

November 12, 2017

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you have been away, Welcome Back!

the
EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. John Offers Two Opportunities This Month to Help Feed the Hungry

Saint Vincent de Paul's Annual Food Drive Will Be November 18-19 and Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23

The Saint Vincent de Paul Conference at St. John will host its annual food drive November 18-19 and Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23.

The empty food bags are being distributed this weekend. SVdP is looking for the food items and toiletries listed on the bags. Once collected, these items will be distributed by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Last year they were able to fill a two-ton truck with hundreds of filled food bags.

Our Cub Scout parishioners will be available again this year to help those arriving with bags.

Thanksgiving in the Park: November 18-24: A Week of Service to the Immokalee Community

Now in its 36th year, Thanksgiving in the Park is an incredible opportunity to serve and share food, culture, and love by providing thousands of people in Immokalee with a hot Thanksgiving meal. Last year, we fed over 1,500 people on Thanksgiving Day. This year, with the devastation in Immokalee from Hurricane Irma, we potentially may be called on to serve another thousand individuals, so we need all the help we can get. Saint John the Evangelist is assuming the primary role for every facet of Thanksgiving in the Park, so there are opportunities to assist for every member of our Parish Family all week long. Here are some of our needs:

- **Saturday, November 18, and Sunday, November 19: *Bring Your Turkey to Church Weekend* – Please bring a **PRE-COOKED, FROZEN TURKEY** to Mass this weekend. You can purchase these **pre-cooked, frozen** turkeys at Walmart (Butterball brand comes pre-cooked) and Publix, where you can get them at the Deli Counter. We need at least 100 turkeys this year to feed the larger set of people in need. It is imperative that the turkeys are pre-cooked and frozen. **We cannot take raw uncooked or frozen turkeys since we do not have the facilities to defrost and then cook dozens of turkeys.** We need them pre-cooked professionally to ensure the turkeys are fully cooked, which is why we request the turkeys to be**

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photos from 2016 events



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Daily Mass: 8:00 & 9:00 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, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5:00 p.m.

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PARISH INFORMATION... OPERATIONAL

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Robert Murphy Associate
Fr. Paul D'Angelo Associate
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Deacon Forrest Wallace
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SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH*

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

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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)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday: 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

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 11:15 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.

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purchased as **pre-cooked and frozen**. We will also collect store-bought pies.

- **Wednesday, November 22: Turkey Shredding and Packing Day** – We will have 2-hour shifts from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Ballroom for volunteers to shred the turkeys we have received. Please bring your own kitchen knives and utensils to cut up the turkeys. There is work for all ages, including packing the turkey and other items, helping move the heavy turkeys around to get them shredded, and making pictures for the decorations for the park.
- **Thursday, November 23: Serving Thanksgiving Lunch** – We will be out at the Immokalee Airport Park starting at 8:30 a.m. to set up both the park and the food service. Volunteers



are needed to get the food warmed up and ready for the 11:00 a.m. start. Once the meal is concluded, we will need further assistance in cleaning and packing the materials back up to come to St. John.

- **Friday, November 24: Clean-Up Morning** – We will use our industrial kitchen's dishwasher and sinks to clean all the pots, pans, and other materials from the park. We will begin around 9:00 a.m.

Please contact our office 239.566.8740 or email me jp@sjecc.com to sign up for any of the activities of these days if you are interested in supporting this wonderful moment of encounter and service. We have again received Collier County-wide approval for Thanksgiving in the Park to be considered a service opportunity for the public high school students. Thank you so much for continuing to serve the community with your gifts of time, talent, and treasure!

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Elizabeth was born in Hungary in 1207, the daughter of Andrew, King of Hungary. From the beginning of her life, she was ridiculed by people who were jealous of her.

They noticed that she was always trying to be holy. As she would play games with the other children, she would always contrive little ways to sneak into the chapel and have a visit with Jesus.

Betrothed to Louis of Thuringia at four years of age, Elizabeth married the 21-year-old Louis when she was 14 years old. Later, they had three children Herman, Sophia and Gertrude. Early in their marriage, Louis rebuked Elizabeth because she was always serving people. Although Elizabeth was Queen, she longed to live the life of poverty she heard about through the Franciscans. She constantly gave her jewels and best clothes to the poor. Sometimes she gave everything away and had nothing to wear, but Jesus always provided for her. When she emptied the castle storehouses of grain for the poor, Jesus would miraculously fill them up again. "That's no work for a Queen," Louis reprimanded her. Once he demanded to know what she was carrying in her cloak. When he pulled it open, instead of finding provisions for the poor as he expected, out cascaded lovely red and white roses. Louis knew then that she was indeed a holy woman and from that point on he dedicated his life to sharing her ministry.

After only six years of marriage, Louis died of the plague while on a crusade and Elizabeth was devastated. Louis' greedy brother, Henry, drove Elizabeth and her children out of Wartburg Castle the winter Louis died. She suffered great hardships until she was taken in by her uncle, the Bishop of Bamberg, who wanted her to remarry. Elizabeth



refused, having promised Louis that she would not marry again.

Seeing that her children were taken care of by relatives, Elizabeth entered the Order of St. Francis. Master Conrad of Marburg, who was assigned to be her mentor and confessor, was very strict and harsh with her. But, Elizabeth continued her works of charity among the poor, the sick and the homeless. She fished at the river to earn more money to help them. Elizabeth was especially concerned about the orphans and the elderly and built hospitals with her own funds to take care of them. She had so much compassion toward them that she herself tended to their needs, cleaning their homes and spinning yarn for their clothes.

Elizabeth lived with great austerity and worked continually in her hospice and in the homes of the poor. At 24 years of age, her health gave way, and she died on November 17, 1231. She is buried in the chapel of the hospice. In 1235, Elizabeth was canonized a saint. Her feast day is November 17.

Because St. Elizabeth's dedication to the poor, the sick and the homeless so closely exemplifies the work of Catholic Charities, she was chosen to be their patroness saint in 2000.

info: <http://ccdocle.org/about-us/our-patron-saint-st-elizabeth-of-hungary>

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MASS INTENTIONS... SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS

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

November 11, 2017 Saturday

8:00 AM + David Lucci The Family

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Bert Beihoff Terry Beihoff
 5:00 PM + Connie Episcopo Children: Antoinette Scott
 Joseph Episcopo, Maria Jackson

November 12, 2017 Sunday

7:00 AM + Gloria Delisi Hank & Emmy White
 9:00 AM + Joanne Timmerman Joe & Jean Carpino
 11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
 1:15 PM + Richard Hennings John & Jackie Huml
 5:00 PM + Chester Kubicki Arlene Cluff

November 13, 2017 Monday

8:00 AM + Renza Lucci Lucci Family
 9:00 AM + Amalia Bonavita John Palumbo

November 14, 2017 Tuesday

8:00 AM + Alfred Perrotta His sister Julia
 9:00 AM + Maurice Cunningham Wife Peggy & daughter Margaret

November 15, 2017 Wednesday

8:00 AM + William Kegaly Jack
 9:00 AM + Kelly Pauli Regina Whitford
 6:30 PM + Gloria Carafa Mr. & Mrs. James Maltese

November 16, 2017 Thursday

8:00 AM SI Angela & Jonathan Pagano Deb Marsh
 9:00 PM + Eleanor Marie Jordahl Gregor Family & Kris Takasuka

November 17, 2017 Friday

8:00 AM + Anna Kegaly Jack Kegaly
 9:00 AM + Tony Zoglio The Amico Family

November 18, 2017 Saturday

8:00 AM + Paul & Marie Wach Laurie Vogel

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Cecilia & William Schultz The Family
 5:00 PM + Patrick Cassidy Richard & Peggy Maynard

November 19, 2017 Sunday

7:00 AM + Tad Pluc The Family
 9:00 AM + Connie Episcopo Children: Antoinette Scott
 Joseph Episcopo, Maria Jackson
 11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
 1:15 PM + Joy Gaudreau Ann Mullally
 5:00 PM + Peter Acerbi The Family

Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

Tuesday, November 14 11:00 AM Brookdale Assisted Living
 + Madeline Carolla req. by Josephine & Frank Mello
 Wednesday, November 15 10:00 AM Bentley Village
 + Vincent Cinque req. by Eileen Cinque

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 11, 2017

St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
 Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

Sunday, November 12, 2017

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Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

Monday, November 13, 2017

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Wis 2:23 - 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

St. Albert the Great

Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, November 16, 2017

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

Wis 7:22b - 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 17, 2017

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 18, 2017

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne; Blessed Virgin Mary

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

November 12, 2017

*“True progress quietly and persistently
moves along without notice.”*

— Saint Francis of Assisi



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Progress: Meeting and Exceeding the Challenge and Major Construction Commences

The love and generosity of our Parish Family always overwhelms me each time there is a plea for our stewardship. From the efforts we made after Hurricane Irma, to the daily support for those in need in our community and around the world, St. John always answers the call. God bless all of you who have made it possible for us to meet the challenge from an anonymous donor, matching his \$200,000 donation with **\$247,375.00** in just 3 weeks! That is extraordinary! This match will enable us to not only cover our deductibles for the buildings, but enable us to repair, restore, and renovate our church and other components of the campus. This coming week, for example, we will be removing the bell tower in front of the church, which was damaged beyond repair from the high winds of the storm. Every week we will continue to make progress, both small and large, to repair and improve our campus for the Mission of our Parish Family.

Additionally, we have begun major construction on the Pulte Family Life Center, including the foundations and walls. This progress on all fronts is due to all of you, both for your gifts of support and prayers, as well as your patience and understanding.

As we **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past**, we still need all the gifts, prayers, and support of our Parish Family. If you have any questions, please contact Jean-Paul Boucher, at 239.566.8740 or email: jp@sjecc.com.

Jean-Paul Boucher,
General Manager



#ToLove – Safety and Security in These Times: Respecting Each Other

I do not think there is a single one of us that have not been impacted these past weeks and months with all the violence that has been thrust into our consciousness with the constant flow of hatred from all sides. Families and friends being struck down in a small Texas church is only the latest of these images. It strikes me to my core that people coming together to worship God, in whatever form and tradition they may believe in, should not feel safe walking in the doors of their church, their synagogue, their temple, or their mosque. Quite honestly, my wife Donna can attest to the nights I stare up at the ceiling worrying about you, our Parish Family. But, I will never, ever, let the hatred or fear change our belief that we are all made in the image and likeness of God, that He loves us all, and all he asks of us is that we love Him and each other. We are an open and hospitable community. We are here to support and encourage ourselves and our community and we will never surrender to the darkness of terror by succumbing to reactionary procedures. We have deployed Crowd Management certified individuals within our Ushers and Greeters. We have situational awareness workshops and Community Emergency Response Teams within our Parish Family. We all should feel safe and welcome at St. John at all times, no matter if we go to Daily Mass or if we are just arriving for the first time.

Cardinal DiNardo, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, had this to say last weekend:

Earlier today, we heard of the mass shooting at the Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. With Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, I extend my prayers and the prayers of my brother bishops for the victims, the families, the first responders, our Baptist brothers and sisters, indeed the whole community of Sutherland Springs. We stand in unity with you in this time of terrible tragedy — as you stand on holy ground, ground marred today by horrific violence.

We ask the Lord for healing of those injured, His loving care of those who have died and the consolation of their families.

This incomprehensibly tragic event joins an ever-growing list of mass shootings, some of which were also at Churches while people were worshipping and at prayer. We must come to the firm determination that there is a fundamental problem in our society. A Culture of Life cannot tolerate, and must prevent, senseless gun violence in all its forms. May the Lord, who Himself is Peace, send us His Spirit of charity and nonviolence to nurture His peace among us all.

by Jean-Paul Boucher
General Manager
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With our culture of life and love, we must all take a hard look at how we behave and how we show respect to all around us. There are several ways we can showcase our regard to each other while keeping our safety and security in mind:

- **Pre-Mass Prayerful Time:** We have a joyous community here at St. John and many people come to church early to meet each other to talk about their week and enjoy each other's company. There are some members of our Parish Family, however, that are looking for a quiet and reflective moment of prayer. If you are speaking with your friends, please try and move the conversation to either the Narthex (lobby of the church) or outside so we can respect those who are looking for time to pray.
- **Parking and Walking:** We are very blessed to have increased our front parking lot with over 40 new spots by re-engineering the layout and adding the new lighting. We have also increased the parking in the partially paved locations due to the loss of the trees from the storm. However, we are still finding people parking on the newly expanded roadway between the church and the school, as well as in the roadways and other locations marked as "No Parking". These areas are specifically designated that way for our safety. If an emergency vehicle needs to get to our church in the middle of Mass due to a health situation, all these areas must be clear. We even built a specific pedestrian walkway between the school parking lot and the church so people can safely travel between the two locations, instead of walking on the driveway. Please utilize those parking spots if you cannot find a location on the church campus.



We are all here to participate in the love and mercy of our Catholic Faith. Please bring that same joy outward from the church when you leave, spreading it and extinguishing the fire of hatred and fear that will never beat us. God Bless You!

Jamaica Outreach Program

Traditional Events Always Offer New Opportunities for Fellowship and Service

Continuing a tradition of many years, Kevin Williams and his Jamaica Choir will once again visit our parish on the weekend of February 9, 10 and 11, 2018. As always, the choir will join in the celebration of the liturgy at most of the weekend Masses during its annual visit to Naples. From the very beginning of our relationship with Kevin and his choir, the Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP) has asked parishioners to participate in the weekend festivities by hosting choir members in their homes for the duration of the choir's stay.

The duties of hosts are very simple. Upon the arrival of the group, hosts are asked to provide lodging, daytime meals and transportation for their guests throughout their stay. Evening meals are always provided for hosts and choir members by the JOP. The Jamaicans will leave Naples on Monday morning.



Kevin Williams and his choir share smiles and their special brand of sacred music during last year's visit to Saint John the Evangelist.

Offering to host one or two choir members is an opportunity to step outside your comfort zone and experience the delight of being part of a truly great tradition at St John. As an added bonus this year, for the first time ever, the choir's visit will not conflict with the Super Bowl!

Over the years, we have always been blessed with volunteers who have stepped up, opened their doors, and welcomed the Jamaica choir with open arms and good will. We are always grateful beyond measure when that happens. If you feel 2018

is your turn to host our Jamaican brothers and sisters, please contact Martha Mador for further information at 860.449.2105 or by email: martha@madors.net. Chances are you will be very glad you did!

— article submitted by Martha Mador, JOP
photo submitted by Jeanne Stamant, JOP

Marriage Ministry: Together Forever

presents

THE CHOICE Wine™

— 7 STEPS —

TO A SUPERABUNDANT MARRIAGE

The series kicks off

November 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm

in the Claussen Family Center

Join us for fellowship, food and marriage enrichment!

Please RSVP to the office at 239.566.8740 and indicate if you need the nursery.

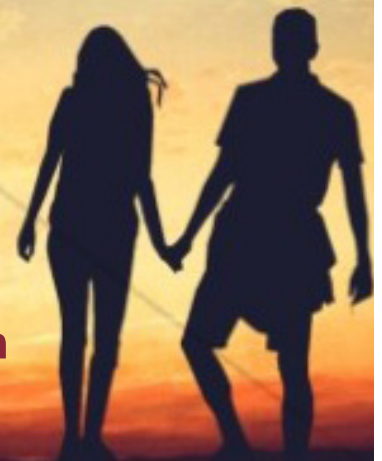
Enjoy a date night with Catholic fellowship at Saint John the Evangelist as you enrich your marriage starting November 18 when we kick off our new enrichment series, entitled **The Choice Wine**.

Enjoy appetizers and marriage discussion.

The Choice Wine offers a new topic each evening, so don't worry if you can't make all the dates.

2017-2018 Schedule:

Nov. 18, Jan. 20, Feb. 24,
March 24, April 28,
May 19, June 30



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. *Council President: Robert Stiff: rcs0242@gmail.com or 239.989.5149*

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: 239.494.7594.*

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). **Season Hours:** Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. If interested in volunteering, contact *Elaine 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 Squittieri: 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: frog lady505@gmail.com 239.370.1521*

Marriage Ministry: Together Forever. Enriches the sacrament of marriage. Couples gather: 1) To share and know, 2) To grow and love, 3) To listen and serve and to celebrate our healthy marriages. All married or engaged couples are welcome to join us in celebration of their marriage as we take this journey together. Meets monthly on Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. *Rachel Baier: 239.498.4197*

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. *Men's: Jack Nalipinski: 412.613.3551 and Millie Lucanegro: 239.566.9854; Ladies: besunnyinflorida@gmail.com*

Respect Life. Educates and informs the parish community on all aspects of respect life, which include the unborn, mothers who have had abortions, the elderly, mentally challenged, the physically challenged, the imprisoned, and the terminally ill and the poor and hungry. *Rosemary Erickson: 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. *Carl Monticelli: (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
Christian McLaughlin - U.S. Navy Sicily
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:

Gloria N. Bucella, Doris N. Ford and Tadeusz Pluc

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
 Lori Breyman
 Caeleigh Brown
 Connie Cahill
 Kathy Conley
 Corinne & Children
 Lauren Carr
 Frank Comeriato
 Tony Corvelo
 Anthony D'Antuono
 Mark DaBronzo
 Donald Demski
 Florence Demski
 George Dillon
 F.W.
 Jim & Darlene Follese
 Tara Follese & Family
 Jeff Gatt
 Sarah Goebel
 George Gonser Jr.
 Jayne Hagg

Gerard Heyer
 Rosie Heyer
 Donald Howe
 Krista Leigh Kozowyk
 Rene Lacoste
 Jean Lydon
 M.M.
 Diane Maloney
 Margie Lynch
 Maria and Family
 Ron Marlow
 Barbara Marsh
 Donna Masee
 Kevin McDonagh
 J. McG
 Paul McIntyre
 Cynthia McLemore
 Carolyn McNichols
 Anne Michaels
 Eileen Miner
 Lorrie Morrison
 Emma O'Rourke
 Ronald J. Parker
 Michael Paul
 Francesca Pearo
 Anne Perrino
 Geno Pesce

Ann Petrillo
 Irene Pires
 Renee Rake
 Ruth Rechtsteiner
 Ellen Roberts
 Lloyd Sample
 Lisa Sanfelippo
 Shelia Scaduto
 Gary Schutebach
 Thomas Sissman
 Avery Smithies
 Nancy Stewart
 Edward Sullivan
 Rita Taranto
 William J. Teplica
 Isaiah Thompson
 Marilyn Thyen
 Helen Thornburg
 JoAnn Tinevra
 Jim Tucker
 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 _____

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, November 12, 2017: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song

Open the Eyes of My Heart Paul Baloche

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O - pen the eyes ___ of my heart, ___ Lord, ___ o - pen the eyes ___ of my heart, ___
I want to see you, ___ I want to see you. ___
To see you high and lift - ed up, ___ shi - ning in the light of your glo - ry, ___
Pour our ___ your pow - er and love, ___ as we sing "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly!" ___

Preparation Song

Sinking Deep Hillsong Young and Free CCLI License No. 2008891

V.1
Standing here in Your presence
In a grace so relentless
I am won
By perfect love
Wrapped within the arms of heaven
In a peace that lasts forever
Sinking deep
In mercy's sea

Chorus
I'm wide awake
Drawing close
Stirred by grace
And all my heart is Yours
All fear removed
I breathe You in
I lean into Your love
Oh, Your love

V.2.
When I'm lost You pursue me
Lift my head to see Your glory
Lord of all
So beautiful
Here in You I find shelter
Captivated by the splendor
Of Your face
My secret place

Chorus
Bridge
Love so deep
Is washing over me
Your face is all I seek
You are my everything
Jesus Christ
You are my one desire
Lord hear my only cry
To know You all my life

Chorus

Communion Song: 334 Taste and See

2nd Communion Song and Closing Song
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V.1) I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes, yeah
I see his love and mercy washing over all our sins
The people sing, the people sing: *(to chorus)*

V.2) I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees:

Chorus Ho - san - na, ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san -
na. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bridge) Heal my heart and make it clean, open up my eyes to the things unseen;
Show me how to love like you have loved me.
Break my heart for what breaks yours, Everything I am for your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

Closing Song: Just Like You 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.

Our Youth/Children's Choir wants you....NOW!

Our beautiful youth/children's choir is currently inviting ALL SINGERS ages 9 (8½ will be considered) through 8th grade to join our choir, develop proper vocal skills, sing exciting sacred music, learn how to better read music, learn more about our Mass and Faith, develop team skills, and have fun in the entire process! This age range follows the national standard for youth treble-voice choirs. We are hoping to grow to at least 30 voices. We rehearse every Tuesday from 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. We sing once a month for the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass!!! We are planning to create a new younger voices choir. Please contact Gary or Jennine at the Parish Office for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Groups meet in the ballroom.

See more info in future bulletins.

– Kyle VanDuser, CYO Social and Spiritual Coordinator • kyle@sjecc.com

CYO & CAO Concert Series 2017-2018 Season



Regina Russo



A Cozy Christmas

December 16

Your St. John Soloists, Choir, and CYO teachers will perform their favorite Christmas songs complete with a Christmas Carol Sing-a-long at the end. Cozy up with some hot chocolate and cookies and enjoy the music of the season.



Jennine Fuentes



Gabi Frei

Also featuring
Annie Dallas and
Keith Cute



This FREE Concert begins at 7:00 p.m.
in the St. John Ballroom.



Michael Hayes



CONCERT SEASON:

Philip Borter Cello Concert ~ January 25, 2018 • Paradise Coastman Barbershop Quartet ~ February 6, 2018
Annual Broadway Concert ~ February 24, 2018 • Garlic and Gaelic Festival ~ March 3 & 4, 2018
Dan Heck Quartet Jazz Concert ~ April 12, 2018

For more info on the concert series, email: jennine@sjecc.com

Music for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 11 & 12, 2017

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Like the Deer Psalm 42

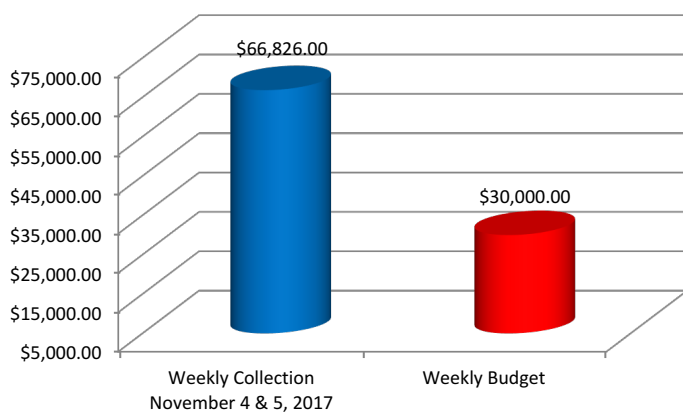
Refrain: Music by: Very Rev. John J. Ludden

Like the deer that yearns for run-ning wa - ters, Lord, so my soul is
 thirst - ing for You. Like the deer that yearns for run-ning wa - ters,
 Lord, so my soul is at rest in You.

Catholic Charities Needs Volunteers with Trade Skills Following Hurricane Irma

In the wake of Hurricane Irma, Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice Inc. is looking for volunteers with skills in flooring, drywall installation, carpentry, roofing, landscaping and much more. Volunteers are needed to assist the neediest families in getting back into their homes. If interested, call 941.786.8087

Weekly Collection Summary



CFA Summary not available at deadline time.



JOP Christmas Tea

The JOP Christmas Tea previously scheduled for December 6, 2017 has been cancelled. But we plan to host the same event in December 2018.

– JOP

- music
- sit down dinner
- party favors

more details in next week's bulletin

RING IN

2018

WITH

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

- open bar
- cocktail hour 7 pm
- champagne toast at midnight

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

1Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

The Word & Life

A Teaching in Preparedness



During the summer months the people of Florida have heard much about Hurricane Preparedness. They pay special attention to the news as storms circulate in the tropics from June through November. Much attention and energy is placed on being ready for a possible storm. Many people are seen preparing the structures of their homes so that they will be kept safe in case a storm comes as they depart for the northern states. Florida stores witness countless numbers of people buying flashlights and other supplies in case a hurricane hits. Such supplies are vital in the event of such a hurricane. Here we are nearly at the end of the hurricane season and we are already witnessing our welcomed seasonal residents returning, removing the shutters from their homes and settling into normality in Florida living. However, as soon as we depart from thoughts of hurricanes, we are already beginning to prepare for the holiday season. It seems as if we are always preparing for something!

If Jesus were to come today, he would probably use such an image as demonstrated above to illustrate the importance of being prepared to enter the reign of God. In today's gospel we hear about the ten virgins preparing to meet the bridegroom. A wedding would be a week long affair in Jesus' time – there was no mention of a honeymoon in those days. To celebrate a whole week long meant that people would have to possess enough supplies to welcome the bridegroom and celebrate the wedding feast. We are told five virgins were prepared and therefore wise, the other five were not.

Reflection Questions

1. What effort do you put into your faith?
2. How is God asking you to prepare for his presence in your family?
3. Are you prepared to meet God face to face? Why/why not?
4. If you were told that you had a short time to live, how would that change your life?
5. Would you consider changing those things now?
6. How do you use your resources to welcome God in the world today?
7. What is the gospel challenging you to do?

The parable today is a simple reminder to us that we have to be prepared to meet the Lord when he comes to take us from this life into the next. When someone is told that they have a terminal illness, most of the time, they will start to take care of unfinished business. Tenuous relationships are often confronted and reconciled and people have the opportunity to say goodbye. The terminally ill person often seeks to be reconciled to go and meet God when they die. In such cases the people have an idea that preparations need to be attended to. However, it is not like this for most. The reality is that most of us do not know the day or the hour when God will come to take us. This is why we always need to be prepared for such a journey.

The supply of oil in today's parable represents the resources that Jesus has given us in his proclamation of the kingdom of heaven. We are

given a clear indication of how we can be prepared to meet God in the message that Jesus proclaims. At the beginning of Jesus' mission, he calls humanity to repent and believe in the good news for the kingdom of God is near at hand! He shows us how this is to be lived out by refusing to be mastered by sin and opening ourselves to the healing presence that He had intended to impart on a waiting world. Jesus opens us to right relationship with ourselves, God, and neighbor. We are challenged to live a life of justice in which every day matters in which we can make a difference. It is how we make choices individually and how we try and live the truth of the gospel that will ultimately prepare us to meet God face to face one day. We simply have to live each day as if it were our last day and take care of any unfinished business.

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



Prayer

O God of second chances, we praise You and thank you for the promise of Your kingdom. Help us to understand and live your truth so that we will be prepared to meet you face to face. May we learn to let go of what is not essential and to embrace what is essential in order to be ready to meet You when You come. Amen.

Wisdom of the Fathers

“Men and women today are clearly aware that, more than ever before, they are called to fashion their own destiny in this world. The means to do so are increasingly available: a better understanding of the earth and its secrets; a better understanding of the movement of history and social organization; and the world of communications, which gives more and more people an opportunity to share in modern progress. A more humane world is struggling to be born.

And yet, at every turn the highest hopes are accompanied by disturbing contradictions. As regards respect for fundamental human rights, the last decades have witnessed much progress and a growing awareness of the rightness of this cause. We cannot, however, overlook the fact that our world still offers too many examples of radical injustice and oppression.”

*St. John Paul II, Adelaide, Australia,
November 30th, 1986*



St. John Paul II blesses patients suffering from AIDS and leprosy during his visit to the Sanctuary of St. Lazarus in El Rincon, Cuba, January 24, 1998. Thousands of pilgrims flock there every December 17 on the feast of St. Lazarus to pray for the sick. (Catholic News Service photo/Arturo Mari, L'Osservatore Romano)

Faith Formation

2017-2018 School Year

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 12** Sunday Faith Formation Class 9:15-10:45 a.m.
Parent Faith Formation and Coffee in the Library during Morning Class
 High School Confirmation Class 6:05-7:30 p.m.
 Parent Meeting First Communion
- 15** Wednesday Faith Formation Class 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Parent Faith Formation in the Library During Class
 Parent Meeting First Communion
- 19** Sunday Faith Formation Class 9:15-10:45 a.m.
Parent Faith Formation and Coffee in the Library during Class
- 22** NO FAITH FORMATION CLASS
- 29** NO FAITH FORMATION CLASS

Our Parish Community Celebrates The Rite of Enrollment with Upcoming First Communicants

Last Sunday, our 96 children preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, February 8, 2018 and First Holy Communion on May 12, 2018, participated in the Rite of Enrollment. To mark this beginning of their faith journey, their parents, clergy and parish community, came together to celebrate them and to promise to pray for them along the way.

Each child received a special necklace with a chalice and host on it to be worn to Mass every week as they prepare for their sacraments. After Fr. John blessed the necklaces, he and Fr. Paul, Chaplain to Faith Formation, with the help of catechists, placed the necklaces on the children. What an exciting day for all!

Please pray for these children, the future of our church. May we all feel the same joy and anticipation of our children, as we seek the healing graces offered to us in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.

Please pray for our 2017-2018 Sacramental Students

Alikaj, Valentina
 Baier, John
 Barson, Lila
 Bertuna, Leah
 Bilzor, Stella
 Blair, Addison
 Born, Ethan
 Boucher, Stella
 Briggs, Sean
 Buczynski, Andrew
 Burns, Brendan
 Clark, Alexis
 Dahlquist, Sophia
 DePol, Oliver
 Dery, Max
 Dery, Noah
 Disser, John
 Downie-Greene, Chase
 Earhart, Caroline
 Elliot, Connor
 Gahan, Catherine
 Gahan, Quinn
 Giammarco, Barron
 Giraldo, Angel
 Grissom, Lucia
 Guenther, Stella
 Heath, Natalia

Heath, Sebastian
 Hemrick, Katherine
 Hylemon, Caden
 Johnson, Julia
 Keating, Audrey
 Levens, Emily
 Lyncheski, Abbie
 Lyons, Bridget
 Malick-Beltran, Jade
 Manziano, Giana
 Marco, Alina
 Maroney, Andrew
 Maroney, Lucas
 Marshall, Noah
 Martin, Charles
 Masiero, Finley
 Massoll, Stella
 McAdams, Anderson
 McConnelee, Liam
 Minerva, Alice
 Minerva, Tyler
 Nelson, David
 Nieves, Darren
 Nieves, Sarah
 Norton, Hailey
 Nugent, Logan
 Owler, Leah

Owler, Owen
 Pancaro, Isabella
 Parsons, Sean
 Plumley, Colleen
 Price, Angelina
 Price, Antonio
 Raucci, Anthony
 Raucci, Arabella
 Restrepo, Mateo
 Rohde, Paxton
 Ruiz-Contreras, Angel
 Russo, Emily
 Schumacher, Charles

Schumacher, Fiona
 Serna, Arturo
 Serrano, Ella
 Serrano, Lucas
 Shoaf, Jake
 Shoaf, Zack
 Sidwell, Hanna
 Silvera, Gabriela
 Sorochen, Lyla
 Speicher, Violet
 Stephen, Adele
 Stepzinski, Ava
 Stepzinski, Hannah

Stepzinski, Maya
 Tabbaa, Joey
 Tate, Vance
 Turley, Andrew
 Vargas, Dylan
 Vargas, Nathan
 Vargas-Giraldo, Enzo
 Vicidomine, Adriana
 Weber, Andrew
 Zanella, Alexis
 Zanella, Joseph



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Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

**Matthew Kelly Is Coming to Naples in January –
You Won't Want to Miss His Live Presentation**



Living Every Day with PASSION & PURPOSE

- Discover your purpose – You're here for a reason. Discover what it is.
- Learn new habits – These 3 game changers will impact every area of your life.
- Gain personal clarity – God is always speaking to you. Learn how to hear his voice.



This is the same Matthew Kelly who introduced many of us to *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality* when he spoke a St. Leo three years ago. This is the same Matthew Kelly who has written *Rediscovering Catholicism, Rediscover Jesus, and Resisting Happiness*.

Even if you have read his books or listened to his CDs, nothing is like experiencing him in person.

With his signature combination of the profound and the practical — and witty sense of humor — Matthew Kelly introduces you to new habits that will re-energize every area of your life, and inspires you to start living with passion and purpose.

This event also features live music from singer-songwriter Eliot Morris.

Passion & Purpose will be presented on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:45 p.m. at St. Agnes, 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road.

Decide today to be there.

Tickets are only \$39, and that includes a free bag of Dynamic Catholic resources.

Buy your tickets today on-line at www.dynamiccatholic.com/Naples

Or leave a message at 239.566.8740 ext. 3918 and we'll arrange to get tickets to you.



Don't be left out. The last time Matthew was in southwest Florida it was a sell-out. The presentation in Miami the previous day is already sold-out. Put Saturday January 27, 2018 on your calendar and get your tickets, today!

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, November 14

Your Spiritual Gifts ~ 4:30 p.m., Seminar Room
Becoming Catholic – Inquiry (RCIA) ~ 6:00 p.m.,
Adult Space

Wednesday, November 15

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, Egypt and Exodus ~
5:30 p.m., Rome Room
The Bible Timeline, Maccabean Revolt ~ 7:30 p.m., Rome
Room

Thursday, November 16

Women of the Word, Ezekiel ~ 9:30 a.m., Seminar Room

Friday, November 17

Meditation - Advanced ~ 11:30 a.m., Seminar Room

Sunday, November 19

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, Conquest ad Judges ~
9:15 a.m., Rome Room

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

NET Missionaries Spotlight

Editor's Note: Since mid-September, eight young adults, NET Missionaries from Minnesota, have been a part of our Parish Family sharing their infectious enthusiasm as young Catholics. This is our second year hosting the NET Missionaries. We are very excited to welcome them as part of our Parish Family. This is part 3 of an on-going series introducing you to these young adults. Say Hello when you see them.



Daniel Mahoney



Daniel Mahoney is 19 years old and is from Metamora, MI. Metamora is about an hour north of Detroit. He enjoys hiking, fishing, and canoeing in his spare time. He is the youngest of 3 children, and loves spending time with his older brother and sister. One of his favorite movies is A Few Good Men. His favorite book is Tuesdays with Morrie

by Mitch Albom. Daniel's grandparents used to live in Florida and he is very excited to spending the year here.

Michaela Purdy



Michaela Purdy is 21 years old and is 4th of 6 children in her family. She is from a small town in Indiana. She was homeschooled until high school she graduated high school in 2014. She went to college for a semester, completing all her basics, and then decided to take a year off to discern her major. She got a job as a nanny in the

meantime then felt called to NET. She enjoys photography, singing, and playing board games and is very family oriented.

Host Families Needed. We are in need of parishioners willing to host two (or four, if you have space) of the NET team for a two week increment. You don't need to worry about transportation – just provide a place for them to sleep and shower, and meals for the day. Please don't pass up the opportunity to be a blessing to these wonderful young adults who are giving so generously of themselves to our parish!

For more information please contact: Kyle VanDuser, CYO Social and Spiritual Coordinator, at 207.0537 or kyle@sjecc.com or Patsy Valentine, NET Host Home Coordinator, at 239.398.8332 or paulival@aol.com.

Host Experience

"We ate together, talked, played games, went boating and prayed together."

I am so glad we volunteered to host some of the NET Team members. These young men who shared our home blended seamlessly into our lives, leaving behind a pattern of faith for us to follow.

The "boys", as I call them, slept on the floor and on a bunk bed in my son's room. Never complaining about the accommodations or my cooking. They were always grateful! In return, these young men offered to help around the house, help with homework, or help with entertainment, in the form of epic Nerf gun wars with my kids.

These are very hard-working people who spend most of the day out in Naples spreading the word of God to teens. They don't have much down time, but then they do, it was spent with us. We ate together, talked, played games, went boating and prayed together.

"Praying was the best part!" that is what my son said about having the NET boys stay with us. What a wonderful example this team has set for my 7 and 10-year-old. Watching "Cool" young men pray the Rosary, read the Bible and pray before every meal just reinforced the importance of knowing the Lord.

I look forward to hosting any one of these kind souls again in my home and highly recommend other to do the same. If there is any drawback to volunteering, I would say it's on the day the Team members leave... you will be sad.

God bless,
Joanne Janopoulos

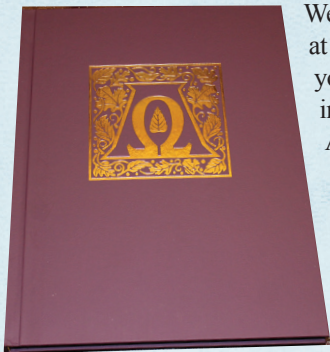
"This is not a judgmental group, but rather a loving one."

I must admit, though, when we agreed to hosting the NET girls, I was a little concerned, not really knowing what to expect. Was our family religious enough? Would they like the food I prepared? Would they be comfortable sleeping in bunk beds? Would they be horrified by our chaos? All of these fears turned out to be baseless. This is not a judgmental group, but rather a loving one. They are not picky eaters, and they do not expect gourmet meals!

Please consider hosting members of the NET Team. I assure you this opportunity is a gift, and not a burden.

Patty and Michael Gahan

Book of Remembrance Now Available to Add Names of Your Deceased Loved Ones for Month-Long Prayers



We will remember our deceased relatives and friends at each Mass in the month of November. We invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in our Book of Remembrance, which is near the Ambo near the front of the church throughout the month of November.

Those whose names are written in our Book of Remembrance will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at all Masses celebrated during the month of November.

Don't forget to bring a PRE-COOKED, FROZEN TURKEY to Mass next weekend, Saturday, November 18, and Sunday, November 19, if you wish to donate for the Thanksgiving in the Park.

Winter 2018 CYO and CAO Arts and Music Classes

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

CYO:

- Piano 1 Saturdays at Noon beginning January 13
- Piano 2 Saturdays at 10am beginning January 13
- Strings Tuesdays at 4:30pm beginning January 9
- Singing/Vocal Program Fridays at 4:45pm beginning January 12
- Guitar Sunday's at 3:15pm beginning January 14
- Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 4pm beginning January 10
- Theater and Acting Saturdays at 10am beginning January 13
- Improv Comedy Monday's at 6:45pm beginning January 8
- 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 January 13



CAO:

- Strings Program Tuesdays at 5pm beginning January 9
- Vocal/Cantor Program Friday's at 5:45pm beginning January 12
- Guitar Saturdays at 1:00pm beginning January 13
- Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 5pm beginning January 10
- Improv Comedy Monday's at 7:45pm beginning January 8
- Art and Painting Saturdays at noon beginning January 13



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

Email jennine@sjecc.com for more information.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

There will be only one Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23. Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

Fr. John and all our priests will concelebrate the Thanksgiving Mass.

The Parish Office will be closed November 22, 23 and 24.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Is a Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, is the patronal feast day of the United States of America, and as such, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times for Friday, December 8 are 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

A Safe Environment Here at St. John

As Christian adults, we have a moral and legal responsibility and are entrusted by God with the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of minors and vulnerable adults. As they participate in activities within or sponsored by our diocese, it is our commitment to provide an environment which is safe and nurturing.

All allegations of child sexual abuse by diocesan personnel, including clergy, should be reported to law enforcement, the Florida Department of Children and Families and to the Victim Assistance Coordinator. The Coordinator will notify the Chancellor who will refer the matter to the Review Board for investigation. The Victim Assistance Coordinator, as the liaison between the diocese and the alleged victim, will focus energies on coordinating pastoral care for victims/survivors and will follow up with victims to ensure that they will receive appropriate care.

To report an allegation call Victim Assistance Coordinator, Barbara DiCocco at 941.416-6114.

PLEASE NOTE: all volunteers and employees of St. John who work with children or vulnerable adults must be fingerprinted and take the Safe Environment Training class.

Immokalee Elementary Schools Need Help on Thursdays! Can You Volunteer?

Volunteers are urgently needed on Thursdays for the elementary schools of Immokalee. The students are either migrant or Title 1 children in classes from Pre-K through 5th grade. Please join other members of the parish in assisting the teachers in the classroom. We follow the curriculum of the day but mainly assist with language arts and math. You do not need to be a teacher to be an effective volunteer!

Busing is provided. We leave at approximately 8:15 a.m. from Sam's Club on Immokalee Rd and from McDonald's at Pebblebrook at approximately 8:30 a.m. We return by 1:00 pm.

Call Diane Stanley at 201.615.8954 if you are interested in volunteering

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Catholic Youth Organization

YOUTH BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED FOR THE SPRING!!

Coaches Training on Jan. 12th Sign-up outside of Mass

Nov. 5th 9am, 11am, 1pm, 5pm.
Nov. 12th 9am, 11am, 1pm, 5pm.
Nov. 19th 9am, 11am, 1pm, 5pm.
Nov. 26th 9am, 11am, 1pm, 5pm.
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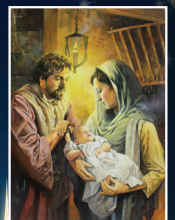
**PLAY LIKE
A CHAMPION
TODAY**



"Keep Christ in Christmas"

Help to "Keep Christ in Christmas" by sending religious Christmas cards.

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring an evangelization program designed to emphasize the real meaning of Christmas through the sale of Christmas cards. There will be a large assortment of cards available after each Mass in front of the church.



Buy early to get the best selection.

Bishop Dewane to Honor Couples Celebrating Marriage with a Special Mass This Winter

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 17 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, and 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 10 at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs. More info to follow.

Zumba Classes with Megan Is Back at St. John

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

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



Eucharist: Banquet of Love Marriage Enrichment

December 2, 2017

9:00am-3:30pm

Ending with Confession and Mass



Join us for a chance to renew and strengthen your marriage in the richness and beauty of the Catholic Faith through Sacramental grace.

"The Marriage Covenant, by which a man and woman establish between themselves a partnership of their whole life, and which of its very nature is ordered to the well-being of the spouses and to the procreation and upbringing of children has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a Sacrament."

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1601

St. Cecilia Catholic Community

Fort Myers, FL

\$25 per couple (includes lunch)

Babysitting available for small fee

Online Registration:

www.dioceseofvenice.org/marriage-enrichment

Please register by November 27, 2017

Contact: Kim Elsmore (941) 484-9543
elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org



Sponsored by:
Family Life Office
Diocese of Venice



Jazz Night & Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, November 18th
5:00 PM

Come support the St. John Neumann Music Department!



St. John Neumann Catholic High School
Justin Holecek Student Life Center
3000 53rd Street SW
Naples, FL 34116

Silent auction, live jazz music, and delicious dinner.

Cost of \$15 per Guest
Kids under 5 eat Free!

Purchase your tickets through a Celtic Band member or online through www.sjnceltics.org

Mark Your Calendars for Annual Diocesan Women's Conference and Diocesan Men's Conference

The following important events will include exciting speakers, opportunities for sharing of the Faith, the Mass and much more. The Diocesan Women's Conference will be held on February 3, 2018 and the Diocesan Men's Conference will be held February 24, 2018.

Both Conferences take place at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. Specific details and registration information will be forthcoming.

The St. John Farmers Market Is Back on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

It Feels Like Fall in the Gift Shop

Divine Gift Boutique Offers Variety of Fall Items

In celebration of the beautiful fall season and the blessings that we all share at the St. John parish community, we invite you to browse all the beautiful new fall and Thanksgiving merchandise available in the Divine Gift Boutique.



Divine Gift Boutique Coupon

Bring this coupon in for 20% off your fall purchase.

Offer expires November 20, 2017



Trappist Preserves and Creamed Honey are on sale again in the Divine Gift Boutique. Cherry and Apricot Preserves and Cinnamon Creamed Honey have been added to the inventory.

Prices are: Jelly - \$6.00

Honey - \$8.00

Gift Sets - \$21.00

See page 8 for gift shop winter season hours.