

January 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord

Our Parish Family Welcomes You!

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

*St. John Welcomes 13 Newly Baptized*

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Emiloia Rose Posadas       | June 4, 2017      |
| Theodore Dale Yormak       | June 17, 2017     |
| Wylie Lynne Palmateer      | June 23, 2017     |
| Isaac J. Leon              | August 6, 2017    |
| Camila Garcia              | September 2, 2017 |
| Aubrianna Rae Klopack      | September 3, 2017 |
| Cecilia Jane Podolak       | October 1, 2017   |
| Regina Alexandra Kreifels  | October 4, 2017   |
| Anthony Thomas Mongillo    | October 22, 2017  |
| Hudson Kui Washell         | November 19, 2017 |
| Adeline Grossklas          | November 25, 2017 |
| Emil Carrera               | December 16, 2017 |
| Azaliah Rain Guadagno Pugh | December 17, 2017 |



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*Aubrianna Rae Klopack*



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*Cecilia Jane Podolak*

*more photos of the newly baptized are on page 7*

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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.



# 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](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

### Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay and Andy Sanfelippo  
[ksanfelippo@comcast.net](mailto:ksanfelippo@comcast.net)

**Eucharistic Ministry** [EMMinistry@sjecc.com](mailto:EMMinistry@sjecc.com)

#### Mass

Maureen Reed [Maureen@sjecc.com](mailto:Maureen@sjecc.com)

#### Homebound

Lisa Godlasky [lisa@sjecc.com](mailto:lisa@sjecc.com)

#### Hospital

Mary Ellen Metro [maryellen@sjecc.com](mailto:maryellen@sjecc.com)

### Lectors Ministry

L. Philip Baier [lectors@sjecc.com](mailto:lectors@sjecc.com)

### Greeters & Ushers:

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

## SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH\*

**Sacrament of Baptism.** The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. *Deborah Marsh: deb@sjecc.com*  
**Sacrament of Matrimony.** Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice. *Tricia Schwarz: tricia@sjecc.com*  
**Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements.** Call the parish office. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

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

## CONTACT INFORMATION

*Business Office is located in the PAC (behind the Church)*  
**All Administrative Staff**  
**239.566.8740**

### General Manager

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

### Parish Secretary

Deborah Marsh [deb@sjecc.com](mailto:deb@sjecc.com)

### Front Office Manager

Tricia Schwarz [tricia@sjecc.com](mailto:tricia@sjecc.com)

### Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

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

### Artistic Director

Jennine Fuentes [jennine@sjecc.com](mailto:jennine@sjecc.com)

### Sacristan & Martha's Guild

Lan Tran [lan@sjecc.com](mailto:lan@sjecc.com)

### Director of Family Mission

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

### Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor

Kathy Sims [kathys@sjecc.com](mailto:kathys@sjecc.com)

### CYO Social and Spiritual

#### Coordinator

Kyle VanDuser [kyle@sjecc.com](mailto:kyle@sjecc.com)

### Memorial Garden

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

### Bookkeeper

Karen Beebe [karen@sjecc.com](mailto:karen@sjecc.com)

### Divine Gift Boutique

Elaine deLaurentis [elaine@sjecc.com](mailto:elaine@sjecc.com)

### Facilities

239.566.8740, dial 0

## Education Staff

### Director of Religious Education

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

### Coordinator, Adult Faith

#### Formation & RCIA

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

## PARISH REGISTRATION

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



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## St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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

### 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](mailto:info@sjecc.com)  
Thank you!

### Choirs:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Hospitality.** Volunteers serve light refreshments for parishioners who gather after the 9:00 and 11:15 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.





# Faith and Wine

Thursday, January 25, 2018  
6:30-8:30 PM (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)  
featuring

## “Top Ten Reasons for Being Catholic”

*It is not unusual for people to ask “Why are you Catholic?” If your response is a blank stare or “because that was the way I was raised” or even if you think you have a good answer to this question, we guarantee you will benefit from attending this dynamic event. In his light-hearted and fast-paced presentation, Father Mark will share with us his top 10 reasons for becoming and staying Catholic.*

**This event is open to both Men and Women.**

*PLEASE NOTE: Speaker subject to the approval of the Diocese of Venice.*

Father Mark Wiesner



**Cost: \$25 per person prepaid by January 23, 2018 • NO WALK-INS!**  
*includes the buffet dinner, a glass of wine or another beverage, and the program*

**Event Location:** To Be Decided.

**Become a Sponsor!** All sponsors receive one or more tickets for each event (depending upon sponsorship level) and you will never have to worry about deadlines or prepaying! To become a sponsor, please visit our website at [www.faithandwine.com](http://www.faithandwine.com) and click on “Sponsorship” from the menu bar for more information about levels and benefits and to obtain a Sponsorship pledge form. Please complete the form and mail it with your check to Kathy Millard at 2134 Morning Sun Lane, Naples, FL 34119.

For those who are not sponsors, you can prepay for an event with: (1) a credit or debit card by going to [www.saintjohntheevangelist.com](http://www.saintjohntheevangelist.com) and clicking on “Ways to Give”; or (2) a check made payable to “St. John the Evangelist” with “Faith and Wine” in the memo line and either delivered two days or mailed one week prior to the event to the St. John the Evangelist parish office at 625 111th Avenue North, Naples, Florida 34108. Please include a note with your name, the name of each of your guests, if any, and your e-mail address and/or telephone number.

**SAVE THE DATES:** Mark your calendar now for the remaining Faith and Wine 2018 Dates: February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, September 27, October 25, November 29, and December 14.

For more information, please visit [www.FaithandWine.com](http://www.FaithandWine.com)

## Special Collection for Diocese Seminarian Support This Weekend, January 6-7, 2018

The Vocations Committee wants you to be aware that this weekend there is a special collection for Diocese Seminarian Support. We have 18 young men preparing for the priesthood, including one from St. John, Alex Pince.

You may not be aware of how expensive it is to train a priest, but it is every bit as expensive as getting a degree from a upper tier university. Typically, it encompasses 6 years of study so they are fully prepared to serve us. The burden on the diocese is very heavy, and this collection is an important component of the budget to pay those costs.

This is your chance to make a difference by being generous. Also take a minute to introduce yourself to the NET Ministry young men and women who are working among us. Thank them for their devotion to the Church and all they do. Theirs is a vocation few of us would be willing or able to do.

**Editor’s Note:** We apologize for identifying Alex Pince incorrectly in the December 31, 2017 bulletin. We extend our best wishes to Alex as he continues his studies at the seminary.



Alex Pince



# MASS INTENTIONS... SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS

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

**January 6, 2018 Saturday**  
 8:00 AM + John Ernest Navarre Gordon & Elvera Clark

### Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Anne Doorich Colleen & Tom Leaky  
 5:00 PM + David Thomas Sylvia & Tony DeFeo

**January 7, 2018 Sunday**  
 7:00 AM + Carmine Devita Paula & Angelo Siciliano  
 9:00 AM + Jackie Gibson Catherine Reid  
 11:15 AM For Our Parishioners  
 1:15 PM + Phillip Comerford Frank & Nancy Walker  
 5:00 PM + Joe Wojtak Bill & Pat Pfau

**January 8, 2018 Monday**  
 8:00 AM + Walter Johnson Carl Monticelli  
 9:00 AM SI Anne Marie Hovancsek Carmen Hodge

**January 9, 2018 Tuesday**  
 8:00 AM + Gertrude Trapp Loretta & Marty Sullivan  
 9:00 AM + Raymond Coleman Frank Anastasia

**January 10, 2018 Wednesday**  
 8:00 AM + James F. Simon Pat & Ralph Riley  
 9:00 AM + Peter McHugh Dorothy Whitehouse  
 6:30 PM + Evelyn Gower Janis Bolbrock

**January 11, 2018 Thursday**  
 8:00 AM + Charles Volanti Al & Penny Legittino  
 9:00 AM + Mary C. Schocker Gordon & Alvera Clark

**January 12, 2018 Friday**  
 8:00 AM + Roy Armstrong Diane Lawson  
 9:00 AM + Louis J. Musto William & Valerie Rooney

**January 13, 2018 Saturday**  
 8:00 AM + Joseph Hiris Brigitte Hiris

### Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Anna Mody Michael & Joan Currid  
 5:00 PM + Lambert & Louise Abell Kathy & Bob Sims

**January 14, 2018 Sunday**  
 7:00 AM + Jackie Gibson Jackie Brodeur  
 9:00 AM + Thelma Corsetti Bob & Norma Claussen  
 11:15 AM For Our Parishioners  
 1:15 PM + Jack McGlenn Nancy & Arthur Goldstein  
 5:00 PM + Carmine Devita Carmela & Lorenzo Siciliano

**Week of December 23 through December 29, 2017: Wine and Host was in memory of Alfred Brandolin as requested by Paul and Jennifer Hajjar.**

## SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, January 6, 2018**  
**St. André Bessette; First Saturday**  
 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;  
 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**  
 Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Sunday, January 7, 2018**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week; Calendar Christmas**  
 Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Monday, January 8, 2018**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018**  
**First Week in Ordinary Time begins**  
 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20;  
 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or  
 Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**  
 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 11, 2018**  
 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday, January 12, 2018**  
 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 13, 2018**  
**St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**  
 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;  
 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**Sunday, January 14, 2018**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;  
 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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



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*“Success is a project that is always under construction.”*

— Pope Francis



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## *Pulte Family Life Center Status Update*

Each and every day brings new progress on our campus, from the demolition of the Bell Tower and removal of the skylight above the altar as damage repairs from Hurricane Irma to the spires of the new Pulte Family Life Center being placed on its foundation. Some of our Parish Family may not have gotten a chance to see the steel building components being erected behind the Claussen Center, so here are a few recent pictures:

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





## #ToLove, #ToServe – World Day of Peace Focuses on Migrants and Refugees

Our Holy Father has a specific and direct message for all Catholics that embrace the love Jesus has for those of us in the peripheries of society: We love you and we are here for you. Nothing has been more direct about our belief of the refugee and migrant crisis than his message this past week on the World Day of Peace:


*Peace to all people and to all nations on earth! Peace, which the angels proclaimed to the shepherds on Christmas night, is a profound aspiration for everyone, for each individual and all peoples, and especially for those who most keenly suffer its absence. Among these whom I constantly keep in my thoughts and prayers, I would once again mention the over 250 million migrants worldwide, of whom 22.5 million are refugees. Pope Benedict XVI, my beloved predecessor, spoke of them as “men and women, children, young and elderly people, who are searching for somewhere to live in peace.” In order to find that peace, they are willing to risk their lives on a journey that is often long and perilous, to endure hardships and suffering, and to encounter fences and walls built to keep them far from their goal.*

*In a spirit of compassion, let us embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands.*

*We know that it is not enough to open our hearts to the suffering of others. Much more remains to be done before our brothers and sisters can once again live peacefully in a safe home. Welcoming others requires concrete commitment, a network of assistance and goodwill, vigilant and sympathetic attention, the responsible management of new and complex situations that at times compound numerous existing problems, to say nothing of resources, which are always limited. By practising the virtue of prudence, government leaders should take practical measures to welcome, promote, protect, integrate and, “within the limits allowed by a correct understanding of the common good, to permit [them] to become part of a new society.” Leaders have a clear responsibility towards their own communities, whose legitimate rights and harmonious development they must ensure, lest they become like the rash builder who miscalculated and failed to complete the tower he*



by Jean-Paul Boucher  
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*had begun to construct...*

*Offering asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and victims of human trafficking an opportunity to find the peace they seek requires a strategy combining four actions: welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating.*

*“Welcoming” calls for expanding legal pathways for entry and no longer pushing migrants and displaced people towards countries where they face persecution and violence. It also demands balancing our concerns about national security with concern for fundamental human rights. Scripture reminds us: “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing*

*some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”*

*“Protecting” has to do with our duty to recognize and defend the inviolable dignity of those who flee real dangers in search of asylum and security, and to prevent their being exploited. I think in particular of women and children who find themselves in*

*situations that expose them to risks and abuses that can even amount to enslavement. God does not discriminate: “The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the orphan and the widow.”*

*“Promoting” entails supporting the integral human development of migrants and refugees. Among many possible means of doing so, I would stress the importance of ensuring access to all levels of education for children and young people. This will enable them not only to cultivate and realize their potential, but also better equip them to encounter others and to foster a spirit of dialogue rather than rejection or confrontation.*

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*image: Pope Francis delivers his Christmas blessing “urbi et orbi” (to the city and the world) from the central balcony of St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican on Monday, December 25. (Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)*



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The Bible teaches that God “loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.”

“Integrating”, lastly, means allowing refugees and migrants to participate fully in the life of the society that welcomes them, as part of a process of mutual enrichment and fruitful cooperation in service of the integral human development of the local community. Saint Paul expresses it in these words: “You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people.”...

Let us draw inspiration from the words of Saint John Paul II: “If the ‘dream’ of a peaceful world is shared by all, if the refugees’ and migrants’ contribution is properly evaluated, then humanity can become more and more a universal family and our earth a true ‘common home’.” Throughout history, many have believed in this “dream”, and their achievements are a testament to the fact that it is no mere utopia.

Among these, we remember Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini in this year that marks the hundredth anniversary of her death. On this thirteenth day of November, many ecclesial communities celebrate her memory. This remarkable woman, who devoted her life to the service of migrants and became their patron saint, taught us to welcome, protect, promote and integrate our brothers and sisters. Through her intercession, may the Lord enable all of us to experience that “a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” – Pope Francis 1/1/18 ([http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco\\_20171113\\_messaggio-51giornatamondiale-pace2018.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20171113_messaggio-51giornatamondiale-pace2018.html))

Saint John the Evangelist will be hosting a special Lenten Retreat this year, led by Father Donald Doll of Creighton University, who, as part of the Jesuit Refugee Services, sees the plight of the migrants and refugees around the world and will provide us all with perspective and accompaniment for all those in need of a place of safety for their families. Please stay tuned for the details of this powerful retreat.

## St. John Welcomes 13 Newly Baptized

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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 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. *Anne Petrillo: gapetrillo41@gmail.com or 239.248.2189*

**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 239.272.4257*

**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 Elaine 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 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](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. Wednesday morning Centering Prayer meditation and Lectio Divina will start again on January 10 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Library. *Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com, 901.574.2947*

**Liturgy of the Hours** *Phyllis Gryskiewicz: After 8:00 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.

To download the Consent Form visit our website: <http://sjecc.com/forms>

Thank you for your understanding.

## OUTREACH & OTHER GROUPS

**AA.** Robert: 239.287.2442

**Adult Children of Alcoholics.** Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195

**Al-Anon.** Carol: 804.306.5323 and Juliette: Lysack

**Food Addiction Support Group.** Maryann Scandiffio, 239.784.2682

**Narcotics Anonymous.** 888.435.7301

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

**Gambler's Anonymous.** 1-800-ADMIT-IT  
**Habitat for Humanity.** Kouolloheras:nick@hfhcollier.com

**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:*

Henry Johnson

*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	Jayne Hagg	Ann Petrillo
Kaylee B	Gerard Heyer	Irene Pires
Jean Balliro	Rosie Heyer	Renee Rake
Beagan Family	Krista Leigh Kozowyk	Ruth Rechtsteiner
Richard Becker	Rene Lacoste	Ellen Roberts
Gallen Boardman	Jean Lydon	Lloyd Sample
William M. Boardman	M.M.	Lisa Sanfelippo
Lori Breyman	Diane Maloney	Shelia Scaduto
Caeleigh Brown	Margie Lynch	Gary Schutebach
Connie Cahill	Maria and Family	Thomas Sissman
Kathy Conley	Ron Marlow	Avery Smithies
Corinne & Children	Barbara Marsh	Nancy Stewart
Lauren Carr	Donna Massee	Edward Sullivan
Frank Comeriato	Kevin McDonagh	Rita Taranto
Merlyn Comeriato	J. McG	William J. Teplia
Tony Corvelo	Paul McIntyre	Isaiah Thompson
Anthony D'Antuono	Cynthia McLemore	Marilyn Thyen
Mark DaBronzo	Carolyn McNichols	Helen Thornburg
Donald Demski	Eileen Miner	JoAnn Tinevra
Florence Demski	Mary Ann Morreale	Jim Tucker
Melissa Diamantini	Lorrie Morrison	Lawrence A. Varone
George Dillon	Gary Neidhard	Mike Walsman
Leon Doughty	Joan M. Oliver	Dan Ward
Kathy Erickson	Jane Oraziotti	Sandra Welker
F.W.	Emma O'Rourke	Bernadette White
Jim & Darlene Follse	Ronald J. Parker	Kirsten Wills
Tara Follse & Family	Michael Paul	Nancy Wise
Jeff Gatt	Francesca Pearo	
George Gonser Jr.	Anne Perrino	
Philip Gorney	Geno Pesce	

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## 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

### Sunday, January 7, 2018: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

**Opening Song**      **108**      **We Three Kings**      KINGS OF ORIENT/John H. Hopkins

**Offertory Hymn**      **107**      **The First Nowell**      Traditional English Carol

**Communion Song**                      **Lamb Of God**      Twila Paris

*Verse 1*  
Your only Son no sin to hide  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God

*Chorus*  
Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God  
I love the holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

*Verse 2*  
Your gift of love they crucified  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

*Verse 3*  
I was so lost I should have died  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God

### Offering

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*Verse 1*  
Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star;  
While angels sang to lowly shepherds,  
Three wise men seeking truth travelled from afar  
Hoping to find the Child from heaven,  
Falling on their knees they bowed  
Before the humble Prince of Peace [to chorus ↓]

*Verse 2*  
The sun cannot compare to the glory of your love,  
There is no shadow in your presence.  
No mortal man would dare to stand before your throne,  
before the Holy One of heaven—  
It's only by your Blood,  
and it's only through your mercy, Lord, I come

Chorus

I bring an of - fer - ing \_\_\_ of wor - ship to \_\_\_ my King. \_\_\_ No one on earth  
 3 \_\_\_ de - serves \_\_\_ the prai - ses that \_\_\_ I sing. \_\_\_ Je - sus, may you  
 5 \_\_\_ re - ceive the hon - or that \_\_\_ you're due. \_\_\_ O Lord, \_\_\_ I bring an of - fer - ing \_\_\_ to you. \_\_\_

*see page 11 for Closing Song*

### Attention ALL musicians!

We have wonderful opportunities for singers and instrumentalists to join our dynamic music ministry! In the following weekends, I will highlight one of our exciting music ministries! But, please do not wait for the bulletin invitation to join one of our fine choirs! This IS your very warm and official invitation to join us NOW! Whether already well established or conceptual, our ministries are always in development and growth. St. John has been very blessed to have had a history of terrific music. With your participation, we can ensure that this legacy will continue and thrive!

Sincerely in His service, Gary Prettyman ([gary@sjecc.com](mailto:gary@sjecc.com))



## Jamaica Outreach Program

### February 9-12: A Special Weekend Marking A Special Anniversary; Hosts Needed for Jamaica Choir Members

The Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP) will be celebrating its 20th anniversary on the weekend of February 9 - 12. A celebratory dinner will be held on the evening of Saturday, February 10 to mark the occasion. We hope that a legion of JOP volunteers and supporters who have served and supported our ministry over the years will join us at that celebration. As usual, we need, hope, and pray that we will be able to find volunteers who will step up and offer to host the Jamaica choir members who will be participating in the liturgy at most of the parish Masses that weekend. The more hosts we have, the easier it will be on the host parishioners who have agreed to be part of the weekend.



Hosts are asked to shelter, provide two meals a day, and transport their guests to church on Saturday and Sunday. The evening meals for hosts and their guests are provided by the JOP throughout the weekend. The Jamaicans will arrive in Naples around noon on Friday, February 9, and leave around 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 12.

If you can open your heart and your front door to our Jamaican visitors in February, please contact Martha Mador at 860.449.2105 or [martha@madors.net](mailto:martha@madors.net)

*text submitted by Martha Mador, JOP*

### 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, January 7, 2018: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

#### Closing Song

#### Let God Arise

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*Verse 1)* Hear the holy roar of God resound  
Watch the waters part before us now  
Come and see what he has done for us  
Tell the world of his great love  
Our God is a God who saves *(repeat line, to Chorus)*



*Verse 2)* His enemies will run for sure  
The Church will stand, she will endure  
He holds the keys of life, our Lord  
Death has no sting, no final word  
Our God is a God who sav

Musical notation for the first line of the song. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are: Let God a - rise, let God a - rise. Our God reigns.

*es (repeat line, to Chorus)*

Musical notation for the second line of the song. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are: now and for - ev - er, He reigns now and for - ev - er.



**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**

## Marriage Struggling? Next Retrouvaille Program February 2

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program will be February 2 - 4 at Hampton Inn & Suites, Tampa Northwest/Oldsmar. For more information, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org), or call 813.816.0711. This is not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

Marriage is under attack, and this is high season:

- Divorce filings spike 33% each January.
- Internet searches for “divorce” and related phrases like “family law” and “child custody” jump 50% from December to January.
- People thinking about divorce tend to think more about it during the holidays, and take action as soon as they are over.
- Divorce Attorneys call the first Monday after New Year’s “Divorce Monday”, and hire extra staff in anticipation.



### “Live, Laugh and Learn Symposium

#### - Life with Parkinson Disease” to be Presented Tuesday, January 9

Every nine minutes someone in our community is diagnosed with Parkinson Disease. The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida presents “Live, Laugh and Learn Symposium - Life with Parkinson Disease” Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

For more information or to attend please call 239.417.3465.

### Seven-Week Grief Support Group Begins January 9

A seven-week grief support group will begin at St. John on Tuesday, January 9. The gathering will be from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. each Tuesday and will meet in Room 11 in the Claussen Family Center. Meeting dates are: January 9, January 16, January 23, January 30, February 6, February 13, and February 20.

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

There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. To register, please call Geri Poletti at Catholic Charities at 455.2655.

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

## Several Safe Environment Training Sessions Have Been Scheduled at Area Parishes

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment. For further information, visit the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment).

There are several upcoming Safe Environment Training sessions at nearby parishes starting in January. For more details or to register, call the Parish Office at the location where the class is offered. Please note that no one should attend Safe Environment Training until their fingerprints have cleared. Fingerprints must be updated every five years. If you need to be fingerprinted here at St. John, call the office at 566.8740 for an appointment. No children are permitted to attend these sessions.

Any employees or volunteers who need to renew their background clearance or be fingerprinted should complete the paperwork and call the office at 566.8740 for an appointment.

Thursday, February 15	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. Peter the Apostle, Naples	239.775.9576
Saturday, February 17	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Peter the Apostle, Naples	239.775.9576
Saturday, February 17	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Peter the Apostle, Naples	239.775.9576
Thursday, February 22	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. Leo the Great, Bonita Springs	239.992.0901
Saturday, February 24	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Leo the Great, Bonita Springs	239.992.0901
Thursday, March 1	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. Finbarr, Naples	239.417.2084
Saturday, March 3	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Finbarr, Naples	239.417.2084
Thursday, March 8	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Light, Fort Myers	239.267.7088
Thursday, March 10	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Light, Fort Myers	239.267.7088

For the complete list of regional trainings that will be held this winter and spring and for additional updates, please visit <http://dioceseofvenice.org/programs/safe-environment/training-schedule/>

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



# Hymns for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord January 6 & 7, 2018

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Entrance Hymn: **107** The First Nowell

Preparation Hymn: **108** We Three Kings

Communion Hymn: **104** What Child is This

**90** Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

Closing Hymn: **78** Joy to the World



**All Christmas merchandise in the Divine Gift Boutique is now HALF PRICE.**

*Stop in, browse, and save on items for next Christmas!*

Gift Shop Hours: Saturday: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 Monday through Friday: 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

## The Venetian Charity Ball Will Be Held on Saturday, February 3

The Venetian Charity Ball will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 3 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort in Bonita Springs. All proceeds will benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. in Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties which include Positive Youth Development Program, Senior Support Coordination Program, Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Program, Immigration Services, food assistance and pantries, and direct assistance.

The evening will include a cocktail hour, auctions, a raffle for a car and other exciting items, dinner, and dancing. Tickets are \$250. For information and tickets visit [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org) or call 239.337.4193 or email [venetianball@ccslee.org](mailto:venetianball@ccslee.org).

## 2018 Women's Conference Saturday, February 3

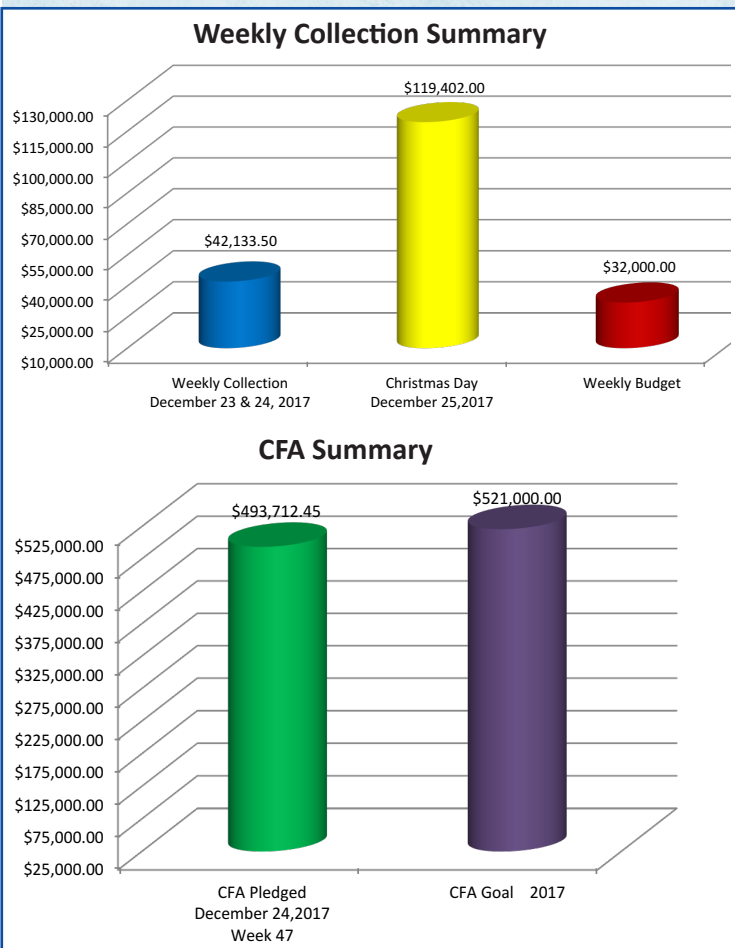
Women of all ages are invited to a day filled with the richness of our faith at the 2018 Diocese of Venice Women's Conference. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, February 3, at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is \$20 (pre-registration online), students \$5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is \$30, and \$10 for students.

This year's speakers are Kimberly Hahn, Sonja Corbitt, and Rosario Rodriguez. Join us in enjoying the tenderness of God's love and mercy! To register, please visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org/womens](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/womens).

## 2018 Men's Conference Saturday, February 24

The Diocese of Venice extends an invitation to all men who desire to encounter the presence of God to attend the 2018 Diocese of Venice Men's Conference from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24 at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is \$20 (pre-registration online), students \$5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is \$30, and \$10 for students.

The speakers this year are Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Patrick Coffin, and Bob Rice. Come be filled and transformed with the fire of God's love! To register, please visit to [www.dioceseofvenice.org/mens](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/mens).





## The Epiphany of the Lord: Year B

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

*Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.*

*Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

*Matthew 2:1-12*

# The Word & Life

## *A Celebration of the Universe*

Today, we celebrate the feast of Epiphany of the Lord. The word “Epiphany” means manifestation — something revealed and made known. The magi were totally immersed in this epiphany. These men read the constellations, interpreted the prophets, and discerned what the rising of the star meant. They set out on a journey of discovery which led them to a destination where the dream of God had become a reality for the world. In this great event the world of science and the world of faith collide, giving birth to the dawn of our salvation. It is hard to imagine how these magi felt when the Lord was made manifest before them. The experience was so powerful that they had no hesitation in offering their treasures to a child

born in the midst of poverty whose birth was heralded by a star. The magi paid homage and prostrated themselves before the infant child and his parents, knowing that the ground of an animal stable had become the holy ground of God’s presence.

Scholars are at odds as to who the magi were. There are some that argue that they were people of nobility, perhaps kings. Others offer the suggestion that since they were observing the stars in the cosmos that they were astronomers. There are still others who suggest that they were philosophers (wise men). As to the number of the magi, no one knows how many there were. All we know is that three gifts were offered to the Holy Family. Do all of these details matter? Not really. What matters is that in the coming of Jesus, the whole of creation rejoiced. Even a star shone

### Reflection Questions

1. How has God manifested himself in my life?
2. What experiences of life have led me to God?
3. What three gifts can I offer to Jesus Christ?
4. Where do I see myself going in life?
5. What is my purpose?
6. What is my ultimate goal?
7. How will I achieve this goal and purpose?
8. How can the world of science and the world of faith entwine with my witness to faith in Jesus?
9. How is God manifesting his presence in the world today?



brightly in the cosmos leading people from a strange land to come and pay homage to our savior.

Even today, this feast reminds us that we should constantly discern Jesus' presence in our lives and in the world. The magi found Jesus in an unlikely place. If we are truly open to God's Spirit, then we will ultimately find Christ amid the struggles, tragedies, joys, and celebrations of our own lives. The manifestation of God is constantly evolving and calling us to recognize His presence in the people of every nation, language, and way of life. Once we experience the Lord's presence, we are invited to share our treasures. The event of the Epiphany also reminds us that we live in a material and spiritual world — the world of science and the world of faith. One does not contradict the other. Rather, both reveal the splendor of God and the immensity of his power. We are asked to discern God's will in the midst of conventional wisdom and technology and never forget His purpose.

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



## Prayer

*Help us to read the signs that lead us to you and understand your purpose. Today, we remember how the magi set out on a journey to find a new ruler. Once they found him, they offered their treasures freely. As we go through this New Year, may we will always allow you, O Lord, to rule our lives. May our journey lead us closer to you and to one another. When we encounter you in the needs of others, enable us to freely hand over the treasures that you have gifted to us. Amen.*

## Voices of Faith

### *The Magi*

Gazing upon the heavens  
The magi are the seekers  
They patiently watch the night skies  
Waiting to see the light of promise  
That prophets hoped and longed for

Then all of creation celebrates  
The manifestation of God's love  
The constellations witness the birth  
Of a great shining star that leads  
To the Light of Life

Caravans set out on a journey  
The seekers pursue this star of wonder  
Heading out to a far and distant land  
Their destination is filled with promise  
But first they must follow the light

The star leads them to a journey's end  
In which they find a new beginning  
Wrapped up in swaddling clothes  
They find a new born king  
Illuminated by heaven's light

The seekers offer their gold  
For the majesty of God born here below  
Frankincense is gifted for fitting worship  
Myrrh, the costly perfumed ointment,  
Is placed before the Christ-child as a reminder of his  
journey's end

Homage the magi pay  
To this infant king  
Light of the world sends them forth  
In the world of dream does God thus speak  
Sending them home to share this tale of promise

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



*The visit of the Magi as portrayed in a stained-glass window at St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto. (Catholic News Service/Nancy Wiechec)*



# Faith Formation

## 2017-2018 School Year

### JANUARY CALENDAR

- 7 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class  
High School Confirmation Classes
- 10 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class
- 14 ~ **NO Sunday Faith Formation Class**
- 17 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class
- 21 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class  
High School Confirmation Classes
- 24 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class
- 28 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class
- 31 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class

### First Reconciliation Update

- Ceremony, Thursday, February 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Church
- 96 Children Prepared! How blessed we are!



### CONFIRMATION UPDATE

#### CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Save the Dates: March 23 and 24. More Details Soon!

#### 2018 Confirmation Upcoming Class Dates

January 7- Safe Environment Lesson Included

January 21

February 11

February 25 - No Morning Class - Q & A With Fr. John

March 4

March 18

\*Retreat March 23 and 24

April 8

April 22

April 29

May 6

*Confirmation Date to be announced soon!*

### HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS 5:30-6:30 p.m.

All High School Students are invited to be a part of our Bible Study on Wednesday evening before Youth Group. All are welcome and pre-registration is not required. Please come to the Adult Space Room of the Claussen Center on Wednesday evenings when Faith Formation is in session. Bring your own bible if you wish or use one of ours! Afterwards, stay for Youth Group if you'd like from 6:30-8:00 pm..

### This Week in Faith Formation

#### Sunday, January 7

- K-8 Faith Formation ~ 9:15-10:45 a.m.
- High School Morning Confirmation ~ 9:15-10:45 a.m.
- Parent Faith Formation ~ 9:15-10:45 a.m.
- High School Evening Confirmation ~ 6:05-7:30 p.m.
- Middle School Youth Group ~ 6:00-7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, January 10

- PreK Atrium ~ 12:10-2:10 p.m.
- K-8 Faith Formation ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Parent Faith Formation ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- High School Bible Study ~ 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- High School Youth Group ~ 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Faith Formation Office Hours:** Mondays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. • Wednesdays: 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. *(on the days of Faith Formation classes only)* Fridays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. Sundays: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. *(on the days of Faith Formation classes only)*

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



# Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

## Bishop Frank J. Dewayne Has a Spiritual Gift for YOU!

If you were baptized Catholic and received your First Communion, but for whatever reason have not been confirmed, ADULT CONFIRMATION is available to YOU.

Like Baptism, which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark.

In late April or May, Bishop Dewane will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at Saint John the Evangelist parish on adults who have not yet been confirmed, as well as on our young adults who have completed two years of preparation.

Adult Confirmation preparation will begin Sunday, January 21st at 6:00 p.m., location to be decided. This day and time was chosen to make it as convenient as possible to receive this once in a lifetime sacrament but if it doesn't work for you alternative arrangements can be made.

### Adult Confirmation Preparation Schedule:

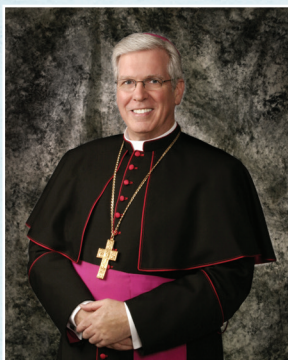
Four Sunday evening sessions from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

January 21, February 11, March 4, and April 8,  
plus a Saturday 11:00 – 2:30, Retreat/Penance to be scheduled

### Confirmation, day and time to be scheduled by the Bishop

Whether you would like more information or are ready to register now, please contact Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator. Send an e-mail to [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com) or leave a voice mail message at 239.566.8740 extension 3918, including your name, email address and preferred phone contact number. You will receive detailed information and answers to any questions in return.

It is never too late to receive Confirmation; in previous years our adult confirmani ranged in age from 18 to 80 and spanned three generations. All of us at Saint John the Evangelist are here to assist you on your journey.



## Living Life from your Spiritual Center - A Bible and Catechism Study begins January 16

Do you know your unique Spiritual Gifts? Christ's disciples could not have been successful bringing the Gospel of Christ to the ends of the earth without the spiritual Gifts given to them by the Holy Spirit. Apostle Paul reminds us that each person's giftedness is needed for the Church community to thrive.

*"There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of workings, but the same God who inspires them all in everyone.*

*To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."* (1 Cor.12:4-7).



You are invited to learn how you are uniquely, spiritual gifted on five **Tuesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center, from January 16 to February 13.

Throughout this study your eyes will be on God, the Giver of Spiritual Gifts for building up the Church. You cannot create these gifts yourself. The Holy Spirit enables them. You only need to cooperate. For many, learning their spiritual gifts has been a life-changing experience.

Each session will include a brief Scripture Reading, a Short video lecture, a silent meditative prayer, and a Closing Prayer. Please bring your Bible and Catechism to each session; a study guide and reading materials will be provided.

Please register by sending an email to [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com) or leave a voice mail message at 239.566.8740 extension 3918, including your name, email address and preferred phone contact number.

## This Week's Schedule

### Wednesday, January 10

**The Bible Timeline, Lunchtime sessions resume with Session 13, Divided Kingdom, Part 1** ~ 11:30 a.m., Seminar Room

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, final Session 8, Messianic Fulfillment Part 2** ~ 5:30 p.m., Rome Room

### Wednesday, January 10 *continued*

**The Bible Timeline, Session 20, Messianic Fulfillment, Part 3** ~ 7:30 p.m., Rome Room

### Thursday, January 11

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

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



# CYO & CAO Concert Series 2017-2018 Season

continues January 25 with

## Philip Borter, Cellist

Philip Lawrence Borter is quickly becoming recognized as one of the most diverse stringed instrumentalist of his generation. Being equally comfortable in traditional as well as non-traditional performance styles, Dr. Borter has prided himself in exploring and sharing an incredibly varied repertory.

**This FREE Concert begins at 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: TBD**



### REMAINING CONCERT SEASON:

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)

# BIG BAND DANCE

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• Lite dinner •

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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• Admission: •

**CANCELLATIONS:** We are sorry, but the following Big Band dances have been cancelled: January 23 and March 28. The Sock Hop on January 26 has also been cancelled. The ballroom is still undergoing extensive repair and renovation due to the damages incurred as a result of hurricane Irma. We hope to see you soon, though! Thank you for your understanding.

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• **Tables Available** •

For Reservations  
(table of 8  
or 10 only)

CONTACT:  
239.821.9395  
Prepayment  
Required

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• **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: SOCK HOP JANUARY 26, 2018** •

*Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era*

*Featuring the Live Southwest Florida 16-piece Orchestra  
Sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller & Stan Kenton*

**Big Band Dance Schedule:  
Tuesday, February 13 • Tuesday, March 20 • Tuesday, April 10**

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• per 12 oz. cup;  
\$7.00 per 60 oz.  
pitcher

• Wine and  
Mixed Drinks  
~ \$4.00



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• **Dress: Country Club Casual (No shorts please.)** •

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• **Sponsored by the Men's Club and Women's Auxiliary** •



# Marriage Ministry: Together Forever

Enjoy a date night with Catholic fellowship at Saint John the Evangelist as you enrich your marriage with 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.

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## THE CHOICE Wine™

7 STEPS

TO A SUPERABUNDANT MARRIAGE

### Remaining Dates:

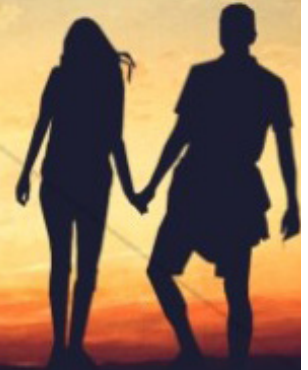
Jan. 20, Feb. 24, March 24, April 28,  
May 19, June 30, July 28, Aug. 25

Next session:

**January 20, 2018 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.



## HEAR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE SHOW TUNES & LIGHT OPERA

in Concert

**January 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

*in the St. John the Evangelist Church*



Joseph Ryan  
Baritone

**YOUR FAVORITE SHOW TUNES & LIGHT OPERA**

*Last year's concert drew rave reviews!!*

*Don't miss this all-new program!*

STARRING: *Opera Naples Professional Artists*



Melissa Fajardo  
Mezzo Soprano



Heather Vicevic  
Soprano

Benefits the  
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Online: **JamaicaOutreach.org**

or call 239-948-2145 • *Tickets will be held for you at the door.*

### ***Bishop Frank J. Dewane to Honor Couples Celebrating Marriage with a Special Anniversary Mass in February and March***

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 details will be available in future bulletins.

### *Zumba at St. John*

**Classes continue on  
Wednesdays & Saturdays**

**9:00 am - 10:00 am**

**located in the Seminar Room**

please visit: <https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/event/zumba>



## Winter 2018 CYO and CAO Arts and Music Classes

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

### CYO:

- Piano 1 Saturdays at Noon beginning Jan. 13
- Piano 2 Saturdays at 10am beginning Jan. 13
- Strings Tuesdays at 4:30pm beginning Jan. 9
- Singing/Vocal Program Fridays at 4:45pm  
beginning Jan. 12
- Guitar Saturdays at noon beginning Jan. 13
- Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 4pm  
beginning Jan. 10
- Theater and Acting Saturdays at 10am  
beginning Jan. 13
- Improv Comedy Monday's at 6:45pm beginning Jan. 8
- Art and Painting for Elementary Age students Saturdays at 9am  
beginning Jan. 9
- Voice Saturdays at 10am beginning Jan. 13
- Art and Painting for Middle/High School Age Students Saturdays at  
10:30am beginning Jan. 13



### CAO:



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



# PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY

Character Education Through Sports  
learn more at: [playlikeachampion.org](http://playlikeachampion.org)

## COACH & PARENT WORKSHOPS

for St. John Evangelist CYO at  
St. John the Evangelist  
625 111th Avenue North  
Naples, FL 34108

Saturday  
January 27, 2018

Coach Clinic  
11:45am - 2:45pm

Coach Commissioning  
Mass 3pm

Sport Parent Workshop  
4:00pm - 5:15pm

Location:  
Rome Room for Coach &  
Parent Workshops  
Church for the  
Commissioning Mass

RSVP to:  
[kyle@sjecc.com](mailto:kyle@sjecc.com)

*Play Like a Champion Today* provides leadership in a worldwide effort to renew the culture of sport for youth. It does this primarily by educating ethically responsible sport leaders—coaches, parents, students, and athletic administrators—who in turn will reach millions of young people.

## COACHING AS MINISTRY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Crafted by leaders in the fields of sports psychology, coaching education, Catholic theology, and moral development, *Play Like a Champion Today* is:

- Centered around the principles of justice, tolerance, respect, and solidarity
- Designed using the best athlete-centered practices supported by research into character development and faith formation through sports
- Originating at the University of Notre Dame and collaborating with concerned faculty and coaches throughout the country

*Play Like a Champion Today* deals with tough sport issues and supports schools in promoting:

- Athletics as Character-Building for Athletes and Families
- Building Teams as Moral Communities
- Champion-Centered Best Coaching & Parenting Practices
- Sportsmanship
- Responsible Decision Making

Over the course of the clinic, participants will learn about:

- The Spirituality of Sport
- The GROW Approach to Athlete Motivation
- Child and Adolescent Development
- Promoting a Safe Sport Environment
- Strategies for Developing Partnerships Between Coaches & Parents



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Working with Coaches and Sport Leaders to Shape a Positive Sports Culture for All Young People Since 2006.



# St. John Holiday Generosity



The Ladies of Charity would like to thank all of our wonderfully generous parishioners for their outstanding support of the annual sneaker drive which resulted in over 600 sneakers in addition to gifts and other thoughtful contributions, especially the gift of Christmas stockings. One lady made 50 of them with shoes and socks inside.

The sneakers with socks were distributed to RCMA and Guadalupe Social Service in Immokalee and to Naples Park Elementary in time for Christmas. Special thanks to our tireless coordinator, Kathy Kasper, without whom this drive would not be the success it is. God bless everyone who volunteered their time and talent.

— Carole Mancini, Ladies of Charity

At the annual Knights of Columbus Christmas party on Tuesday, December 19, 17 members from the Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled were the guests of the Knights for the evening. Each guest received a special gift donated by the Council.



This was the second year the Foundation was included in the Knights' Christmas festivities.

David Franco, a member of the Foundation, also helped Fr. Bob with the blessing before the meal.

