

November 5, 2017

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Everyone!

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

**We Are Now  
on the Winter  
Mass Schedule**

**Daily Mass:**

*Monday-Friday:*

8:00 a.m. & 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.

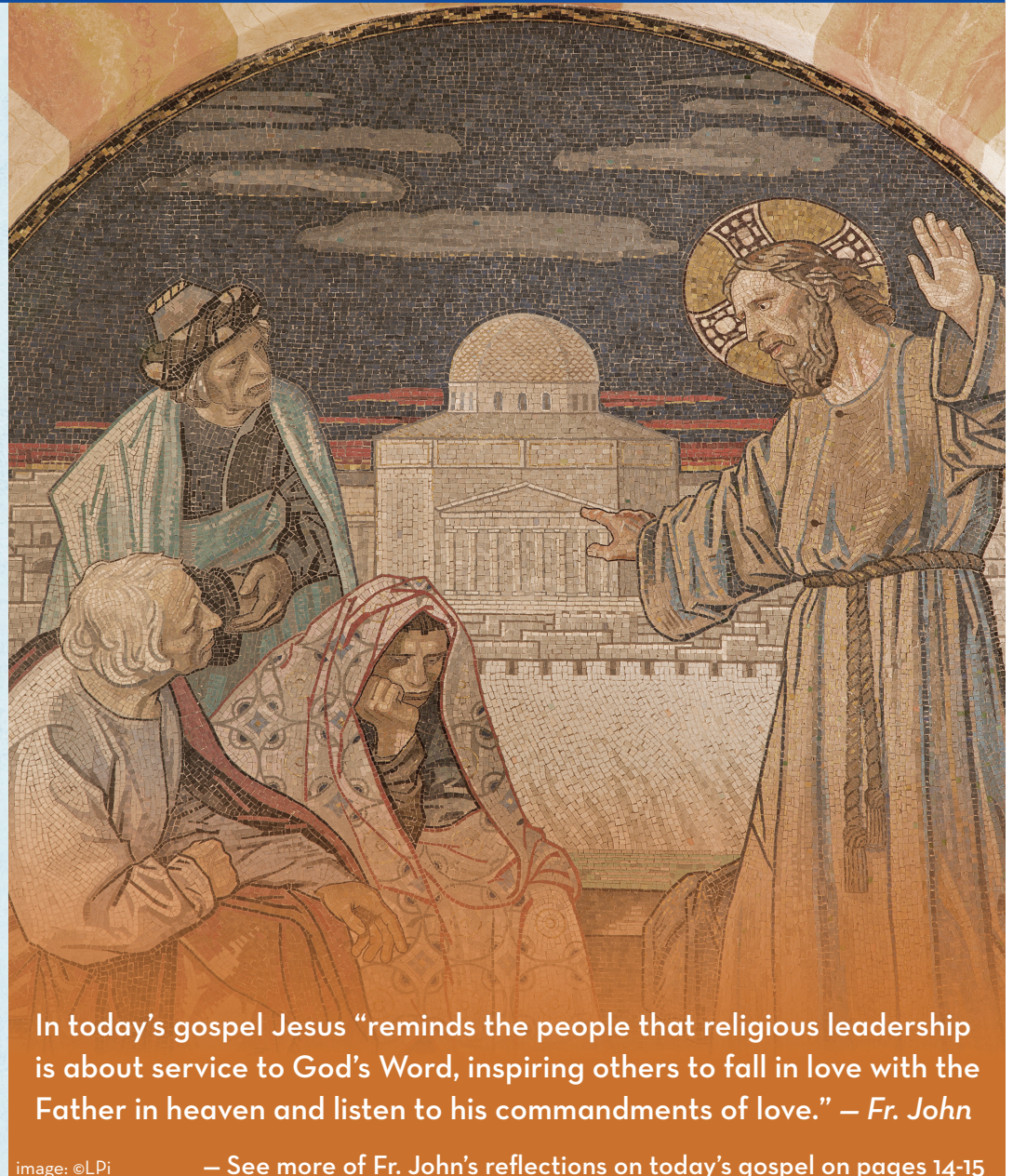
5:00 p.m. Contemporary

Mass

We will follow the winter  
Mass schedule until May,  
2018.

**Veterans Day  
Mass and  
Remembrance  
Saturday,  
November 11**

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In today's gospel Jesus "reminds the people that religious leadership is about service to God's Word, inspiring others to fall in love with the Father in heaven and listen to his commandments of love." — Fr. John

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— See more of Fr. John's reflections on today's gospel on pages 14-15



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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  
Deacon Hal Brenner  
Deacon Forrest Wallace  
Deacon Frank Paniccia Senior Status

### Altar Servers:

Jean-Paul Boucher *jp@sjecc.com*

### Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay and Andy Sanfelippo  
*ksanfelippo@comcast.net*

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#### Mass

Maureen Reed *Maureen@sjecc.com*

#### Homebound

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](http://www.sjecc.com)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

**All Administrative Staff**  
239.566.8740

### General Manager

Jean-Paul Boucher: *jp@sjecc.com*

### Parish Secretary

Deborah Marsh *deb@sjecc.com*

### Front Office Manager

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### Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Gary Prettyman *gary@sjecc.com*

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#### Coordinator

Kyle VanDuser *kyle@sjecc.com*

### Memorial Garden

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Karen Beebe *karen@sjecc.com*

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239.566.8740, dial 0

## Education Staff

### Director of Religious Education

Natalie Campbell: *natalie@sjecc.com*

### Coordinator, Adult Faith

#### Formation & RCIA

Jack Kindsvater: *jack@sjecc.com*

## PARISH REGISTRATION

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



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## St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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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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5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

## FOR OUR RECORDS

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

Thank you!

### Choirs:

*Gary Prettyman: gary@sjecc.com*

### 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.

## Veterans Day Mass and Remembrance – Saturday, November 11

The Arthur J Corr Assembly #3308 Knights of Columbus invites all parishioners, family and friends to a Veterans Day Mass and Services here at St. John on Saturday, November 11 at 8:00 a.m. commemorating the signing of the Armistice ending WW I.

The Knights look forward to having our entire community join them in this tribute to those who took the oath to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.”

Very Rev. Robert J. Kantor, “Fr. Bob”, LCDR, CHC, USNR (ret.) who served two tours of duty in Afghanistan as a chaplain with the United States Marine Corps and is presently the pastor of St. Agnes in Naples, will offer a Mass of Remembrance to honor those who have served and continue to serve our wonderful nation.



Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Fr. Bob will bless the life size statue of Christ embracing and welcoming a member of our armed forces “home” to His Kingdom. The statue, named “Lest We Forget” is located on a plot of ground directly in front of the church and it is a tribute to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Special recognition will be given to our WW II warriors.

Joining the Knights will be members of the Harp and Thistle Pipe Band along with the United States Marine Corps League of Naples, who will post and present our colors, as well as rendering a rifle salute to our fallen heroes.

Complimentary refreshments will follow in the Rome Room at the Parish Life Center.

## Knights and VFW Complete Annual Cleanup at Lake Trafford Cemetery

In preparation for Veterans Day on November 11, the St. John Knights of Columbus Council #11285 teamed up with the Veterans of Foreign War Post 7721 to do an annual cleanup at Lake Trafford Cemetery in Immokalee. The Veterans section of the cemetery had been neglected for years and the KofC purchased headstones for those which were missing at veterans graves last year. Members of the KofC and VFW continue to provide a “work detail” to maintain the veterans graves and place U.S. Flags at each Veteran’s grave at Lake Trafford.

“It is a great honor and satisfaction to pay respect to these

Veterans by ensuring their resting place is kept in good condition”, noted Bill Warvel of the St. John KofC.

The old U.S. Flags replaced at the graves were burned in a traditional ceremony at the VFW and new flags put in their place. Respect to the Veterans at the Cemetery, and to our National Flag, will be part of ceremonies at Lake Trafford on Veterans Day November 11. Veterans Day Ceremonies will also be held here at St. John on November 11 (*see above*).



text and photos submitted by St. John Knights and VFW

# MASS INTENTIONS... SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS

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

## November 4, 2017 Saturday

8:00 AM + Vito Campanale Catherine McCusker

### Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Billy Gibbons Sally McElroy  
5:00 PM + Phil Damato Mary & Tom Vizioli

## November 5, 2017 Sunday

7:00 AM + James Murphy Marian Haley  
9:00 AM + Jerry Lane Phil & Mickey Keating  
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners  
1:15 PM + June Zinnen Steve & Sue Becker  
5:00 PM + Dennis Martin Marian & Tony Bieber

## November 6, 2017 Monday

8:00 AM SI Michael Webster Family Deb Marsh  
9:00 AM + James Murphy Kass & Pete Mattimone

## November 7, 2017 Tuesday

8:00 AM + Chiara Diluzio Don & Peggy Eckstein  
9:00 AM SI Barbara & John Kuryea James Tighe

## November 8, 2017 Wednesday

8:00 AM + Charlie Curti Paul & Nancy Curti  
9:00 AM + Loren McGirr Kass & Pete Mattimone  
6:30 PM + Bruce Gammell Nelly Willshire

## November 9, 2017 Thursday

8:00 AM + Robert Sullivan Marty & Loretta Sullivan  
9:00 PM + Becky Comeriato The Goldszaks & Marinelli Families

## November 10, 2017 Friday

8:00 AM + John Conte Pat & Bill Smart  
9:00 AM + Jackie Mooney The Blake & Mulligan Families

## 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

## SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, November 4, 2017

#### St. Charles Borromeo; First Saturday

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

### Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Mal 1:14b – 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3;  
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

### Sunday, November 5, 2017

#### Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time;

National Vocation Awareness Week;

Daylight Saving Time ends

Mal 1:14b – 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3;  
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

### Monday, November 6, 2017

Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

### Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Election Day

Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24

### Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

### Thursday, November 9, 2017

#### The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

### Friday, November 10, 2017

#### St. Leo the Great

Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

### 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

#### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

November 5, 2017

*“I plead with you! Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.”*

— Saint John Paul II



A Capital Campaign for  
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Wonderful Generosity of Our Parish Family: Matching Status Update

Only two weeks ago, a generous donor approached Saint John the Evangelist with a challenge. He stated that he will match any and all donations for our Building Fund up to \$200,000 in order to assist us with the significant damages our campus has endured due to Hurricane Irma. Some of you are only getting into town now and may not be aware of the seriousness of the impact this storm has had on our church. From our church roof being ripped apart and AC units punctured by flying tiles to 2 weeks without power, causing warping of all the doors and the loss of the Ballroom, we have sustained major loss and will be undergoing repairs and renovations throughout the coming year. I want to thank you all for your patience while we restore and renew St. John. We will be stronger for it, for sure.

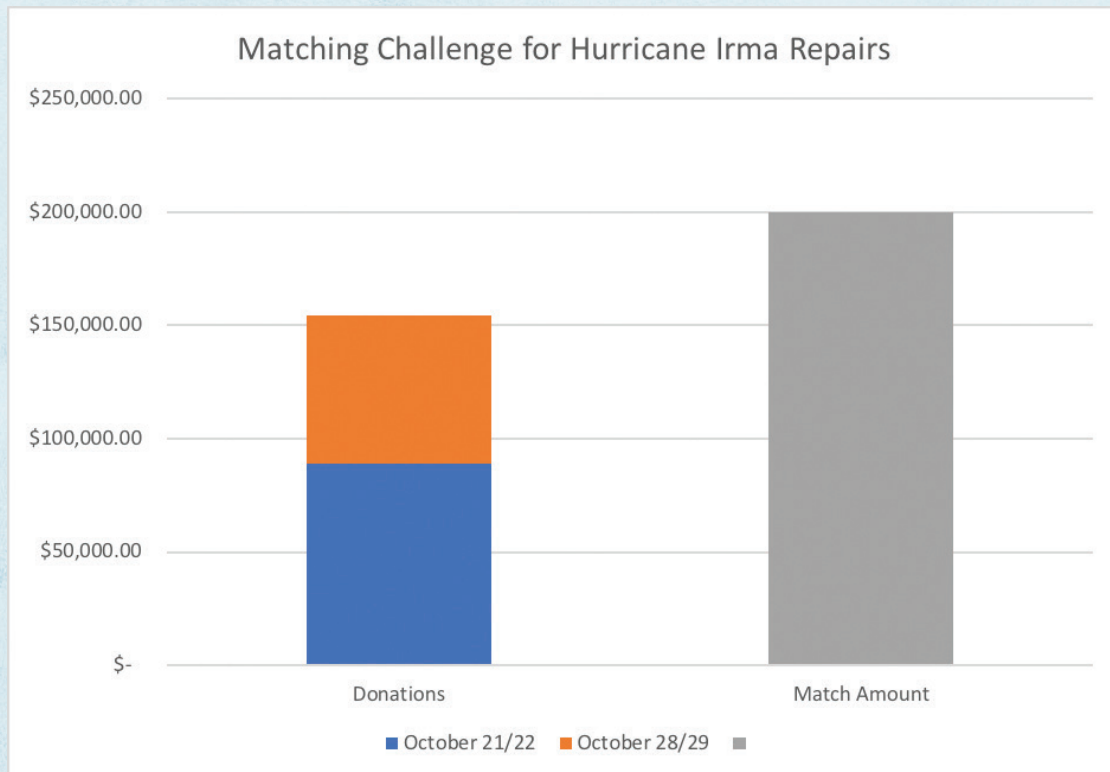
This challenge is from a non-parishioner, a community member who has chosen to give to Saint John the Evangelist as a way of acknowledging the great work our Parish Family does in the community and who does not want to pass up the opportunity to help us continue our mission. In the past two

weeks, we have responded to his challenge, raising over \$154,000 in a just this short time.

Please use your blue Capital Campaign envelopes, or if you are in church, you can use the white envelopes within the pews to ensure your gifts will become part of this matching opportunity. Make your checks out to Saint John the Evangelist and put “Hurricane Repairs” or “Building Fund” in the Memo Line. Let’s try and beat the challenge and match the \$200,000 in three weeks!

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](mailto:jp@sjecc.com).

Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager



## #ToKnow, #ToLove, #ToServe – Vocations: Not Just Collars and Habits Year 2

The blessings of this Parish Family continue to support and encourage all of our community, both those of us within the walls of our church as well as the world around us. It is the calling we all have as Catholics to take our faith and turn it into positive, loving action. In fact, there is a specific word that is used to describe this call: vocation. When you hear the word “vocation”, many of us immediately believe it means the calling to become a priest, or sister, brother or deacon. However, that is no longer the full definition of the word. All of us have a vocation, a calling from God. God speaks to all of us, asking us to live our life in His name and take that vocation into the world to make it a better place.

St. John is full of people living out their vocations, in ministry, in homes, and in their lives. I hope you all feel that calling from God and learn more about your own vocations. Our new Vocations Ministry will be actively engaging our community to educate us all on vocations and how we can all take an active role in our church and our world. In particular, there are four major categories of vocations: Priesthood, Religious Life, Married Life, and Single Life.

Let’s focus on one this week, Married Life. Many of us have chosen that vocation, but may not have realized just what a vocation it is. In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of Love*, Our Holy Father illustrates just how important marriage is to our faith and our future:

*72. The sacrament of marriage is not a social convention, an empty ritual or merely the outward sign of a commitment. The sacrament is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses,*



we teach the future generations how those same actions should be applied in their own relationships, both personal and in society. Love, honor, and cherish.

*image: Ray and Maureen Wilkinson will celebrate 50 years of marriage on November 18.*

by Jean-Paul Boucher  
General Manager  
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*since “their mutual belonging is a real representation, through the sacramental sign, of the same relationship between Christ and the Church. The married couple are therefore a permanent reminder for the Church of what took place on the cross; they are for one another and for their children witnesses of the salvation in which they share through the sacrament”. Marriage is a vocation, inasmuch as it is a response to a specific call to experience conjugal love as an imperfect sign of the love between Christ and the Church. Consequently, the decision to marry and to have a family ought to be the fruit of a process of vocational discernment.*

There are challenges in married life, to be sure. If anyone is attempting to be an “ideal marriage”, they are fooling themselves. Instead, we are called in our vocation to love deeply, ask for forgiveness when we do wrong and give out that same forgiveness when requested, respect and honor our family members, and be open to the life that springs from our unions. It is where

# 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



## SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

St. Martin of Tours, (born 316, Sabaria, Pannonia, died November 8, 397, Candes, Gaul [France]; Western feast day, November 11; patron saint of France, father of monasticism in Gaul, and the first great leader of Western monasticism.

Of pagan parentage, Martin chose Christianity at age 10. As a youth, he was forced into the Roman army, but later—according to his disciple and biographer Sulpicius Severus—he petitioned the Roman emperor Julian the Apostate to be released from the army because “I am Christ’s soldier: I am not allowed to fight.” When charged with cowardice, he is said to have offered to stand in front of the battle line armed only with the sign of the cross. He was imprisoned but was soon discharged.

Legend holds that while he was still in the military and a catechumen of the faith, Martin cut his cloak in half to share it with a beggar. That night, he dreamed that Jesus himself was clothed with the torn cloak. When he awoke, the garment was restored. Moved by this vision and apparent miracle, Martin immediately finished his religious instruction and was baptized at age 18.

On leaving the Roman army, Martin settled at Poitiers, under the guidance of Bishop Hilary. He became a missionary in the provinces of Pannonia and Illyricum (now in the Balkan Peninsula), where he opposed Arianism, a heresy that denied the divinity of Christ. Forced out of Illyricum by the Arians, Martin



went to Italy, first to Milan and then to the island of Gallinaria, off Albenga. In 360 he rejoined Hilary at Poitiers. Martin then founded a community of hermits at Ligugé, the first monastery in Gaul. In 371 he was made bishop of Tours, and outside that city he founded another monastery, Marmoutier, to which he withdrew whenever possible.

As bishop, Martin made Marmoutier a great monastic complex to which European ascetics were attracted and from which apostles spread

Christianity throughout Gaul. He himself was an active missionary in Touraine and in the country districts where Christianity was as yet barely known. In 384/385 he took part in a conflict at the imperial court in Trier, France, to which the Roman emperor Magnus Maximus had summoned Bishop Priscillian of Ávila, Spain, and his followers. Although Martin opposed Priscillianism, a heretical doctrine renouncing all pleasures, he protested to Maximus against the killing of heretics and against civil interference in ecclesiastical matters. Priscillian was nevertheless executed, and Martin’s continued involvement with the case caused him to fall into disfavour with the Spanish bishops. During his lifetime, Martin acquired a reputation as a miracle worker, and he was one of the first nonmartyrs to be publicly venerated as a saint.

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<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Martin-of-Tours>

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**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 Sjostrom: 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: froglady505@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. *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](mailto:scoutmaster@troop-226.com)

**Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist.** Provide families with an opportunity to raise their young boys in the way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. [pack226naples@gmail.com](mailto:pack226naples@gmail.com)

## PRAYER GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

## THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

**Adam Decker**  
**Nick Detloff**  
**Sp. Douglas Hennessy**  
**Staff Sgt. Brian Holmes**  
**Marine Colonel Brian Howlett**  
**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](mailto:robyndeville@earthlink.net)

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

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

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

**Pinochle.** Joseph DeJesus: 239.598.9865

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

## PRAYER LIST

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

John McGonigle, Shirley Mueller, Anthony Palladino and Innocent Smith

*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  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Music for the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 4 & 5, 2017

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	<b>335 Pan de Vida (Verse 2 is sung in Spanish)</b>
Closing Hymn:	<b>383 City of God</b>
<b>Choral Anthems at 11:15AM Mass</b>	
Prelude:	<i>Echo Anthem - Wagner</i>
Offertory:	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth - Rutter</i>

## 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, November 5, 2017: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Opening Song**                      **Holy Is the Lord**                      Chris Tomlin                      CCLI Song #4158039. ©2003 worshiptogether.com songs / sixsteps Music. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. CCLI License #2008891.

*Verse*) We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship him now; how great, how awesome is he! And together we sing, ev'ryone sing:

Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y. The earth  
is filled with His glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord  
God Al - might - y. The earth is filled with His glo -  
ry. The earth is filled with His glo - ry.

**Preparation Song: 374**                      **Servant Song**

**Communion Song:**                      **Amazing Love (You Are My King)**                      B.J. Foote

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*Verse*) I'm forgiven because you were forsaken  
I'm accepted; you were condemned  
I'm alive and well; your Spirit is within me  
Because you died and rose again (*to Chorus*)

*Bridge*) You are my King; you are my King  
Jesus, you are my King, Jesus, you are my King

***Chorus*)** Amazing love, how can it be  
That you, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor you  
It's my joy to honor you  
It's my joy to honor you;  
in all I do, I honor you

**2nd Communion Song  
and Closing Song**  
*continued on page 11*

**5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid**  
**Sunday, November 5, 2017: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Communion Song: 351 Supper of the Lord**

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

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Lord, I lift Your name on high;                      Lord, I love to sing Your  
prais - es.                      I'm so glad You're in my life;  
I'm so glad You came to save us.  
You came from heav - en to earth to show the way,                      From the earth to the cross  
my debt to pay;                      From the cross to the grave,  
from the grave to the sky;                      Lord, I lift Your name on high.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6:00 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](mailto:kyle@sjecc.com)

## Divine Gift Boutique Now on Winter Season Schedule

The Divine Gift Boutique has reverted to its winter season schedule effective this Sunday, November 5. The religious gift shop will be open Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

If interested in volunteering in the gift shop, contact Elaine at 566.8740.

The Divine Gift Boutique is located across from the restrooms.

# Anniversary of **KRISTALLNACHT**

The Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County Presents a Commemoration of the

## 79th Anniversary of Kristallnacht\*

"The Night of Broken Glass"

Sunday, November 5, 2017 | 2:30 p.m.

Saint William Catholic Church

601 Seagate Dr | Naples, FL 34108

Admission is free, reservations are requested but not required.

Guest Speaker is Rabbi James Rudin, renowned author and friend of the last four Popes.

\*Kristallnacht marked the beginning of the Holocaust. It was the night a thousand synagogues were burned in Nazi coordinated mass riots across Germany and Austria.

With each new generation, we lament the fact that they don't seem to know basic facts and information, such as the current vice president or who won the Civil War. Anything beyond last week is ancient history to them, but there are many events in our collective past that are necessary and proper to remember.

That is why we (the Catholic Jewish Dialogue of Collier County) hold a Kristallnacht Commemoration each year on the Sunday closest to the historical date of 11/9/38.



## CYO & CAO Concert Series 2017-2018 Season

### Kicks Off November 9



Join us as we kick off OUR CONCERT SERIES  
with our Thursday, November 9 Concert  
for Flute and Piano with renown  
Flutist Angela Massey and Pianist Dean Zhang.



The internationally acclaimed duo will present a thrilling and memorable performance. Angela Massey's debut album has been described as "beautiful and enchanting, the performances on this CD are magical!" and Dr. Zhang has been praised by "The Miami Herald" as "a powerful keyboard player" with a "smooth, fluid touch at the keyboard, bringing maximum expressiveness." The program, "Night Soliloquy," will include works featuring each performer as well as Paul Taffanel's exhilarating *Fantasia on "Der Freischütz."*

**Flutist Angela Massey and Pianist Dean Zhang in Concert Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room. Concert is FREE, but space is limited. To reserve your spot call the office at 239.566.8740 to have your name put on the list.**

#### CONCERT SEASON:

**A Cozy Christmas.** 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. **December 16, 2017**

**Philip Borter Cello Concert ~ January 25, 2018 • Paradise Coastman Barbershop Quartet ~ February 6, 2018**

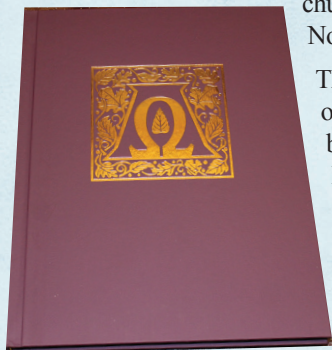
**Annual Broadway Concert~ February 24, 2018 • Garlic and Gaelic Festival~ March 3 & 4, 2018**

**Dan Heck Quartet Jazz Concert~ April 12, 2018**

For more info on the concert series, email: [jennine@sjecc.com](mailto:jennine@sjecc.com)

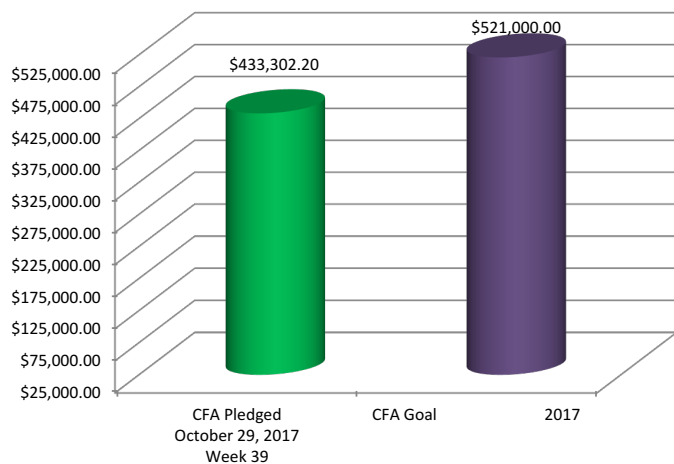
**Book of Remembrance Now Available to Add the Names of Your Deceased Loved Ones for Month-Long Prayers**

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.

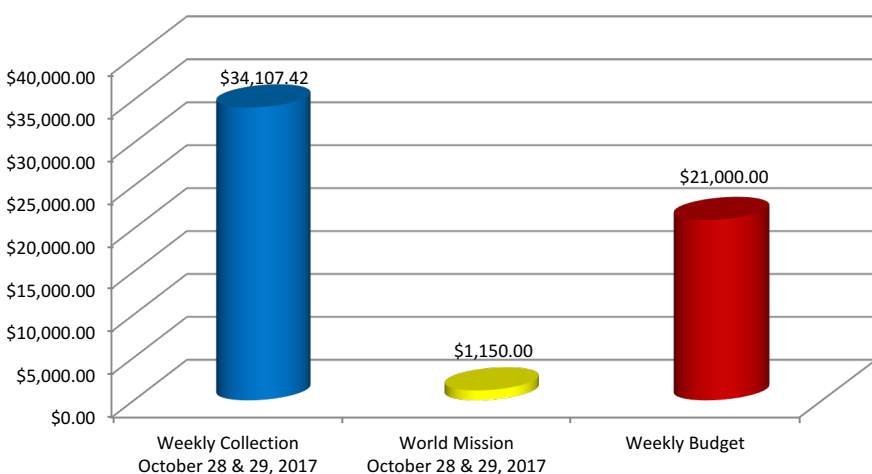


Those whose names are written in our Book of Remembrance will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at all Masses celebrated during the month of November.

**CFA Summary**



**Weekly Collection Summary**



**ENCOUNTER ON THE MOUNTAIN**

Let us come together as a community and take time away from the stress of our lives for a beautiful night of prayer, music, and adoration. Everyone is welcome...THIS IS A TIME FOR YOU. It will be a spiritual and peaceful night of praise and worship music by Jennine Fuentes, our teens, and our NET music ministers with confession and intercessory prayer available.

**St. John the Evangelist (Church)**  
625 111th Avenue North,  
Naples, FL

**6:30 pm**  
**Saturday,**  
**November 11, 2017**

- Adoration
- Confession
- Praise and Worship

**Two Retreats Offered This Winter at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center at 3989 S. Moon Drive, Venice, FL**

“Come to the Water, Day of Prayer” from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 15. The day includes a continental breakfast, lunch, two conferences, and opportunities for the

Sacrament of Reconciliation, private meditation and prayer. The day concludes with Mass at 2:30 p.m.

Early registration discount, 10 days prior is \$30. Registration increases to \$35 thereafter. For more information or to register for the Retreat please visit [www.olph-retreat.org](http://www.olph-retreat.org) or call 941.486.0233.

**Advent Retreat - “Prepare Your Heart for Christmas Retreat”** from Thursday, December 7 to Friday, December 8. The cost is \$115, double occupancy; \$140, single occupancy; and \$75, commuter day occupancy.

For more information or to register for the retreat please visit [www.olph-retreat.org](http://www.olph-retreat.org) or call 941.486.0233.

*Malachi 1:14B-2:2B, 8-10*

*Psalm 131:1, 2, 3*

*1Thessalonians 2:7B-9, 13*

*Matthew 23:1-12*

# The Word & Life

## *Leadership – the Call to Serve*

*A*s we listen to the gospel, we find that Jesus makes no veiled attempts at putting the scribes and Pharisees in their place. Jesus' criticism of the religious leaders had been communicated by way of parable up until this point. Such criticism of the religious aristocracy brought Jesus' mission to another level. He was confronting the religious leadership with its weakness, i.e. power had become the focus of these men rather than service to the Word of God. Jesus warns his listeners to follow the observances of Moses, but not the example of the teachers. Jesus tells his listeners that it is not God's will that people be burdened by the massive constraints of the Law. He observes the fact that those entrusted with religious positions were doing nothing to help those around them. Jesus clearly preaches the ultimate teacher is God. The only true father is the Father in heaven. The Father of truth and love – the Father who is slow to anger and rich in mercy; the Father who takes away his children's burdens.

Many fundamentalists have used this gospel text to challenge the leadership of the Catholic Church. We often are asked, "Why do you call your priests 'father' when scripture states that you should not call anyone on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven?" To approach the gospel in this way is too literal and misses the point that Jesus was intending. He was reminding the people that religious leadership is about service to God's Word, inspiring others to fall in love with the Father in heaven and listen to his commandments of love. The leader of faith should become selfless and transparent so that God may be encountered. The priest is given the title 'father' as a reminder of his mission to

bring others to God the Father and to love them as our heavenly Father does. Religious leadership should bring others to the teaching and truth that has been given to us by the Father in heaven. Sadly, there have been too many incidents within the Church's history where those entrusted with leadership have tied up heavy burdens hard to carry for the People of God. There have been priests and bishops who, through the observance of Church law and execution of Church law, have left people feeling rejected and ashamed of where their journey of life has taken them. When we fail such people, we also fail as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Since the Second Vatican Council, many have been called to leadership within the Church. Both the ministerial priesthood (clerics) and the priesthood of believers (the baptized) are asked to communicate the truth of the gospel. Together as priest and people, the Church strives to grow

### **Reflection Questions**

1. In what way does the gospel challenge you today?
2. How is God calling you to be merciful?
3. Name the times that you have been a burden to another's growth?
4. Have you allowed others to be transformed by your witness as a Christian?
5. How does the Church need to grow in its discipleship with Jesus?

in holiness as it serves humanity and the world. From the community, God calls people forth to offer their lives in humility and sacrifice, so that others may feel his saving power. Jesus is reminding us today that all of us share in the dignity of Christian leadership. We should not just be concerned about ourselves and those who are dear to us. Rather, we should be concerned with the redemption and salvation of all people. In concrete, this means that we should always have the humility to recognize that the broken reality of people's lives is really the fertile ground where God can do his work through us. Whenever we are confronted by suffering and sin, we are given an opportunity to give witness to Rabbi Jesus and follow his example of mercy and love. Our mercy and love must always come first.

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



### Prayer

*You are Father in heaven. Through Jesus, You call us to serve. May your will be done, not ours. Inspire those who are called in service to the Church to lead and govern with mercy and love. Let the Truth always be communicated in love. May the ministry of the Church imbue all people with grace and Your presence. Amen*

## Wisdom of the Fathers



He describes the attitudes of those who tie up heavy burdens and lay them on other men's shoulders, but who are unwilling to move so much as a finger; they are those who love the place of honor and want to be called master. This conduct comes when a person loses the sense of awe for salvation that has been granted to him... The awe seems to fade, and this is the basis for clericalism or for the conduct of people who feel pure. What then prevails is a formal adherence to rules and mental schemes. When awe wears off, we think we can do everything alone, that we are the protagonists. And if that person is a minister of God, he ends up believing that he is separate from the people... he closes himself off from God's surprises."

*"The Name of God is Mercy" – Pope Francis*

"I would like to mention another conduct typical of the scholars of the law, and I will say that there is often a kind of hypocrisy in them, a formal adherence to the law that hides very deep wounds. Jesus uses tough words; he defines them as "white sepulchers" who appear devout from the outside, but inside, on the inside... hypocrites. These are men who live attached to the letter of the law but who neglect love; men who only know how to close doors and draw boundaries. Chapter 23 of the Gospel of Matthew is very clear on this; we need to return here to understand what the Church is and what it should never be.

*image: Pope Francis waves as he arrives to lead his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican October 25. (Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)*

# Faith Formation

## 2017-2018 School Year

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 5** Sunday Faith Formation Class 9:15-10:45 a.m.  
*Parent Faith Formation and Coffee in the Library during Morning Class*  
**11:15 a.m. ENROLLMENT MASS FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS**
- 8** Wednesday Faith Formation Class 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
*Parent Faith Formation in the Library During Class*
- 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.
- 15** Wednesday Faith Formation Class 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
*Parent Faith Formation in the Library During Class*
- 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

### First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion: Enrollment Mass November 5

For those children receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year, the Enrollment Mass will be on Sunday, November 5 at the 11:15 a.m. Mass. These students will sit together with their families and come forward during Mass to receive a special blessing and necklace to mark the beginning of their preparation for the sacraments. *Please plan to attend if your child is receiving their sacraments this school year.*

We are grateful for the following catechists who are helping to prepare 97 children to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion: Donna Boucher, Liz Koplitz, Christina Talford, Pat Zewalk and Danielle Manzano.



### *Celebrating the Saints.... St. Jude of Thaddeus*

St. Jude was one of Jesus' twelve apostles. He was also the brother of St. James, the Less, who was also an apostle. St. Jude is the patron Saint of Hope and impossible causes. St. Jude shared the Gospel with great love and enthusiasm having great impact on those around him.

St. Jude is often portrayed as carrying an image of Jesus with him, a reminder of a great miracle when Jesus impressed an image of His own face on a cloth and gave it to St. Jude to go and cure King Abagar of Edessa, who was suffering from Leprosy.

After Jesus' death and resurrection, St. Jude continued to preach the Gospel along with St. Simon. St. Jude died for his faith in Christ and we pray to him today to intercede to Jesus for us. St. Jude's feast day is October 28. The color green is often associated with St. Jude symbolizing Hope. To send a prayer to St. Jude, please visit: <http://www.shrineofstjude.org>

*text: www.shrineofstjude.org and Ruth Rejnis' The Everything Saints Book, Adams Media Corporation, Avon, MA 2001.*

### *Upcoming Important First Communion Meetings for Parents November 12 and 15*

Parents who have children receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 12, 2018, need to attend ONE of these meeting on the following two dates. Parents of children who attend Private Catholic Schools need to attend one of these meetings as well. During the meeting we will go over many of the details toward preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. There are two dates available, and parents are welcome to attend either one. At least one parent needs to attend. Thank you for making this special parent meeting a priority as together we continue to prepare your child for their sacraments.

***Sunday, November 12 ~ 9:15 - 10:45 a.m.***

***Wednesday, November 15 ~ 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Seminar Room***

### **Faith Formation Office Hours**

Mondays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

*(on the days of Faith Formation classes only)*

Fridays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

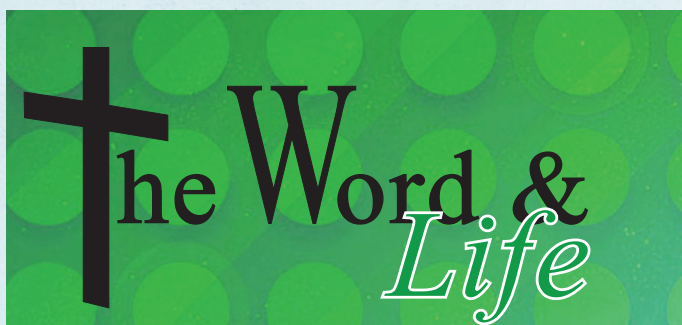
*(on the days of Faith Formation classes only)*



# Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

**“Get a Bible, Get Away, Get with God.”**

Jeff Cavins in *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*



Here are three easy ways to get into getting with God:

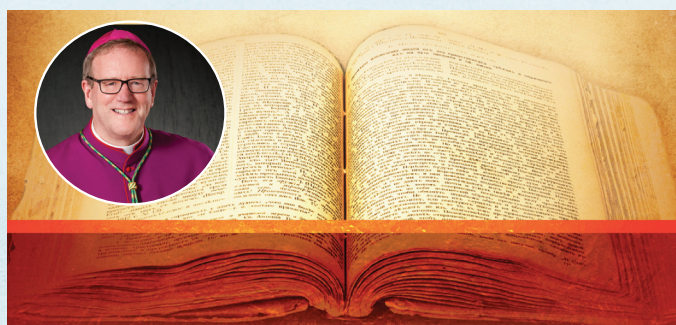
First – Read and reflect on *The Word & Life*, our own pastor Fr. John’s weekly written homily in the center spread of this Bulletin.

Second – Sign up for Jeff Cavin’s weekly video *Encountering the Word*.

- Go to [www.Ascensionpress.com](http://www.Ascensionpress.com)
- Click on CHANNELS
- Check [Ascension Presents], near the bottom of the left column
- Enter your email address and click [Sign Me Up].

These two sources are for a weekly reflection on the Sunday gospel. If you would like daily gospel reflections, they are available from Bishop Robert Barron.

Originally Bishop Barron created these “mini-homilies” during Advent and Lent each year. But once that season was over, the



nearly 300,000 people who chose to receive daily reflections from him asked, “How can we receive a bit of this nourishment the rest of the year?”

So a few months ago Daily Gospel Reflections from Bishop Robert Barron was introduced. Here is how it works:

STEP 1 - Sign up FREE at [DailyCatholicGospel.com](http://DailyCatholicGospel.com).

STEP 2 - Make sure you receive the introductory email in your Inbox. If it’s not there, check your spam or junk folders.

STEP 3 - You’ll receive a brief email each morning. Each email will contain a link to that day’s Gospel passage, so you can read the Scripture yourself. Then that will be followed by a short reflection on the passage from Bishop Barron.

**It’s short, simple, but extremely powerful.**

**Whether you chose to read weekly, listen weekly or read and reflect daily, there is a great way to get with God.**

**So sign up today and start reflecting on the Word of God.**

## This Week’s Schedule

**Tuesday, November 7**

**Your Spiritual Gifts** ~ 4:30 p.m., Seminar Room  
**Becoming Catholic – Inquiry (RCIA)** ~ 7:00 p.m.,  
Adult Space

**Wednesday, November 8**

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, Patriarchs** ~  
5:30 p.m., Rome Room  
**The Bible Timeline, Return** ~ 7:30 p.m., Rome Room

**Thursday, November 9**

**Women of the Word, Prophets, Jeremiah** ~ 9:30 a.m.,  
Seminar Room

**Friday, November 10**

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

**Sunday, November 12**

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, Egypt and Exodus** ~  
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](mailto: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 2 of an on-going series introducing you to these young adults. Say Hello when you see them.*



## Marc Edscorn



Marc Edscorn is 18 years old. He lived in New Hampshire up to his 17th year and now lives in Savannah, GA. He is the youngest of five, with three brothers and one sister who were all home schooled. He is an outdoorsman, an Eagle Scout, and he loves to discover new and wacky words. Additionally, he is an amateur photographer and loves Christian music and Irish

rock. It is his first year on NET, but he has experience in retreats and praising the Lord. He looks forward to serving and sharing his faith.

## Jessica Schmitz



Jessica Schmitz is from the small town of Sleepy Eye, MN. In May, she graduated from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, and Business Administration. Jessica is the middle of five children; she has two older

sisters, a younger sister, and a younger brother. Jessica enjoys playing with her niece and nephew, picking up a game of volleyball or basketball, kayaking on the lake, and watching movies. She is really excited to leave her winter coat and boots in Minnesota for the year!

**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](mailto:kyle@sjecc.com) or Patsy Valentine, NET Host Home Coordinator, at 239.398.8332 or [paulival@aol.com](mailto:paulival@aol.com).

## Host Experience

*"They have been such an incredible example to my shy, seven-year-old granddaughter."*

I cannot fully express how wonderful these young people are, or how positive your experience will be when you host the NET Team. Mike and I have had all four girls stay with us and are now hosting the boys. We will also have the girls again before they leave for the summer.

They have been such an incredible example to my shy, seven-year-old granddaughter. She is bashful about prayer. I can't explain why, but for her to see all of these teenagers bow their heads in prayer at meals and before bed somehow eased her mind that she is not "different". They played with her, were incredibly patient with her, made crafts with her. As far as she is concerned she has made lifelong friendships. They have inspired Mike and I with their love of Christ and devotion to their faith. They love to laugh and sit down and chat when they have a bit of free time.

The NET Team put in long hours, so you get to spend time with them at breakfast and usually after 8:00 p.m. They are a hard-working group that puts in long hours without a single complaint. Some like to get into the kitchen with you on the nights they are actually home for dinner, and they volunteer to do the dishes!!! Who doesn't love that?

I ask everyone who has a little bit of space to please open your home and your heart to these kids. They need a place to lay their heads down at night. They want to feel connected to the community they are here to serve. You will not regret it. It is an experience that I will cherish forever. Mike and I will do it over and over again.

God bless,  
Kim Woodyard

# Giving Thanks for All Our Blessings

## Divine Gift Boutique Offers Variety of Fall and Thanksgiving Items

We should give thanks every day for our wonderful blessings and the abundance of wealth from God. In celebration of the beautiful fall season and the blessings that we all share at the St. John parish community, we invite you to share with us the beautiful new fall merchandise that we have in the Divine Gift Boutique.



**Our Trappist jams, jellies and preserves make nice holiday gifts.** The gift shop will be open Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.



## Jazz Night & Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, November 18th  
5:00 PM

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

Come support the  
St. John Neumann  
Music Department!

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](http://www.sjnceltics.org)

## Florida Catholic Sunday Subscription Appeal This Weekend

This weekend is **Florida Catholic Sunday**. As Catholics embark on a journey of faith, let the stories in the **Florida Catholic** serve as an educational and inspirational guide. Let us walk with you as you explore your faith.

Prayerfully consider renewing or subscribing to the newspaper, or offering a loved one a gift subscription. Print edition is available for home delivery; e-Edition is available for PCs and tablets, including iPads. Subscribe online at [www.theoridacatholic.org](http://www.theoridacatholic.org), or call toll free 1.888.275.9953.

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**Life Line Screening  
Available at St. John  
on Thursday, November 9**

**Why Get Screened?**

Taking preventive steps such as making lifestyle changes and getting health screening may help you avoid a stroke or other serious health events in the future. Early intervention is important.

If you are over 50, if you have diabetes, high cholesterol or high blood pressure, or if you have a family history of stroke or heart disease, you may be at risk, even if you feel great. Actually four out of five people who suffer a stroke have no apparent symptoms and nearly 30% of strokes occur under the age of 65. The good news is that according to the National Stroke Association, 80% of strokes can be prevented.

Life Line Screening will help you find out if you are at risk, so you and your doctor can take the next steps and be proactive about your health.

St. John is pleased to offer this preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on Thursday, November 9.

Pre-registration is required. The Wellness Package includes four vascular tests for \$139 (\$129 with our member discount). The screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10.00 discount off any package priced above \$129.00, please call 1.888.653.6450 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle).

**Save the Dates and 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.

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Catholic Youth Organization

**YOUTH BASKETBALL  
COACHES NEEDED  
FOR THE SPRING!!**

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

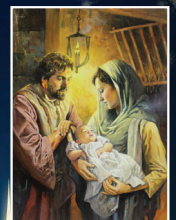
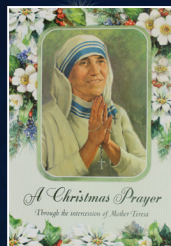
Nov. 5th 9am, 11am, 1pm, 5pm.  
Nov. 12th 9am, 11am, 1pm, 5pm.  
Nov. 19th 9am, 11am, 1pm, 5pm.  
Nov. 26th 9am, 11am, 1pm, 5pm.  
[KYLE@SJECC.COM](mailto:KYLE@SJECC.COM)



**"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.**

## 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](mailto:jennine@sjecc.com)



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

The St. John Farmers Market has made its return to our campus on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The market will be open on Fridays through April 27.

The following are returning vendors: Hot or Not Jellies, Aux Delices French Bakery and Local Honey, WaterGemz Jewelry, Cruz Produce, Adrian's Produce, Lilla Rose Hair Jewelry.

New to the Farmers Market are: brightly colored Stefan Organic Jewelry, Holy Paradise Guacamole, Pickles and Olives, handmade dog treats by Healthy Pooch, BBQ and catering by Naples Smoked BBQ, handmade raffia hats by Madagascar Hat company. There is also a new seafood vendor: Old Naples Seafood Company.

Vendor information is available at [www.41markets.com](http://www.41markets.com).

The Farmers Market will be open the Friday after Thanksgiving.



## 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](http://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](mailto:jennine@sjecc.com) for more information.

## Immokalee Elementary Schools Need Help! 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

## 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 information will be available later.

# Annual Vocations Dinner Dance

HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED DUE TO BALLROOM REPAIRS

**NEW DATE:** Friday, January 12, 2018 • 6:00 p.m.

Please join us to support our Seminarians  
and to honor and thank the priests of our Diocese

at Saint John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom  
625 11th Ave. N, Naples, FL 34108



**A night of fun, food, dancing and entertainment!**

Dinner by "Frisco's" • Music by "Legends of Las Vegas"

Open Bar • Silent Auction

Tickets: \$40.00 per person

Dress Code: Jacket and Tie Requested



**Honoring All Priests of the Diocese of Venice**

Tickets can be purchased by calling Paul Curti  
at 612-616-5535, or on our website at:

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

If you'd like to make a donation to help our seminarians,  
please contact Paul at 612-616-5535 or at [plancurti@gmail.com](mailto:plancurti@gmail.com).

Donate an auction item, or make a cash donation.



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