is the most significant thing that Jesus has revealed to you?
6. In what ways do you have childlike trust when approaching your faith?
7. What burdens do you bring to Christ?
8. How do you embrace the “yoke” Jesus is referring to?

things and to embrace what is necessary to find true happiness and peace. Jesus is inviting us to look at the world with wonder once again and to view the world through the eyes of a child. The child does not complicate forgiveness and is willing to let go and move on with conflict. A child surrenders to the mystery and says yes to the God they cannot see.

As we gather for the mass each Sunday, we come with our own stories. Many of us come with much to celebrate. Yet, there are many who come with tremendous burdens. Life can throw so much at us at times in terms of problems with relationships, health, family, and work. Bad things can happen to good people — things that are out of their control. When we find ourselves in this situation, we are invited to become “childlike” in our faith and fully trust that God is there for us. This involves an act of surrender — abandoning ourselves and our lives to the God who brings us hope. May we always be mindful of such surrender each time we place ourselves before the altar of God.

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



### Prayer

*Lord, our lives are in your hands. Take from us the fears and anxieties that can take away our confidence in your presence. Help us approach you in childlike wonder, exploring the wonderful things that you have given to us. Amen.*

### Wisdom of the Fathers

“A saying of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew speaks to us: **“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”** (Mt 11:28). Life is often wearisome, and many times tragically so. We have heard this recently... Work is tiring; looking for work is exhausting. And finding work today requires much effort. But what is most burdensome in life is not this: what weighs more than all of these things is a lack of love. It weighs upon us never to receive a smile, not to be welcomed. Certain silences are oppressive, even at times within families, between husbands and wives, between parents and children, among siblings. Without love, the burden becomes even heavier, intolerable. I think of elderly people living alone, and families who receive no help in caring for someone at home with special needs. **“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,”** Jesus says.

Dear families, the Lord knows our struggles: he knows them. He knows the burdens we have in our lives. But the Lord also knows our great desire to find joy and rest! Do you remember? Jesus said, **“... that your joy may be complete”** (cf. Jn 15:11). Jesus wants our



*Pope Francis cradles an infant after dropping in to visit a family in the Varginha slum of Rio de Janeiro July 25, 2013. (Catholic News Service photo/L'Osservatore Romano) (July 29, 2013)*

joy to be complete! He said this to the apostles and today he says it to us. Here, then, is the first thing I would like to share with you this evening, and it is a saying of Jesus: Come to me, families from around the world — Jesus says — and I will give you rest, so that your joy may be complete. Take home this Word of Jesus, carry it in your hearts, share it with the family. It invites us to come to Jesus so that he may give this joy to us and to everyone.”

— *Pope Francis' words to families at the Vatican, October 26, 2013*

# Faith Formation

## 2017-2018 School Year

### Summer Update

#### Registration and Records

As we move into the summer months, all of us in the Faith Formation department are busy preparing for the upcoming school year. With close to one third of our expected registrations for next year turned in, we are able to order materials and plan accordingly. If you haven't yet registered, you may do so by stopping by the Faith Formation office or Parish Office to pick up the registration paperwork. You may also print the forms from our website at [www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com) and mail them in. Returning students do not need to complete the Photo Release Form or Discipline and Conduct Forms. Families in Faith Formation need to be registered with St. John the Evangelist. *Please also help us to ensure that we have a copy of your child's baptism certificate on file.* We are happy to help with this if needed.

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM 2017-2018**  
**SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST**  
 Office of Faith Formation  
 625 111<sup>st</sup> Avenue North • Naples, Florida 34108  
 Phone: 239-566-8740, ext. 3909 Fax: 239-449-6426  
 Website: [www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com) E-Mail: [natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com)

1. Our Faith Formation Program is open to all children of our parish. If you are not a member of our parish, please complete Family Parish Registration Form. Family Parish Registration Forms must be completed and submitted at the time you submit your Faith Formation Registration Form. Family Parish Registration Forms (New Parishioner Forms) can be obtained at the Church under the window "Forms."  I am a registered St. John parishioner.

2. Please complete and submit a separate Faith Formation Registration Form for each of your children. Or print a copy, complete it along with your payment to the Faith Formation Office. Incomplete registration forms will not be accepted! Please return registration forms by August 31, 2017 as classes fill up quickly.

3. Registration forms and checks can also be dropped off in the main office. Ask that they be put in Natalie's mailbox.

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Returning Student and WAS enrolled 2016-2017  New Student and WAS NOT enrolled

*If new student, provide the Church name, address, and the year last attended Faith Formation:*

#### Assistant to Faith Formation

We are excited to welcome Luz Lozano, as our new Assistant to Faith Formation. We were so blessed to have Valerie Barbosa working with us and she assures us that she will still volunteer with us in ministry. So we wish her all the best as she spends more time with her family!



#### Prayers for our Missionary Team in Grenada

Please pray for Fr. John and our Missionary Team in Grenada this week. We look forward to hearing all about their experiences and are thankful for their willingness to serve. Thank you to many of our Faith Formation families who supported their efforts and purchased jellies, jams, preserves and honey spreads! In case you need any more, our St. John Gift Shop is currently carrying a few popular selections.



### Summer FAQs

#### When do youth prepare and receive Confirmation?

Youth in the Diocese of Venice receive Confirmation in the 10th grade. They must be at least 15 years old and have been in Faith Formation for two consecutive years. They will need to present baptism, first communion and first reconciliation certificates. High School Students meet approximately twice a month on Sunday mornings or evenings. Registration is currently open and our first High School Confirmation class begins Sunday, September 24. (Morning Session 9:15-10:45 a.m. and Evening Session 6:05-7:30 p.m.).

#### Are there any Faith Formation offerings for youth in 11th and 12th grade, those kids who are already confirmed?

We are excited to offer Youth Video-Based Teen Bible timeline sessions offered on Sunday evenings twice a

month (following the same schedule as the Evening Confirmation Classes). The First session will be on Sunday, September 24. Workbook materials provided and bibles are available.

#### When do Faith Formation Classes begin?

The 2017-2018 Faith Formation Calendar is now available online at our website [www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com) or for pick up in our parish office. The following groups are represented:

**PRE-K** - Offered on Wednesdays 12:10 - 2:210 p.m., begins Wednesday, September 20.

**1st -8th Grade** - Our Faith Formation classes begin on Sunday, September 17 at 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. or Wednesday, September 20 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**High School Confirmation & Bible Study** - Begins Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 9:15-10:45 a.m. or 6:05 - 7:30 p.m.

**Faith Formation Office Hours:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Natalie Campbell • Director of Religious Education • 239.566.8740, ext. 3909 • email [natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com)

# Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

## The Bible, Understood and Applied

Women of all ages and walks of life are invited to join a Thursday morning study of our faith using the Bible and other Catholic writings in a nonjudgmental, supportive community.

Beginning this Thursday, July 13, and continuing for eight weeks, we will discuss *Courageous Women*, a volume in Stacy Mitch's popular *Courageous* series of Bible studies for women, that examines the teaching of Sacred Scripture on women and the feminine pursuit of holiness.

*Courageous Women* will help you see the women of the Bible, from Eve, the mother of the living, to Mary, the mother of God and His Church, as elder sisters in faith. As Stacy unfolds the stories of these heroic women through insightful reflections and questions, you will understand salvation history more deeply, be challenged to grow in godliness, and discover that the struggles these women faced are strikingly similar to those we face today. These courageous women will teach you



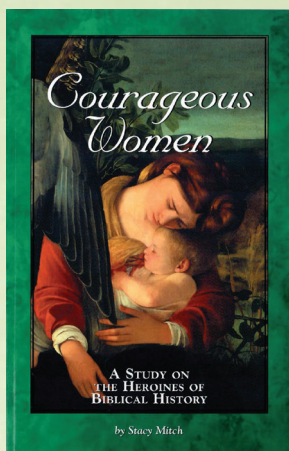
timeless lessons of faithfulness to God and reliance on His help.

*Courageous Women* begins the latest program of Women of the Word (WoW).

This is a great time to come and join the group since this is the start of a new study guide. Begin by getting your copy of *Courageous Women*, available at the Divine Gift Boutique or on-line. Read and reflect on Lesson 1; but even if you don't read the book ahead of time, come to the session to experience the program and see how discussion leads to understanding.

We welcome any woman of any age to come and learn more about the Bible with WoW, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center.

For more information contact the facilitator, Nancy Bouchard: 443.498.8452 or [nancybdds@comcast.net](mailto:nancybdds@comcast.net).



### Let Us Celebrate Freedom and Liberty... Here are the authors of last week's Bulletin quotes:

"Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged." **G. Ronald Reagan**

"Our freedom fades when it is handed over to the blind forces of the unconscious, of immediate needs, of self-interest, and of violence." **C. Pope Francis; 2015 Encyclical Laudato Si, paragraph 105**

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." **D. Benjamin Franklin**

"What is the essence of America? Finding and maintaining that perfect, delicate balance between freedom 'to' and freedom 'from.'" **H. Marilyn vos Savant**

"The boisterous sea of liberty is never without a wave." **F. Thomas Jefferson**

"Emergencies have always been the pretext on which the safeguards of individual liberty have been eroded."

**E. Friedrich August von Hayek, awarded the Nobel Prize for Economics in 1974**

"The very idea of freedom incites fear in the hearts of terrorists across the world." **B. Elizabeth Dole**

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." **G. Ronald Reagan**

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." **A. Elmer Davis, World War II Director, Office of War Information**

### This Week's Schedule

**Tuesday, July 12**

**Rediscover the Genius of Catholicism** ~ 7:00 p.m., Seminar Room

**Thursday, July 13**

**Courageous Women** ~ 9:30 a.m., Seminar Room

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

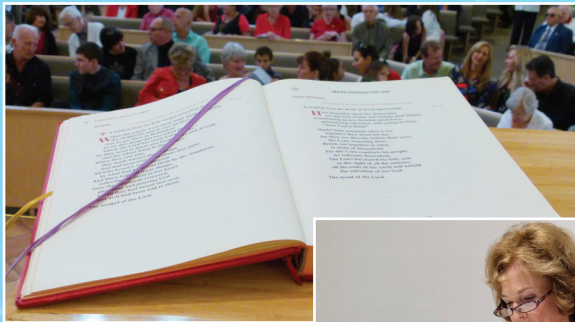
# SPOTLIGHT ON LECTOR MINISTRY

## *Breathing Life Into Scripture*

- Lectors convey, through their readings, a better understanding of the scriptures.
- This communication of the scriptures draws parishioners closer to God and contributes to the celebration of the Mass.
- This ministry rewards both lectors and parishioners as the Word of God is conveyed.

### **Lector Preparation Meetings:**

- Lectors attend preparation meetings and break open the scriptures for the upcoming weeks.
- The enhanced understanding of scripture reinforces the spiritual development of the lector.
- Lector preparation develops communication skills, resulting in increased confidence and development of unique gifts to draw people closer to God.
- Experience as a public speaker is NOT a requirement; all are welcome to experience the fulfillment and growth that comes from participation in this ministry.



*“Reading the scriptures, God’s inspired words, at Mass is a tremendous uplifting, heartfelt communication with God and prayerful experience for my spiritual life! It is a relationship with God the Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. It also inspires me to keep God with me throughout my daily activities with my personal relationships.*

*Through the blessing of being a lector, my understanding of God has grown extremely to new heights with the realization that there is...so much more to learn about him...so much more unending love to give...that I must always be willing to serve and praise Him in any way I can.” – Marilyn Thyen*



**All are invited to learn more about the rewards that come from conveying the Word of the Lord as a member of the Saint John the Evangelist Lector Ministry.**

**Send an email to: [lectors@sjecc.com](mailto:lectors@sjecc.com)**

*“Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ” (Romans 10:17)*



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April 24, 2017

Very Rev. John Ludden  
St. John Evangelist Catholic Church  
625 11<sup>th</sup> Ave Naples  
FL, 34108

Dear Rev. Ludden,

Warm greetings of peace and much goodness to you from the sunny Diocese of Montego Bay!

It is with a profound sense of gratitude and appreciation that I write to thank you and your wonderful parishioners for the outstanding hospitality and generosity shown to us on the recent visit to your parish by Deacon Baldwin Powell and myself.

We truly appreciated the extra time that was afforded us to share the Word of God and to make our appeal for assistance for the poor and needy in our Diocese. The outpouring of love shown by way of the collections that were given, has warmed my heart to know that the response to our appeal was very well understood and kindly responded to.

Kindly convey to your congregation our thanks and please rest assured that you will always be in my prayers and *'that I thank God upon every remembrance of you'* - (Phillipians 1:3)

May Almighty God keep you faithful to the task of Building the kingdom of God and bless you abundantly on this journey.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Burchell A. McPherson, D.D.  
Bishop of Montego Bay, Jamaica W.I.

**Trappist Preserves and Creamed Honey on Sale in Divine Gift Boutique**

The Divine Gift Boutique is now selling the renowned Trappist Preserves and Creamed Honey.

The Boutique is selling Red Raspberry, Blackberry, Blueberry, Strawberry, Rhubarb-Strawberry, Mango-Pepper, Ginger, Cranberry Preserves, Seville Orange Marmalade, Sherry Wine Jelly, and Port Wine Jelly for \$6.00 each.

Made by the Roman Catholic priests and brothers of St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts, the Preserves are prized for their exceptional richness and taste.

The Trappist Creamed Honey, from the Trappists of Holy Cross Abbey in Berryville, Virginia, are also available in the gift shop.

The gift shop is selling Natural (plain), Almond, Orange and Lemon Top Creamed Honey flavors for \$8.00 each.

Don't miss these authentic monk made delicacies!



**Dementia Caregivers:  
The Five Most Important Things  
You Need To Know Now!**



presented by  
Annalee Kruger, President of CareRight, Inc.

Tuesday, July 18 • 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  
to the Parish Office by July 14.



For more information, contact  
JP at [jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

# Don't miss our premier CAO event: Saturday Night Fever!

Featuring the biggest Bee Gee cover band in the world



## Stayin' Alive

Saturday, August 19 in the St. John Ballroom

Show Time: 7:00 to 10:00 pm • Doors Open 6:00 pm

**SHOW TICKETS:** \$15.00 per person prior to event  
\$20.00 at the door (if not sold out prior to event).  
Pay Bar • Snacks on Tables  
Contact Information: [wwarvel@aol.com](mailto:wwarvel@aol.com)

**VIP TICKETS:** Additional \$10.00 per person.  
Includes: VIP Room (Rome Room) from 5:30 –  
7:00 p.m. Price also includes: Open Bar and Hors  
d'oeuvres during hours VIP room open.

Tickets are now on sale after Masses.  
Tickets are also available online  
at our website:

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

*STAYIN' ALIVE offers to their audiences the songs and sights of a full Bee Gees play list, singing blockbusters such as "Night Fever", "Jive Talkin'", "How Deep Is Your Love", "You Should Be Dancing", "Nights on Broadway", and "Stayin' Alive". In addition, they perform softer poetic ballads such as "I Started a Joke", "Massachusetts", "Fanny Be Tender", "Words", and "To Love Somebody" among other great hits.*

*STAYIN' ALIVE is the largest and most definitive production of its kind, offering big screen video clips, photos and dazzling imagery. STAYIN' ALIVE has played intimate settings as a six piece band and huge venues with a 62 piece orchestra. STAYIN' ALIVE is the quintessential tribute band to the Bee Gees, capturing the excitement of live performance and the tender subtleties of the human voice!*



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