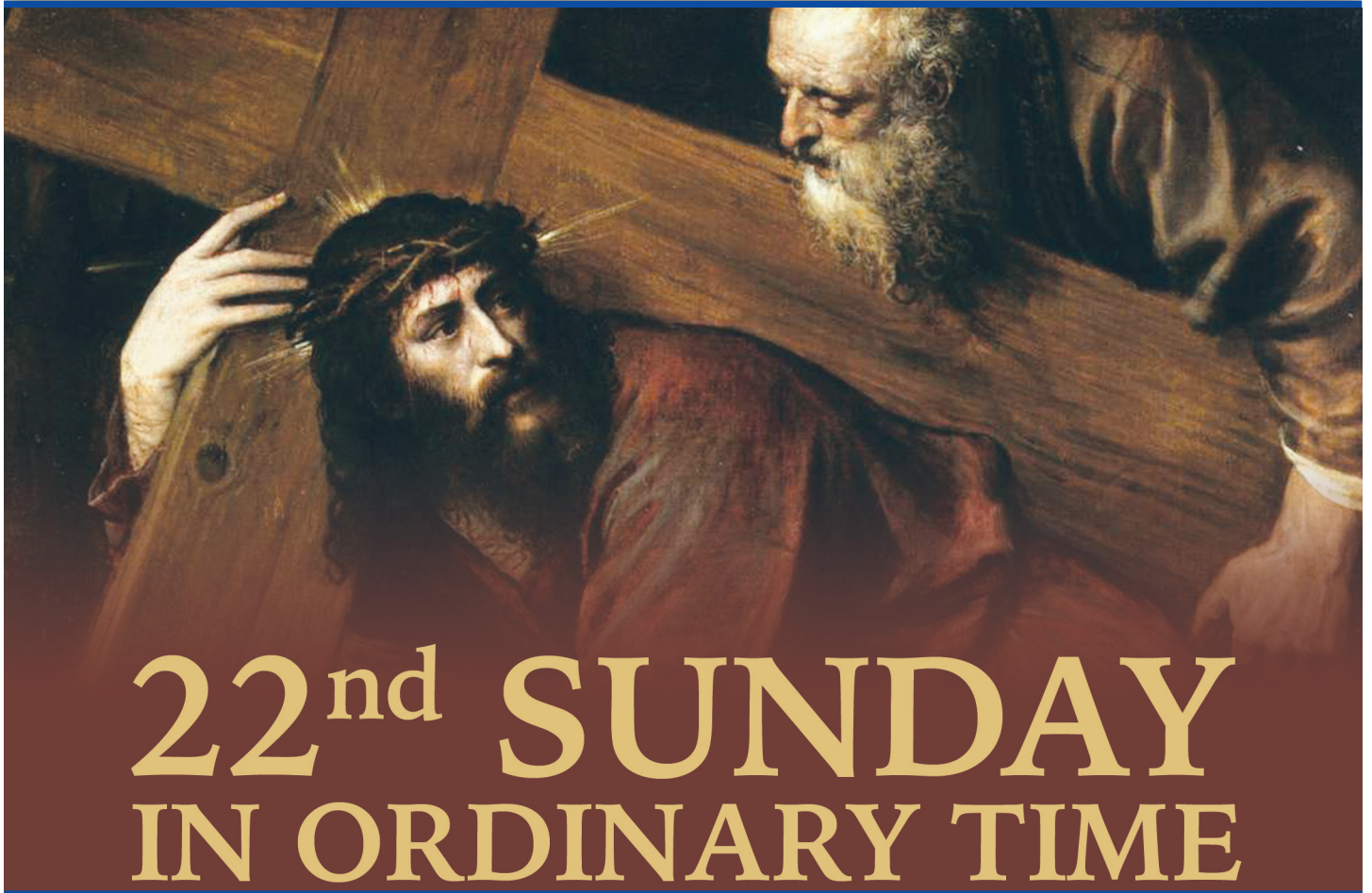


SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

WE WELCOME EVERYONE
TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

the

EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Challenge of the Cross

The challenge of the gospel calls us to move beyond worldly desires and it involves sacrifice...The sacrifice involved in following Christ today is that of foregoing popularity for the sake of the kingdom.

— see Fr. John's reflections on today's gospel
on pages 12 and 13

MASS INTENTIONS...

Mass for Deceased (*) and Special Intentions (SI)

Requested by

September 2, 2017 Saturday

8:00 AM + Leo Horey

Iris Horey

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Cecilia Schultz
5:00 PM + Alice Glickman

The Family
Phillip & Beverly Erricson

September 3, 2017 Sunday

7:00 AM + Frank Glavanovits
9:00 AM + Jerry Lane
11:00 AM For Our Parishioners
1:00 PM + Andrew Leonarski
5:00 PM + Joseph Carolla

Arlene Glavanovits
Bill & Eileen Carr
Marie Leonarski
Josephine & Frank Mello

September 4, 2017 Monday

8:30 AM + Britton & Jackie Gibson

The Family

September 5, 2017 Tuesday

8:30 AM + Ramy Garrido

Josie Meannini

September 6, 2017 Wednesday

8:30 AM + John & Lucille Mooney
6:30 PM + Frank & Evelyn Bienias

Mike & Kathy Mooney
Frank & Marianne Lagonigro

September 7, 2017 Thursday

8:30 AM + Sr. Rosaire

Dolores Kernochan

September 8, 2017 Friday

8:30 AM SI Jerry & Sandy Marsh

Deb Marsh

September 9, 2017 Saturday

8:00 AM + Stewart Bain

Dolores Kernochan

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Jerome VanderHorst
5:00 PM + Kathleen Price

Vicki VanderHorst
Ann Mullally

September 10, 2017 Sunday

7:00 AM + James Kagdis
9:00 AM + Joanne Timmerman
11:00 AM For Our Parishioners
1:00 PM + John Sadlier
5:00 PM + Bruce Baker

Barbara Fleischmann
Terri Carpino
Pat & John Mulligan
Joseph & Sandy DeJesus

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 2, 2017

Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday
1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Sunday, September 3, 2017

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Monday, September 4, 2017

Labor Day

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 8, 2017

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Saturday, September 9, 2017

St. Peter Claver

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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

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

Campaign Corner

September 3, 2017

*“Prayer is to our soul what rain is to the soil.
Fertilize the soil ever so richly, it will remain barren
unless fed by frequent rains”*

— St. John Vianney



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Rain, Rain, Go Away!

For the past two weeks, we have had fits and starts when it comes to the renovation of the front parking lot and the new Life Center. The weather here in Southwest Florida has been exceptionally wet. Normally, we would be able to get at least half a day of work in before the thunderstorms forced our Construction Manager, Gates Construction, to end their efforts. However, it has been almost non-stop,

all day, soaking rains that have drenched our campus and made work like electrical and plumbing extremely hazardous to complete.

I want to thank all of you who have endured these renovations this summer. I know it has been difficult with the front lot in particular, but the silver lining on all these clouds we have had is that we will have an even better parking experience

on our campus very soon. Now, if those clouds could just move away for a few weeks...

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 Jean-Paul Boucher, at 239.566.8740 or email: jp@sjecc.com.



Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager • jp@sjecc.com

PARISH INFORMATION... OPERATIONAL

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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Lisa Godlasky lisa@sjecc.com

Hospital

Mary Ellen Metro maryellen@sjecc.com

Lectors Ministry

L. Philip Baier lectors@sjecc.com

Greeters & Ushers:

Bill Fuller 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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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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



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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)

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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

Thank you!

Choirs:

Gary Prettyman: 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* at 239.566.8740

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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.

“Evangelist” Bulletin Takes On New Look

Yes, you are looking at the Saint John the Evangelist weekly bulletin. We thought we would shake things up a little bit this month. You will see some changes in design, presentation and content. Some things may be subtle, while others will be more obvious.

We welcome your comments and suggestions. If there is something you like or don't like, no matter how small or how big, let us know. If you would like to suggest or offer ideas for inclusion in the bulletin, let us know that as well. All suggestions will be considered. Send all comments and suggestions to the email below.

The purpose of the bulletin is to offer you, our Parish Family, some spiritual guidance and to let you know what is going on here at St. John and how we are achieving our Mission: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community.

Remember, the bulletin is for you.

– Kathy Sims, Bulletin Editor
kathys@sjecc.com

Opportunity to Learn More About Our Holy Family School Support

The purpose of Our Holy Family School Support is to assist the families in fulfilling their call by God to be the first educators of their children. We are dedicated to observing and promoting the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and strive to live our Faith daily.

Welcoming new home school families for the 2017-18 school year! Please contact Michelle D'Agostino at 239.877.1626 if you are interested in finding out more! Fun and engaging field trips, classes and support for families!

Second Collection at St. John Next Weekend Will Provide Support for Victims of Hurricane Harvey



The Parish Family of Saint John the Evangelist sends our prayers and support to those suffering from the path of Hurricane Harvey. Next weekend, September 9-10, we will have a second collection to provide direct support to the St. Vincent dePaul Societies in those areas most impacted.



Just as we do for those closest to us in the area, our St. Vincent dePaul programs provide immediate resources to help get people the urgent services they need.

Please give generously next weekend.

Residents use boats to evacuate people trapped in their homes from the flood waters during Tropical Storm Harvey August 28 in Houston. (Catholic News Service photo/ Adrees Latif, Reuters)



Several Safe Environment Training Sessions Have Been Scheduled at Area Parishes

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment awareness issues. Due to the sensitive nature of this training, no children are permitted to attend. For directions and additional information, visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment.

There are several upcoming Safe Environment Training sessions at nearby parishes starting in August. For more details or to register, call the Parish Office at the location where the class is offered. **Please note that no one should attend Safe Environment Training until their fingerprints have cleared.** Fingerprints must be updated every five years. If you need to be fingerprinted here at St. John, call the office at 239.566.8740 for an appointment.

Any employees or volunteers who need to renew their background clearance or be fingerprinted should complete the paperwork and call the office at 239.566.8740 for an appointment.

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| Thursday, September 7 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | St. Ann, Naples | 239.455.3900 |
| Saturday, September 9 | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | St. Ann, Naples | 239.455.3900 |
| Thursday, October 12 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | St. Peter the Apostle, Naples | 239.775.9576 |
| Saturday, October 14 | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | St. Peter the Apostle, Naples | 239.775.9576 |

The next trainings will be scheduled in Winter/Spring 2017-18. For the complete list of regional trainings that will be held this fall, please visit <http://dioceseofvenice.org/programs/safe-environment/training-schedule/>

The next trainings will be scheduled in the spring and summer of 2018.

#ToKnow, #ToServe – Testing Out Bulletin Formats to Make It Impactful to All our Parish Family

If there is one part of our Parish Family communications that reaches the larger world around us, it is our bulletin. I cannot tell you how many times our priests, Ministry Leaders, and I have been traveling around the area and across the country and once another church hears where we are from, they say, “Wow! I read your bulletin!” Sometimes, their comments are even tinged with a little envy. Kathy Sims, our Bulletin Editor, spends an enormous amount of time and effort to ensure every bulletin is a superior and direct illustration of our Mission. The material within it is almost all original (including my insignificant set of rambblings on page 6); with high quality content like Fr. John’s Word and Life, and the various Ministry Spotlights, event details, and countless graphics, pictures, and stories about our Parish Family. It is truly a fully fleshed-out weekly magazine that is a snapshot of Saint John the Evangelist.

For those of you who have read my page in the past, you know well my emphasis on Pope Francis’ call for the Church to work with “New Wine” in “New Wineskins”. In fact, earlier this year, Our Holy Father stated:

The Pope then remarked that this “is the message that the Church gives us today: which Jesus says so firmly: ‘New

wine in new wineskins!’”. Because, Francis reiterated, “even customs must be renewed in the newness of the Holy Spirit, in the surprises of God”. Before continuing with the celebration, Francis expressed the hope that “the Lord give us the grace of an open heart, of a heart open to the voice of the Holy Spirit, which can discern what must not change because it is fundamental from what has to change in order to be able to receive the newness of the Holy Spirit”. – Pope Francis 1/18/17 (https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/cotidie/2016/documents/papa-francesco-cotidie_20160118_new-wineskins.html)

How does this apply to our Bulletin? It is a spectacular periodical for sure, but we should always be ready for the surprise of the newness of the Holy Spirit. We are going to try a few different layouts and structures for our Bulletin. We will see if there is a new way to communicate the details of our Parish Family in a way that will catch the eye, the focus, and the attention. Also, it is an

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opportunity to see if our content could be provided in a more digestible way for people who normally are not bulletin-readers. It is not as easy to read all the content in our Bulletin on a mobile device, for example. The “consumers” of our information are looking for it to be integrated into their other communications tools, including social media and apps. We have an opportunity to see if there are ways to connect all of us together with a common communication platform, our Bulletin.

We will need your assistance, however. We need your feedback on all the bulletin versions we will be providing over the next few weeks. What is working? What does not make sense? How would you like to see the Bulletin? Please let Kathy know via her email (kathys@sjecc.com) so we can take all the ideas in and come up with the best possible way to enliven our Parish Family spirit via our Bulletin.

#ToLove – Umbrellas to Assist in the Rain

As I was saying on our Capital Campaign page, we have been dealing with some significant rains recently. As a way to assist our Parish Family who may have come to the church in sunny weather but are trying to leave in a monsoon, we determined that a set of parish umbrellas and stands would be a welcome addition to the doors of each of our buildings. The canisters have arrived and we now have umbrellas available at the church, the Front Office, and the Claussen Family Center for anyone’s use. All we ask is that the umbrellas are returned at the next opportunity you have to come to St. John, which we hope is often.

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Register for Faith Formation Classes

2017-2018 Faith Formation Calendar is available online at our website www.sjecc.com or for pick up in our parish the following groups are represented:

Offered on Wednesdays 12:10 - 2:10 p.m. Wednesday, September 20.

Grade - Our Faith Formation classes Sunday, September 17 from 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. or Wednesday, September 20 from 7:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Adult Confirmation & Bible Study - Sunday, September 24 from 9:15-10:45 a.m. or Wednesday, September 20 from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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Faith Formation Office Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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All Parishioners Are Invited to the Taping of Two Masses at Saint John the Evangelist



The taping of two Masses for the Diocese of Venice will begin at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 28 at Saint John the Evangelist. The Masses are televised for those who are unable to attend Sunday Masses in one of the parishes of the Diocese.

The first Mass taped will be the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time and also World Mission Sunday and will air October 22. Fr. John will be the celebrant. The second Mass taped will be the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and will air November 12. Fr. Paul will be the celebrant. All parishioners are invited to attend one or both of the Mass tapings.

The diocesan televised Masses for Collier, Lee, Hendry, Charlotte, Glades and Desoto counties aire on WFTX-TV FOX 4 on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

FINANCIAL WELLNESS SEMINAR Thursday, September 7 at St. John

Everyday, people are faced with difficult financial decisions. Planning ahead saves you and your loved ones stress, money, and time. On Thursday, September 7, three representatives of major local organizations that serve these needs will present real-world solutions by bringing to Saint John the Evangelist an educational discussion on these life-changing topics:

- **Financial Literacy**
- **Assisted Living**
- **Financial Planning**
- **Long Term Care**
- **Asset Protection**

Join us in the Rome Room at 9:30 a.m. for cake and coffee, or 6:00 p.m. for wine and cheese, and the opportunity to engage the experts on how to best provide Financial Wellness for your family. Our speakers will be Candice Gilbert, Assoc. Director, Transamerica Agency Network; Dawn Drellos-Thompson, JD, MSM., LCAM, Compass Law Firm, PA; and Annalee Kruger, MBA, LSBW. Pres. Care Right, Inc.

Please RSVP to Susan Hession by Tuesday, September 5:
sdhession@gmail.com or 856.425.9274.

RETREATS at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, 3989 S. Moon Drive, Venice

Matt Talbot Men's Spiritual Retreat ***September 15, 3:30 p.m. - September 17***

All men are invited to a spiritual retreat from Friday, September 15 to Sunday, September 17. The cost is \$294 for single occupancy, \$195.80 for shared. All meals are included.

To register by mail, send a check to: Genco Business Systems, c/o Matthew Marzano, 2291 J & C Blvd., Naples, FL 34109. For more information or to register, please contact Matthew Marzano at 347.796.7131 or mmarzano@gencooffice.com.

Ignatian Preached Retreat ***September 25 - September 28***

The Ignatian Preached Retreats are silent retreats that include scheduled conferences each day, Mass, and an opportunity to meet at least once with the retreat director. The conference topics center around Ignatian spirituality, prayer, and discernment. Cost: \$395.00, private room.

Register online at www.olph-retreat.org or call Denise Riley at 941.486.0233.

Marriage Struggling? There Is Hope; ***Next Retrouvaille Program Is Friday,*** ***October 6 in Tampa Bay***

Retrouvaille is a non-profit, all volunteer-run Catholic ministry with a fantastic success rate at helping couples forgive, trust and rebuild the love they once had.



More importantly, perhaps, Retrouvaille helps them stay that way, and that is reflected in their children and families. Since January, the Retrouvaille ministry has helped 109 couples in our area who were in struggling marriages. The August 2017 weekend was the largest in Retrouvaille of Tampa Bay's history, with 39 couples attending from 27 different parishes! Combined, those couples have 323 children who have new hope for a stable family. These couples represent 49 different parishes in our area.

Their next program in Tampa is Friday, October 6. Registrations are accepted until the final day. Programs are offered roughly every 3 months in Tampa Bay. You can see additional upcoming dates at: http://www.helpingmarriages.org/where_and_when/community.cfm?c=3005

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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.

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 Sjoström: bsjost@yahoo.com or 815.670.3733*

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.

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. *Contact the Office at 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*

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*

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:** *Marie Elaina Mullin: 239.273.1702. To join: Carole Mancini: frogldady505@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*

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*

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: jmcd708@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*

LET US PRAY...

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

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

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

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
Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino -USAF Turkey

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

Gambler's Anonymous. 1-800-ADMIT-IT
Habitat for Humanity. Kouloheras: 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:

Ana Horton, Paul J. Lawrence, Jacob Pogel, Ellen Reilly, John Michael Ritter and Jan Sawyer
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

Baby Declan Aigner
 Mary Alligood
 Kaylee B
 Jean Balliro
 Beagan Family
 Richard Becker
 Gallen Boardman
 Brian Bodnar
 Lori Breyman
 Caeleigh Brown
 Connie Cahill
 Kathy Conley
 Corinne & Children
 Lauren Carr
 Frank Comeriato
 Anthony D'Antuono
 Mark DaBronzo
 Donald Demski
 Florence Demski
 F.W.
 Jim & Darlene Follese
 Tara Follese & Family
 Jeff Gatt
 George Gonser Jr.
 Jayne Hagg
 Gerard Heyer
 Rosie Heyer

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

Renee Rake
 Ruth Rechtsteiner
 Ellen Roberts
 Lloyd Sample
 Lisa Sanfelippo
 Shelia Scaduto
 Gary Schutebach
 Thomas Sissman
 John Smith
 Avery Smithies
 Nancy Stewart
 William Strouse
 Edward Sullivan
 Jeannie Sullivan
 Carol Swank
 Rita Taranto
 William J. Teplica
 Isaiah Thompson
 Marilyn Thyen
 Helen Thornburg
 JoAnn Tinevra
 Lawrence A. Varone
 Mike Walsman
 Dan Ward
 Bernadette White
 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 _____

Cub Scouts Pack 226 Fundraiser

Cub Scouts Pack 226 will be asking for your support to help young Scouts attend a NASA camping trip in the spring! The boys will be selling popcorn after each Mass on the following weekends:

Sunday, September 10

Saturday and Sunday September 16 and 17

Each bag or box of the delicious snack will help support scouting at our parish and throughout the SWFL area.

Prices for all products will be \$20 each.

You can also make donations to purchase popcorn for our Military.

If you have questions about the fundraiser or Pack 226, please contact Joanne Janopoulos at joannell6@mac.com

CYO and CAO Concert Series 2017-2018 Season

kicks off with Sutto Amore Duo - Stepan Rudenko playing the piano and Sheena Gutierrez on the violin

Thursday, September 14 · 6:30pm in the Ballroom

Back at St. John for another beautiful night of music, this virtuoso pair has put together a wonderful program of Mozart, Respighi, Brahms, and Piazzolla, that speaks wonders and draws the audience into a world of sound and passion. They have dreamed of inspiring people with their love and passion for music.

Don't miss out on this wonderful kick-off concert and join us for a whole season of wonderful music!

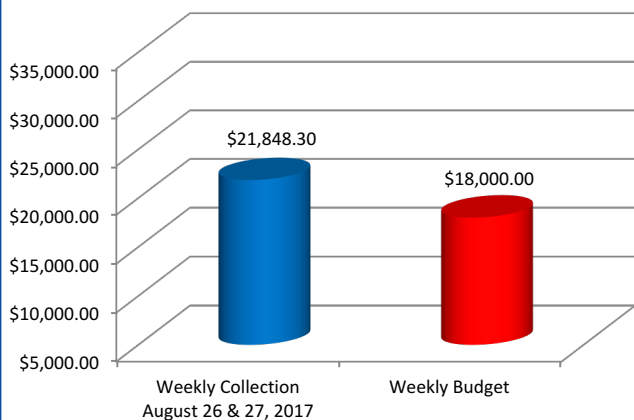
FREE Admission!

Sotto Amore Duo

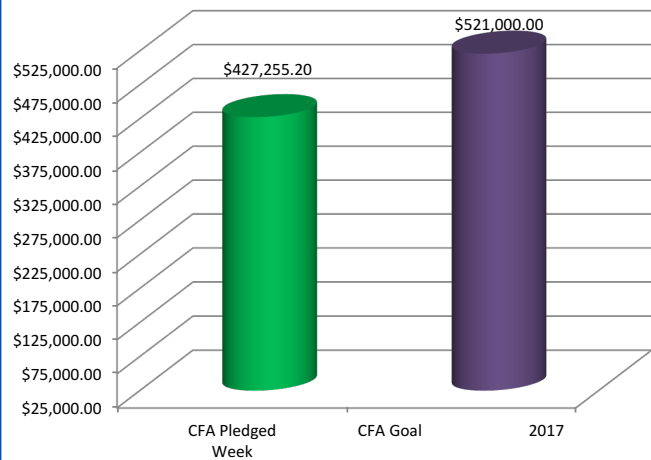
Upcoming Concerts:

- October 12, 2017 Dan Heck Quartet Jazz Concert
- November 9, 2017 Concert for Flute and Piano with renown flutist, Angela Massey
- January 11, 2018- Philip Borter Cello Concert
- February 6, 2018- Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus
- February 24, 2018- Annual Forgotten Broadway Concert

Weekly Collection Summary



CFA Summary



Wedding Banns

Second announcement between
Kristin Grecsek and Kevin Wegwert

Second announcement between
Catherine Cotroneo and Paul Badertscher

First announcement between
Kathryn Eads and George de los Reyes, Jr.



Zumba Classes with Megan

Ongoing at St. John

Classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday mornings at 9 am in the ballroom.

Join in when you can.

Cost is \$10 a person for drop in or \$40 for the month.

register by email to jennine@sjecc.com



Music for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 2 & 3, 2017

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Entrance Hymn: 710 Take Up Your Cross

Preparation Hymn: 381 The Summons

Communion Hymns: 368 See Us, Lord, About Your Altar

498 Only This I Want

Closing Hymn: 525 Let There be Peace on Earth

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, September 3, 2017: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song 539 Come Now is the Time to Worship

Preparation Song **We Fall Down** Chris Tomlin

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We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Je - sus. The great - ness of

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mer-cy and love at the feet of Je - sus. And we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, and we cry

11
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, and we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lamb.

Communion Song 498 Only This I Want

Closing Song 525 Let There Be Peace

A New Choral Year Begins With Beautiful Music to Enrich the Worship!

Brothers and sisters of our parish family, we hope you enjoy having the adult choir return as much as we enjoy singing for and with you! Now would be a perfect time to join in with us, if you're so inclined! We meet Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room in the Claussen Family Center. In order to present a full and balanced sound, our choir does not split its resources, but alternates between the 9:00 or the 11:00 a.m. Masses. We meet 45 minutes before

each Mass to warm up and, once again, review the extra special music for that particular Mass. (8:15 for the 9:00 a.m.; 10:15 for the 11:00 a.m. Mass, though soon it will become the 11:15 a.m. again and we will then meet at 10:30 a.m.)

Finally, as someone who is still in a real sense new to the community, you will find in our choir members people of welcoming hearts and good spirits, who know not only how to accomplish tasks in rehearsal, and how to worship at the

Mass with voices joined, but also how to have fun in various events throughout the year. I'm grateful for them, and invite you to join us, so that together we might continue to make something beautiful for the Lord at our liturgies and special events this year!

Please contact myself, or Jennine, for further information! Thank you kindly, Gary.

gary@sjecc.com or jennine@sjecc.com

The Word & Life

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

The Challenge of the Cross

As we listen to the gospel today, we continue to the episode that took place in Caesarea Philippi. One can almost feel the beating of the heart in Peter's chest; after all Christ has just given him heavenly authority. The mood quickly changes, however, as Jesus begins to spell out to his disciples what he will have to endure for the message that he was handing on to his friends. Jesus was no stranger to the deception that was taking place among the leaders. He foresaw what was going to happen, knowing that he would shed his blood for his message. Peter's heart skips a beat as he listens and his humanity spurs him onto

rebuking Jesus, telling him that no such thing shall ever happen. Little did this new leader know that one day it would also happen to him — he too would be crucified for the sake of the gospel.

Jesus in turn rebukes Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" How must have

Peter felt at that moment? One minute he is acclaimed as leader, the next Satan! Jesus invites Peter, along with his disciples, to move beyond the limitations of their human understanding. He reminds Peter and he reminds us that we cannot put obstacles ahead of God's will. He invites Peter and the disciples to take up the cross. The cross was the sign of humiliation for the Jews. Jesus is challenging his followers to forego humiliation and rejection for the sake of his teachings and his name. Jesus was offering his followers a radical challenge. Jesus tells them that he will take up that cross and invites them to do the same for the sake of the kingdom, finding their reward in heaven.

The challenge of the gospel calls us to move beyond worldly desires and it involves sacrifice. For Jesus and the early Church, this sacrifice involved their very lives. For us, however, this sacrifice involves something different. As St. Paul says in today's second reading to the Romans: "Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." The sacrifice involved in following Christ today is that of foregoing popularity for the sake of the kingdom. We will not be popular when we stand up against the realities of abortion, euthanasia, or

Reflection Questions

1. Why is Jesus so harsh in responding to Simon Peter?
2. Why did Jesus have to suffer at the hands of the religious leaders?
3. What are the problems of the present age that contradict God's will?
4. What is God's will for you?
5. How do you see the cross of discipleship in dealing with the obstacles that stand between you and God?
6. How far are you willing to go to follow Christ?

experimentation with embryos, which are the beginnings of life. We will not be popular if we tell the economists of our world that bigger is not always better if it involves the oppression of the poor and the elimination of family owned businesses. We will feel the weight of such a cross if we stand up to individual injustice and confront individuals with their sin. The weight of the cross is the weight of truth. If we remain steadfast to the truth, then it will truly set us free.

In the shadow of the cross, this is our fundamental option — to direct our lives and choices to the ultimate goal of goodness and peace for all.

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



Prayer

For all those who bear the name of Christian, encourage us to accept and bear the cross of discipleship. Help us to embrace the truth that you have given. Whenever we are challenged by the sin of this age, give us the words and the strength to make your will known. In our witness to your truth, may we encourage others to embrace the life of the kingdom. Amen.

Voices of Faith

To deny oneself is to be aware only of Christ and no more of self, to see only Him who goes before and no more the road which is too hard for us. ... All that self-denial can say is: "He leads the way, keep close to Him."

"...and take up his cross." ... Only when we have become completely oblivious of self are we ready to bear the cross for His sake. If in the end we know only Him, if we have ceased to notice the pain of our own cross, we are indeed looking only unto Him. If Jesus had not so graciously prepared us for this word, we should have found it unbearable.[97]

To endure the cross is not a tragedy; it is the suffering which is the fruit of an exclusive allegiance to Jesus Christ. When it comes, it is not an accident, but a necessity. ... the suffering which is an essential part of the specifically Christian life....

The cross is laid on every Christian. The first Christ-suffering which every man must experience is the call to abandon the attachments of this world. ... we surrender ourselves to Christ in union with His death — we give over our lives to death. ... When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die. ... death in Jesus Christ, the death of the old man [or nature] at his call. Jesus' summons to the rich young man was calling him to die, because only the man who is dead to his own will can follow Christ. In fact, every command of Jesus is a call to die, with all our affections and lusts. But we do not want to die...

The call to discipleship... means both death and life... [It] sets the Christian in the middle of the daily arena against sin and the devil. Every day he encounters new temptations, and every day he must suffer anew for Jesus Christ's sake. The wounds and scars he receives in the fray are living tokens of this participation in the cross of his Lord. ...



Dietrich Bonhoeffer in 1939/www.wikipedia.org

Discipleship means allegiance to the suffering Christ... It is a joy and token of His grace. ... Christ transfigures for His own [the early Christian martyrs] the hour of their moral agony by granting them the unspeakable assurance of His presence. In the hour of the cruelest torture they bear for His sake, they are made partakers in the perfect joy and bliss of fellowship with Him. To bear the cross proves to be the only way of triumphing over suffering. ..."

***"The Cost of Discipleship:
— Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)***

Faith Formation

2017-2018 School Year

Families in Christ kicks off

*NEXT Sunday, September 10
from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in St. John
Ballroom. All families are welcome!*



Matthew Birk, ex-NFL Star, spoke about how families and sports go together at Families in Christ last September. The topic was "How to Become a Super Hero: CYO".

When Do Faith Formation Classes Begin?

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

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

1st -8th Grade - Our Faith Formation classes begin on Sunday, September 17 from 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 from 9:15-10:45 a.m. or 6:05 - 7:30 p.m.

There Is Still Time to Register for the 2017-2018 Faith Formation Year

Registration packets are available in the Parish Office and Faith Formation offices for the 2017-2018 school year, grades Pre-K through grade 12. **Please fill out one packet on each child.**

If you have children in your family who are new to the program, please secure a copy of their Baptismal certificate.

If you do not have a copy, you can call the church of their baptism and have it sent directly to our office. If your child was baptized at St. John please indicate that on the form and we will secure a copy from our records for you. We are looking forward to another great year!

We will kick off the year with a morning get-together for the entire family on Sunday, September 10 from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., so please join us.

Registration Forms are available in the parish office or can be printed from our website at www.sjecc.com.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM 2017-2018

SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST



Office of Faith Formation

625 111th Avenue North • Naples, Florida 34108

Phone: 239-566.8740, ext. 3909

Fax: 239-449.6426

Website: www.sjecc.com

E-Mail: natalie@sjecc.com

- Our Faith Formation Program is open to all children of our parish. If you are not a member of our parish, please complete a separate 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 website under the window "Forms." I am a registered St. John parishioner.
- Please complete and submit a separate Faith Formation Registration Form for each of your children. Or print a copy, complete it, and return it through the mail (above address) with check made payable to Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church or physically deliver 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.**
- 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 2016-2017

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

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Shirt Size _____

Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___ Grade (September 2017): _____

Known allergies or medical concerns: _____

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Date of Baptism: / / Church of Baptism: _____

Registrations were due on August 31. We will do our best to accommodate your day and time preferences. Thank you for your understanding!

Faith Formation Office Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

Fall 2016 Adult Faith Formation Programs Preview

Have you always wanted to read the Bible? Get Started by Getting the Big Picture!

Maybe you already started, in the beginning with Genesis, but then got bogged down around Leviticus. Remember *the Bible is not a book, but a 73-volume library*.

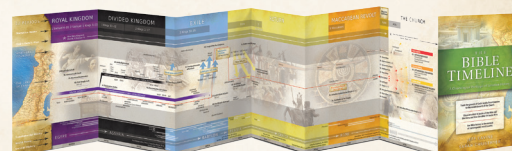
Most Catholics want to read the Bible, but without a guide they find it hard to begin and easy to give up. Beginning in October:

- Read the **14 narrative books** of the Bible that keep the story moving, and discover the amazing story woven throughout Scripture.
- Learn how the key **people, places, and events** in the Bible fit together to reveal God's plan for humanity.
- Study the Bible from a **Catholic perspective** and see how our faith is rooted in Sacred Scripture.
- See how the events in the Old Testament are **fulfilled in the New Testament** by Christ and the Church.

- Gain a **greater appreciation for the Scripture** readings you hear during Mass.
- See how **God reveals himself** to us through Scripture and learn how **God's Word applies** to your life today.
- Develop a life-long hunger for knowing God in his word and **lay a strong foundation** for further Bible reading and study.

UNLOCKING the MYSTERY of the BIBLE, developed by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer, provides an easy way to understand the Bible. This eight-week quick overview helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about; it's like flying over the story at 30,000 feet.

This program utilizes the Bible Timeline Chart: a simple, color-coded timeline



of Bible history. It divides the entire timeline into 12 color-coded periods and then focuses on 14 books that tell the story in chronological order.

Key people and events that advance the story are highlighted so that you aren't overwhelmed with too much at once.

This Fall, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will be offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. beginning October 4 and Sundays at 9:15 a.m. beginning October 8.

These are new days and new times. You can attend either session, or Wednesdays some weeks and Sundays other weeks.

Explore Becoming Catholic

Anyone and everyone who would like to explore "becoming Catholic" is invited to join others with similar questions in a period of inquiry beginning Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center. This is an informal opportunity to begin a journey that may or may not result in taking the next step toward full membership in the Catholic Church.

On this and subsequent Tuesday evenings we will utilize Bishop Robert Barron's CATHOLICISM program to provide the topic focus for the discussion. This groundbreaking documentary film series takes viewers around the world and deep into the Catholic faith.

Questions including what do Catholics believe, and what do Catholics do, will be addressed as they arise.

For those who choose, the next step is to enter the more formal process to the Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults (commonly abbreviated RCIA) which begins in early December and culminates with the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) that are celebrated at the Easter Vigil in April.

This Week's Complete Schedule

Thursday, September 7

Women of the Word begins *The Prophets* ~ 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

***Next Magnificat Breakfast Will Be
Saturday, September 9 at the Holiday
Inn Airport, Gulf Coast Town Center***

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women. The breakfast will be held Saturday, September 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport, Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers.

The speaker, Amberose Courville, is an artist from Sarasota. She was blessed with very supportive Catholic parents, who encouraged her artistic development from the time she could hold a pencil. Several of her high school art pieces won numerous awards and were published in newspapers and magazines.

Her art is well known throughout Sarasota County, and one was displayed for a year in the U.S. Capitol. While attending FGCU, her faith was challenged by peers and professors. But, with the guidance of the Blessed Mother and Holy Spirit, Amberose learned to courageously share Jesus' love and mercy through her art. Her paintings became a source of healing for many. Amberose can't wait to share her God-inspired paintings with you.

Please call Lucy Denett at 239.791.8007 or Barbara Tay at 646.296.2335.

ENCOUNTER ON THE MOUNTAIN



St. John the Evangelist
(Church)

625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL

6:30 pm

Saturday,

September 23, 2017

- Adoration
- Confession
- Praise and Worship

Discover God's Call for your Life

The **Called & Gifted workshop** is a two-day live presentation on the nature of **spiritual gifts, call, and vocation** and the process of **discernment**.

You will leave with a solid understanding of your unique **giftedness** and how to take the next steps toward **purposeful living**.

THE CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

Fri. Sept 15th 7-9pm

& Sat. Sept 16th 9-4pm

ST AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd, Naples, FL 34120

\$25 fee includes all materials & refreshments

Contact: Ivy at 239-592-1949 or ivy@StAgnesNaples.org

Register at the office or www.StAgnesNaples.org

God has called you for His purpose. Only you can accomplish it through the unique gifts or "charisms" you received in Baptism and Confirmation.

Come discover the Church's teaching on these gifts presented by Mary Sharon Moore and Charlie Hoover from the Catherine of Siena Institute, Colorado Springs, CO.

Registration for Fall 2017 CYO and CAO Arts and Music Classes is NOW open!



Fall 2017 CYO and CAO Arts and Music Classes

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

CYO:

- Piano 1 Saturdays at Noon beginning September 30
- Piano 2 Saturdays at 10am beginning September 30
- Strings Tuesdays at 4:30pm beginning September 12
- Singing/Vocal Program Fridays at 4:45pm beginning September 8
- Guitar Sunday's at 3:15pm beginning September 10
- Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 4pm beginning September 6
- Theater and Acting Saturdays at 10am beginning September 9 (working on Christmas Eve Pageant)
- Improv Comedy Monday's at 6:45pm beginning September 11
- Art and Painting for Elementary Age students Saturdays at 9am beginning September 9
- Art and Painting for Middle/High School Age Students Saturdays at 10:30am beginning September 9



CAO:

- Strings Program Tuesdays at 5pm beginning September 12
- Vocal/Cantor Program Friday's at 5:45pm beginning September 8
- Guitar Saturdays at 1:00pm beginning September 9
- Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 5pm beginning September 6
- Improv Comedy Monday's at 7:45pm beginning September 11
- Art and Painting Saturdays at noon beginning September 9



photos from Summer Camp

Register online on our website: www.sjecc.com or at the Parish Office! Don't miss out on these special Fall classes offered just for you!

Email jennine@sjecc.com for more information.

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Saint John the Evangelist and Knights of Columbus Council #11281 Present



Oktoberfest Dinner Dance



Saturday, September 30, 2017

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

PROST • ZUM WOHL

Featuring: Open Bar • Dinner • Dance • Accordion Music

MUSIC BY Legends of Las Vegas
and Accordion Classics

**INDOOR BIER GARTEN
OPEN BAR**

Beer • Wine • Soda
Cocktails

BUFFET DINNER BY FRISCOS

- Pork Weiner Schnitzel • Chicken Burgundy
- Bratwurst and Sauerkraut • Classic German Spaetzle
- Hot German Potato Salad • Red Cabbage
- Spinach Salad with Bacon Vinaigrette • Yeast Rolls
- Apple Strudel and Assorted Petite Desserts



**RAFFLE
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German
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TICKETS: \$30.00 (8 and 10 person pre-paid tables available)

Purchase tickets after weekend Masses starting September 9-10, or at

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

Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #11281.

For more information and special requests, please call Jerry (239) 821-9395.

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