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



The Prophetic Voice of the Church Calls Us to a Consistent Ethic of Life

by Father John Ludden, Pastor

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recently convened their meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, to discuss a plethora of issues, which included poverty and immigration. At this meeting, several votes were cast to choose brother bishops to chair the various committees of the conference. One in particular has gained some traction; the bishops have always selected a cardinal to lead the pro-life committee. However, during this past November meeting, the bishops elected Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, of Kansas City, to be the leading force in the pro-life effort. Archbishop Naumann received 96 votes, while Cardinal Blasé Cupich, the Archbishop of Chicago, received 82 votes. Many media agencies have suggested that such a vote represents the bishops' reluctance to fully take on the pastoral initiative of Pope Francis. Cardinal Cupich has closely followed the Holy Father in his thoughts of abortion, euthanasia, poverty, immigration, gun violence, and the death penalty. However, these reporters see Archbishop Naumann as more conservative. He has vocally opposed elected officials for being pro-choice, noting they should not be found worthy to received Holy Communion. He also severed a relationship with the Girl Scouts of America due to their perceived ties to International Planned Parenthood.

The controversy really points to an element within the Church that calls our attention to the question of the dignity of life.

My thoughts? As a newly ordained priest, I remember being called out in the middle of the night to the hospital to attend to a premature baby's death. Upon entering the room, I remember so vividly the pain of the young couple who sat beside one another looking at their dead baby. The mother held her child who was just a little longer than the palm of her hand. This couple's pain was tangible. Their hearts were broken. They had lost their child. At this point, the child had no name, and its features were not fully developed. However, this child's parents were most certainly experiencing the magnitude of a life that had yet to become. I offered them the consolation of prayer and their child conditional baptism, recognizing in the very act of baptism the dignity of a child who had been made in the image of God. The child was entrusted to the tender mercy of God. Throughout my priesthood, unfortunately, I have had to relive that moment with many other couples who experience the devastating blow of a miscarriage or stillbirth. Likewise, I have also spent countless hours in confession and in the privacy of my office counseling women who are haunted by their past because they have had an abortion. In the

midst of their guilt, sorrow, and pain, I, as a priest, endeavor to open those involved in past abortions to the tender mercy of God, calling them to the transformation and redemption of Christ.

Since the landmark case of Roe v. Wade and the decision of the Supreme Court to legalize abortion on January 22, 1973, millions of unborn children have been killed. As a society we have become desensitized from the horror and reality of abortion and the plight of the unborn child. People can get carried away with personal philosophies of the 'right to choose,' forgetting the fundamental principle that life is a gift from God. Our great nation prides itself in the pursuit of freedom and liberty. However, the rights and freedoms of the most vulnerable of society are left ignored and their cries, unheard. Each life within the womb is the dream of God waiting to unfold, precious in his sight. Inscribed upon every conceived child and its life force is the dignity of life and the fingerprint of the Creator. To deny such life, or to desecrate it through abortion, is to deny the very God who has given us all life, along with the right to dream and to create. Abortion may well be legal, but the laws that allow it are immoral.

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Parish Information

MASS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

Saturday Vigil Masses: 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
and 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

Friday: 12:45 p.m.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine. We have 2018 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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Administrative Office Hours:

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

Come join us for refreshments and fellowship after the 9:00 and 11:15 Sunday Masses.

If you are interested in volunteering with our Hospitality Ministry, contact Loretta Sullivan at loretta@sjecc.com or 239-566-8740.

PARISH CLERGY AND MINISTERS

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Deacon Forrest Wallace

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FOR OUR RECORDS

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

Thank you!

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: www.sjecc.com.



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Mass Intentions... Special Observances and Readings

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

March 3, 2018 Saturday

8:00 a.m. + Bernice Kindsvater Jack & Connie Kindsvater

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + Jerome Paul VanderHorst Vicky VanderHorst

5:00 p.m. + Lambert & Louise Abell Kathy & Bob Sims

March 4, 2018 Sunday

7:00 a.m. + Victoria Ann Martin John Martin

9:00 a.m. + Karen Oliver Ellen Canham

11:15 a.m. For Our Parishioners

1:15 p.m. + Felix Gryskiewicz Wife, Phyllis Gryskiewicz

5:00 p.m. + J. Bradley McGonigle Conley Family

March 5, 2018 Monday

8:00 a.m. + Laurence McChesney Bill & Jane O'Brien

9:00 a.m. + Margaret McCormick Ann Marie Dickens

12:15 p.m.+ Paul C. Marsh Marsh Family

March 6, 2018 Tuesday

8:00 a.m. + Neal Farrell Barbara Farrell

9:00 a.m. + Charles Volanti Al & Penny Legittino

12:15 p.m. + Peter Dat Tran Lan Tran

March 7, 2018 Wednesday

8:00 a.m. + Ann Blauvelt Pfau Family

9:00 a.m. + Concetta & Peter Mantegazza Pamela Conlon

12:15 p.m. + Josephine Miller Don & Toni Eckert

6:30 p.m. + Santo Andreani Janet D'Addario

March 8, 2018 Thursday

8:00 a.m. + William Pace Madeline Gaffey

9:00 a.m. + Ann Alcide Marion Gravina

12:15 p.m. + Lee Flanagan Dick Sullivan

March 9, 2018 Friday

8:00 a.m. + George Badke Paul Lietz & Deborah Foley

9:00 a.m. + Sarah & James Healey Ann Marie Dickens

12:15 p.m. + Juana Barajas Luz Lozano

March 10, 2018 Saturday

8:00 a.m. + Kathleen Fay Margaret Melanson

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + Stacey Alayne Thompson Margie Helm & George Uding

5:00 p.m. + Gaspare Barbaro Phyllis Barbaro

March 11, 2018 Sunday

7:00 a.m. + Marie Fabiano Jean & Joe Carpino

9:00 a.m. + Nick Episcopo Children: Antoinette Scott, Joseph

Episcopo, & Maria Jackson

11:15 a.m. For Our Parishioners

1:15 p.m. + Fred Fromert Joanne Fromert - wife

5:00 p.m. + Dr. Bruce M. Nakfoor, Sr. Mr. & Mrs. Daniel McKeon

Nursing Home Masses

March 5, 2018 Monday - Solaris Senior Living (Aristocrat)

10:00 a.m. + Donald Mehtens Bob & Karen Oliveira

March 6, 2018 Tuesday - Bayshore Memory Care

11:00 a.m. + Marilyn Hamel Marc Poulin

March 8, 2018 Thursday - Solaris Health Care

10:00 a.m. + Nancy Lutz Ray Martyniuk

Readings for the Week

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Saint Katharine Drexel

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25;

Jn 2:13-25 (29)

Monday, March 5, 2018

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30 (237)

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35 (238)

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Saints Perpetua and Felicity

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19 (239)

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Saint John of God

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23 (240)

Friday, March 9, 2018

Saint Frances of Rome

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34 (241)

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14 (242)

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, please contact our Parish Secretary, Deborah Marsh: deb@sjecc.com or (239) 566-8740.

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.

Ministries and Prayer

PARISH COUNCILS

Building and Grounds Council. The Buildings and Grounds Council provides future direction, advice, and insight for the physical plant of St. John the Evangelist, to include all buildings, the grounds, and all utilities therein. The Council meets quarterly to evaluate any long-term strategy planning that is required. *Council President: Bill Sjostrom: bsjost@yahoo.com or 815.670.3733*

Finance Council. The Finance Council assists the Pastor and General Manager in their decision-making process to serve the needs of the Parish in the prudent administration of its resources and funds. *Council President: Robert Stift: rcs0242@gmail.com or 239.989.5149*

Pastoral Stewardship Council. The Pastoral Stewardship 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. Offers 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).
Seasonal Hours: Saturday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. If interested in volunteering, contact *Elaine deLaurentis: elaine@sjecc.com or 239.228.3921*

Divorced and Separated Support Group. Provides support and guidance for divorced/separated Catholics through our shared spiritual journey. We meet Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Please call for more information *Lhara Echeverria: 239.293.3694 or lhara@sjecc.com or Beth Lucci: 239.877.6254*

Faith and Wine. Monthly thought-provoking speakers, food, and fellowship for women in the Diocese. *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 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. 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. Couples gather: 1) To share and know; 2) To grow and love; and 3) To listen and serve

and to celebrate our healthy marriages. All married or engaged couples are welcome to join us. Meets monthly on Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. *Rachel Baier: 239.498.4197*

Men's Club and Ladies Auxiliary. Organizes events, prepares meals, and provides staff and support for a multitude of parish and parish-related functions. 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. Helps Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with supporting the God-given dignity of every person - which naturally leads to protecting the gift of every person's life. *Rosemary Erickson: relife@aol.com or 239.250.0432*

Sewing Ministry. Meets to sew for needy children of Collier County on Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. from October to May. To volunteer or donate: *Phyllis Crivelli: jandpcrivelli@gmail.com or 239.594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: 239.250.4162*

St. Vincent de Paul. Helps the poor, specifically people in zip codes 34108, 34109, and 34110. Members work in teams making home visits to those in need. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass. *Carl Monticelli: (SVdP Office): 239.775.1667*

Vocations Ministry. What is your vocation? 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 nancybdd@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*

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

Ministries and Prayer

SOCIAL GROUPS

Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist. Prepare boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. scoutmaster@troop-226.com

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

Habitat for Humanity. Kouolloheras:nick@hfhcollier.com

Mah Jong. Space Limited. Lanelle Bishop: 239.352.1860

Pinochle. Joseph DeJesus: 239.598.9865

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA. Robert: 239.287.2442

Adult Children of Alcoholics. [Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195](mailto:Tom Mooney: 239.287.0195)

AI-Anon. Carol: 804.306.5323 and Juliette: Lysack

Food Addiction Support Group. [Maryann Scandiffio, 239.784.2682](mailto:Maryann Scandiffio: 239.784.2682)

Narcotics Anonymous. [888.435.7301](tel:888.435.7301)

Cursillistas. Robyn DeVille: 239.253.6275 or robyndeville@earthlink.net

Gambler's Anonymous. [1-800-ADMIT-IT](tel:1-800-ADMIT-IT)

Recovering Couples Anonymous. Britta: 239.348.5031 or Roger: 239.250.6888

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by PRAYER and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. – Philippians 4:6

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. and Wednesday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Library. Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com, [901.574.2947](tel:901.574.2947)

Liturgy of the Hours

Phyllis Gryskiewicz: After 8:00 a.m. Mass. pmgrys@aol.com

PRAYER FOR THE MILITARY

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

Adam Decker

Nick Detloff

Sgt. Douglas Hennessy

SFC Brian Holmes – U.S. Army

Marine Colonel Brian Howlett

Lt. Col. Scott Huber – USAF, Turkey

Christian McLaughlin – U.S. Navy, Sicily

Sgt. Larry Oldenburg – U.S. Army, Iraq

Austin Spagnola

Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey

We remember those who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

Juana Bavajas, Ellen Bearce, Anthony Joseph del Moral, Jim Follese, Irene Hartsig, Peter Mattimore, Lorna McGvory, John D. Pennekamp, Jr., Glorcia Simon

Baby Declan Aigner

Kaylee B

Jean Balliro

Jennifer Basile

Beagan Family

Richard Becker

Gallen Boardman

William M. Boardman

Lori Breyman

Donald Brown

Brian Bulger

Connie Cahill

Kathy Conley

Corinne & Children

Lauren Carr

Frank Comeriato

Merlyn Comeriato

Tony Corveo

Brad Cunningham

Anthony D'Antuono

Mark DaBronzo

Donald Demski

Florence Demski

Melissa Diamantini

Donovan Family

Leon Doughty

Kathy Erickson

F.W.

Sandy Flaig

Darlene Follese

Tara Follese & Family

Patty Gahan

Jeff Gatt

George Gonser Jr.

Philip Gorney

Keri Grasso

Jayne Hagg

Gerard Heyer

Rosie Heyer

Jim Huber

Ted Konicki

Krista Leigh Kozowyk

Rene Lacoste

Pat Lampe

Jean Lydon

M.M.

Joan Maier

Diane Maloney

Margie Lynch

Maria and Family

Ron Marlow

Barbara Marsh

Donna Massee

J. McG

Paul McIntyre

Cynthia McLemore

Eileen Miner

Mary Ann Morreale

Lorrie Morrison

Joan M. Oliver

Jane Oraziotti

Emma O'Rourke

Ronald J. Parker

Michael Paul

Francesca Pearo

Anne Perrino

Geno Pesce

Ann Petrillo

Irene Pires

Renee Rake

Ruth Rechtsteiner

Ellen Roberts

Mary Romaniello

Terre Rozin

Lloyd Sample

Lisa Sanfelippo

Shelia Scaduto

Gary Schutebach

Robert Sims

Thomas Sissman

Avery Smithies

Sr. Colette Stevenson

Nancy Stewart

Edward Sullivan

Rita Taranto

William J. Teplica

Isaiah Thompson

Marilyn Thyen

Helen Thornburg

JoAnn Tinevra

Albert Treichel

Jim Tucker

Janet Vanderhorst

Mike Walsman

Dan Ward

Sandra Welker

Bernadette White

Kirsten Wills

Nancy Wise

Note: In order to place a name on our 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 Prayer List.

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

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I do not believe that our pro-life efforts should end with the protection of life within the womb. Standing at Planned Parenthood, offering silent prayer and encouragement to choose life is important, but equally noble is the task of accompanying the woman who chooses to keep her child. It is not enough for one to claim that he or she convinced someone to keep their child without offering support, financially, spiritually, or emotionally. If the pro-life ministry singularly focuses on saving babies alone, this makes the ministry pro-birth, not necessary pro-life. The reality is when someone unexpectedly find themselves pregnant, they need a huge amount of support from the community. Young women are overwhelmed by the prospect of raising a child alone and dealing with the financial consequences. Our pro-life efforts have to include a ministry of accompaniment in which we share our time, talent, and treasure.

All aspects of the social spectrum in which we live must be considered in the assault against the dignity of life. Whenever someone is ostracized, villainized, or discriminated because of their race, language, or way of life, this is an attack on God's creation. Every man, woman, and child is made in the image and likeness of God. No one is exempt from this wonderful reality. The gospel reminds all of us that the poor have a special place in God's heart. We cannot ignore how Jesus says that will be judged in the Last Judgment (Matthew 25:31-46) in the way in which we attend to the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, ill and imprisoned. We are expected to recognize the dignity of all people and the dignity of God's presence in all realities. Every bishop has a responsibility, as do we, to confront situations where people's dignity is not being respected. It is detrimental, I believe, for bishops to singularly point out certain political philosophies as grounds for the reception of Holy Communion. There are other points that are noteworthy of attention which are consistent with the magisterial teachings of the Church which include euthanasia, the death penalty, and the demands of Catholic Social Teaching. Not to view all these issues as pro-life issues make a hypocrisy of our pastoral life.

Recently, much has been said in regard to the efforts of Washington in dealing with the immigration debacle that has been taking place of the last few decades. Attention is given toward the attitude against illegal immigration, rather than immigration reform. Politicians tend to be reactive on the issue rather than proactive. We cannot forget that any conversation on immigration involves real people who are trying to find a better life for themselves and their families. The United States became the land of the free because immigrants came looking for a better life. The situation of the immigrant today is no different than that of years ago. People want to cross our borders legally. The problem is the system is broken and too complex. I have been through the demoralizing process of legally working with Immigration Services to get my green card and eventually my citizenship. People are treated with disrespect when entering such centers. The reality is the number of work visas issued each year does not meet the demand of those wishing to seek a better life, just like our ancestors did. We need to use our intellect to reform a system that is failing and move to

ensure that all people be treated with respect and dignity. The life of an immigrant should be important to us. Each and every day, I see immigrants out in the day's heat in Florida, paving our streets, roofing our homes, cutting grass, working the crops, and working through the night in packaging plants. They work hard and often do the work the average American would not want to do. These are hardworking people who want to give their children a better life than they were born into.

The refugee crisis should also be considered equally in our ethic toward life. The UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, has estimated globally that 65.6 million people have been forced from their homes, due to war, religious persecution, violence, natural disasters, drugs, and political and economic instability. These people leave what they call home to find a safe place for themselves and their loved ones. 22.5 million of these are refugees, of which over half are under the age of 18. It is estimated 20 people per minute are displaced because of man's inhumanity to man. The U.S. promised to resettle 110,000 political refugees for the fiscal year of 2016. However, the future of refugees to the United States remains uncertain because of the blocks meeting many from Muslim countries. These figures should be alarming to any individual who considers themselves Christian. People are suffering as they embark on an exodus from their homes to the various promised lands that offer them hope. This reality far exceeds the biblical proportions of Israel's exodus. However, the reality is the same. People are still fleeing the oppressive regimes of the world. These are God's children who deserve our attention and who should be equally given the same dignities that we have been granted. Refugees should not remain other people's problems. They are our brothers and sisters. These people will occupy places at the heavenly banquet.

What is needed today is a cultural change within society where people start to use their faith to dialogue with each other. As Catholic Christians, our words and actions must be consistent with the life, ministry, and attitude of Jesus of Nazareth. Our discipleship must reflect the mind of Jesus which transcends any political party's agenda. The Church needs to ensure her prophetic voice is heard in any situation that gnaws away at human dignity. Our baptismal anointing calls us to observe a constant ethic of life in which every life matters, whether that be the richest of the rich or the poorest of the poor. God's dream for us is that we immerse ourselves in such a shocking violence of mercy and love. I offer you the hopeful words of Pope Francis:

Some of you said: this system can no longer be endured. We must change it; we must put human dignity again at the center and on that pillar build the alternative social structures we need. It must be done with courage, but also with intelligence, with tenacity but without fanaticism, with passion but without violence. And among us all, addressing the conflicts without being trapped in them, always seeking to resolve the tensions to reach a higher plane of unity, peace and justice. We, Christians, have something very lovely, a guide of action, we could say a revolutionary program.

– Pope Francis, October 29, 2014



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40 Days for Life Dates:

- March 8 (Thursday) 9am-5pm
- March 13 (Tuesday) 9am-5pm, including a 10:30am prayer service with Fr. John

Signup after Mass on March 3 and March 4 or contact Nancy or Paul Curti at 612-616-5535 or plancurti@gmail.com.

Join us outside Planned Parenthood at 1425 Creech Rd. to pray for an end to abortion.

Mercy & Mary Parish Mission
Saint William Catholic Church
March 5-7, 2018

Join Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC for three inspiring talks:



Monday, March 5th:

Personal Testimony:
Now is the Time of Mercy
9:00am or 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 6th:

St. John Paul II:
Fatima and the Great
Mercy Pope
9:00am or 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 7th:

St. Maximilian Kolbe:
Mary's Instrument of Mercy
9:00am or 6:30pm

No registration required.
Donations accepted.
Materials available for purchase.

Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, is director of Evangelization for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and director of Formation for the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy. Fr. Michael is also the author of the best-selling books 33 Days to Morning Glory, Consoling the Heart of Jesus, and 33 Days to Merciful Love. He lives and works on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, home of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy.

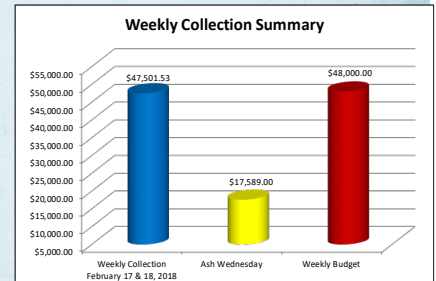
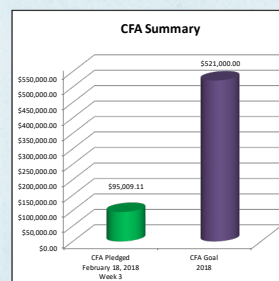


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Saint Patrick's Day

Unfortunately, due to the damage in the Ballroom, the Parish Family of Saint John will be celebrating Saint Patrick's Day this year with a 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, March 17. There will not be an 8:00 a.m. Mass that morning. Come support our Saint Vincent DePaul Council. There will not be a reception following the Mass.



So You Think You Know Saint John Knights of Columbus Ministry

You know the St. John Knights of Columbus as “those guys” with the feather hats and capes at certain masses, or the organization that puts on the great dances, dinners, and fish fries, right? Well, St. John Knights of Columbus is far more than that in both our local and global outreach. We are a large ministry and a family organization at St. John the Evangelist, which supports our Priests and our Parish.

Did you know that our dances and dinners are fundraisers to help numerous need-based organizations and volunteer services throughout the greater Collier County area? Recipients of funds and volunteer services from the KofC include St. Matthew House, Guadalupe House, Sunlight Home, Providence House, Saint Vincent DePaul, Jamaica Outreach, and St. Joseph the Worker Food Pantry. We deliver bread and groceries weekly for Collier Harvest to St. Matthew House and Youth Haven. We support Respect Life efforts with funds for Immokalee Pregnancy Center, including helping to purchase an ultrasound machine for them. We also support our Saint John CYO trip to Washington D.C. for March for Life. Our Tootsie Roll Annual Drive raises funds to help citizens with disabilities, including the Special Olympics and, locally, the Foundation for the Fundamentally Disabled (FDD). We also include FDD in our annual Knights of Columbus Christmas party and give them gifts and dignity in the spirit of Christmas.

The Keep Christ in Christmas Program, Toys for Tots, Catholic Faith Appeal, Patriotic assistance at Lake Trafford Veterans Cemetery, Right Life Statue in the Memorial Garden – need we go on? Oh yes, and we sponsor twelve Seminarians each year as they journey on to Priesthood.

The KofC global initiatives have unique charities which include the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, Disaster Relief, Ultrasound Initiative, and Coats for Kids. We also partner with international charities including Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission, and Habitat for Humanity. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted that, “Today, the Knights of Columbus is providentially positioned to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and the family called for by Pope Francis ... What is necessary now is our greater involvement in the renewal of parish and family life.” Here at St. John the Evangelist we have done just that for years by ensuring our programs and activities align with the vision and goals of Father John and the Diocese of Venice.

We think “Every Catholic gentlemen should be a Knight of Columbus.” And we welcome all the men of Saint John the Evangelist to be a part of all the good we do. At Saint John, we are over 200 members strong, and worldwide, we have over 2,000,000 Catholic men in the Order. “We are St. John’s.”

Join Us.



Capital Campaign

March 4, 2018

I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith.
– 2 Timothy 4:7



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Last Chance for Campaign Contributions: Life Center Progress

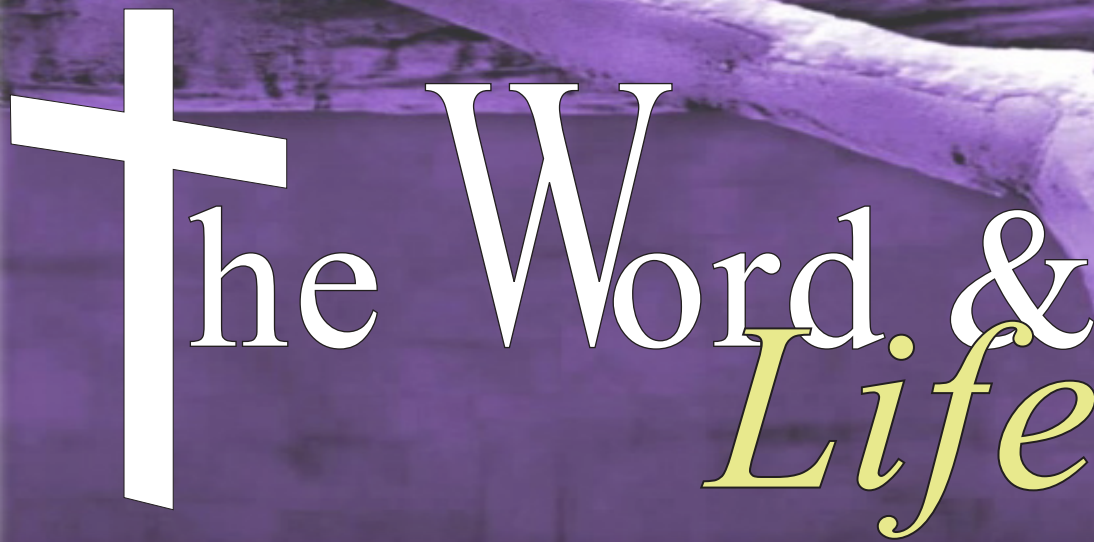
It is truly amazing to see just how much progress has been made on the Pulte Family Life Center in the past 2 weeks. Father John and I took a tour after our construction meeting to see the current status, and we wanted to take you along:



As we conclude the Build Our Future, Serve Our Past Capital Campaign this week, we still have one more chance for your gifts, prayers, and support for this next chapter for our Parish Family. If you have any questions, please contact Jean-Paul Boucher at 239-566-8740 or email: jp@sjecc.com. This page will continue as a status update page for both our repair work and our construction progress, so please stay tuned!

Jean-Paul Boucher,
General Manager

March 4, 2018 ~ Third Sunday of Lent



The Word & *Life*

Third Sunday of Lent: Year B

Exodus 20:1-17 • Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 • 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 • John 2:13-25

Cleansing Absurdity

The arrival of Jesus as Messiah has a profound impact on our lives as Christians. Jesus is the one who brings the salvation. He is the bridge between heaven and earth. The teaching of Jesus challenges the conventional wisdom of his day and cleanses the absurd practices that had become commonplace in the Judaic faith. In today's gospel, we encounter an angry Christ. The people of Jesus' day were hungering for intimacy with God as they tried to reconcile their failures. It was common for the people to sacrifice animals in atonement for their sins. The temple traders benefited from the people's guilt and the sale of animals for sacrificial offering became a lucrative business. Jesus recognizes the people's faith. He confronts the abuses of the day traders.

The anger that Jesus demonstrates is a justified refusal to allow anyone to fool around with God's mercy. The temple was a house of prayer — not a place for people to be taken advantage of. Jesus' sign would be to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days. For the discerning Christian we know this means his death and resurrection, the once-and-for-all sacrifice that would bring atonement for sin!

The Christian experience has, from time to time, bargained with the mercy of God. The Reformation occurred because of the absurd practices that had become the fabric of the ecclesial life. One of the common abuses was that of the sale of indulgences. People believed if they bought and sold indulgences that they could buy their way into heaven. The only problem was that the Reformers went too far. The Reformation provoked the much-needed reform in the Roman Catholic Church. The Counter Reformation grappled with the pastoral realities of the Church, prompting change in regard to the education of its priests. It also defined exactly what the Church taught and believed. All the abuses that existed in regard to the sale of indulgences was confronted and ended. The mercy of God was to be found through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

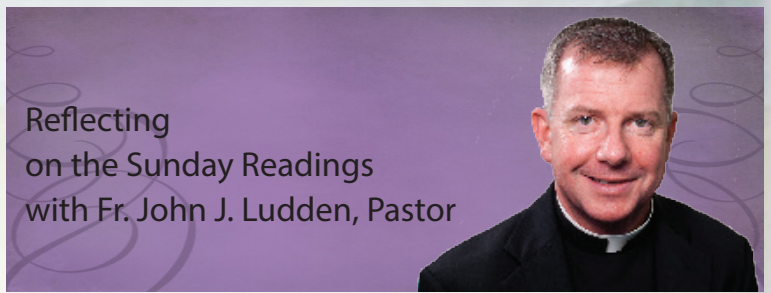
If we are truthful with ourselves, we have all played games in our relationship

Reflection Questions

1. How do you contribute to building your local parish?
2. Do you use your gifts and talents to benefit your parish and local community?
3. What are the obstacles that stand between you and God's will?
4. How does God's mercy play a role in your life?
5. Does God's Word have centrality in your life?

with God. How many of us promise God that we are going to walk away from a recurring sin and break that promise? People find it hard to let go of the sin of the past. One of the greatest sins we commit is not allowing God to forgive us. It is absurd to believe that God will not forgive us when we are contrite. The whole project of Jesus' mission was to reconcile the world to himself by the blood of His cross. We can use the Ten Commandments to see what God expects from us. Each commandment points to the significance of right relationship with God and with one another. Human weakness breaks that right relationship. However, God constantly invites us to come back and to be reconciled with Him. This is the beauty of Lent. We are reminded every time we celebrate mass in the once-and-for-all unbloodied sacrifice that Christ desires reconciliation and intimacy with us. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can name our sin and allow Christ to forgive us and bring us incomprehensible healing.

The cleansing of the temple reminds us that mercy is sacred to God. Jesus was consumed by his love of the temple, which was his Father's house.



Prayer

Be merciful to us, O Lord, for we have sinned! May our hunger for you bring us to the threshold of eternal life. Enable us to experience your Truth and forgiveness through the gift of the Church. Encourage us in the midst of failure and help us to move on. Create within us a new heart so that we may experience You in new ways. Amen.

Voices of Faith

The Living Temple

Not in the world of light alone, Where God has built his blazing throne,
Nor yet alone in earth below, With belted seas that come and go,
And endless isles of sunlit green, Is all thy Maker's glory seen:
Look in upon thy wondrous frame, — Eternal wisdom still the same!

The smooth, soft air with pulse-like waves,
Flows murmuring through its hidden caves,
Whose streams of brightening purple rush, Fired with a new and livelier blush
While all their burden of decay, The ebbing current steals away,
And red with Nature's flame they start, From the warm fountains of the heart.

No rest that throbbing slave may ask, Forever quivering o'er his task,
While far and wide a crimson jet, Leaps forth to fill the woven net
Which in unnumbered crossing tides, The flood of burning life divides,
Then, kindling each decaying part, Creeps back to find the throbbing heart.

But warmed with that unchanging flame, Behold the outward moving frame,
Its living marbles jointed strong, With glistening band and silvery thong,
And linked to reason's guiding reins, By myriad rings in trembling chains,
Each graven with the threaded zone, Which claims it as the master's own.

See how yon beam of seeming white, Is braided out of seven-hued light,
Yet in those lucid globes no ray, By any chance shall break astray.
Hark how the rolling surge of sound, Arches and spirals circling round,
Wakes the hushed spirit through thine ear, With music it is heaven to hear.



Then mark the cloven sphere that holds, All thought in its mysterious folds;
That feels sensation's faintest thrill, And flashes forth the sovereign will;
Think on the stormy world that dwells, Locked in its dim and clustering
cells!

The lightning gleams of power it sheds, Along its hollow glassy threads!

O Father! grant thy love divine, To make these mystic temples thine!
When wasting age and wearying strife, Have sapped the leaning walls of
life,

When darkness gathers over all, And the last tottering pillars fall,
Take the poor dust thy mercy warms, And mould it into heavenly forms!

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES SR. (1809-1894)

Youth Faith Formation... 2017-2018 School Year

Faith Formation Classes Pray the Stations of the Cross

During Lent, several classes in Kindergarten through High School will pray the Stations of the Cross together in our St. John Prayer Garden. This is a beautiful Lenten devotion for our youth to reflect upon the day that Jesus was crucified while praying at each station.

St. John has guided Stations of the Cross in the church on Fridays at 12:45 p.m. during Lent. Families may also come up to our Prayer Garden and walk the stations on their own. Free I-phone apps such as, "My Stations of the Cross," are available for download to accompany families as they walk from station to station.

After prayerfully meditating on each station, the following prayer is recited:

*We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

It is then followed by an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be prayer at each station.

Stations of the Cross

- 1st Station: Jesus is condemned to death.
- 2nd Station: Jesus takes up his cross.
- 3rd Station: Jesus falls for the first time.
- 4th Station: Jesus meets his mother.
- 5th Station: Simon of Cyrene is made to help Jesus bear the cross.
- 6th Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.
- 7th Station: Jesus falls for the 2nd time.
- 8th Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.
- 9th Station: Jesus falls for the third time.
- 10th Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments.
- 11th Station: Jesus is crucified.
- 12th Station: Jesus dies on the cross.
- 13th Station: Jesus is taken down from the cross and laid in the arms of Mary.
- 14th Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb.



Mrs. Zewalk's Class Prays the Stations of the Cross Together in the Prayer Garden

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, March 4

Faith Formation Class ~ 9:15-10:45 a.m.

Parent Faith Formation Sessions ~ 9:15-10:45 a.m., Rome Room

High School Confirmation Sessions Morning and Evening

Wednesday, March 7

Faith Formation Class ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Parent Faith Formation ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m., Rome Room

High School Bible Study ~ 5:30-6:30 p.m.

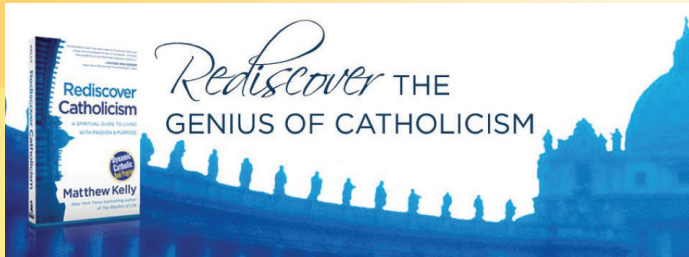
Faith Formation Office Hours: Mondays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. • Wednesdays: 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. (on the days of Faith Formation classes only) Fridays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m • Sundays: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. (on the days of Faith Formation classes only)

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Adult Faith Formation and RCIA

At a Time When Many Catholics are Disillusioned, Questioning Their Faith, and Filled with Doubts About the Relevance of Catholicism in the Modern World, the Voice of One Man Cries out to the World's Largest Faith Community with a Clarity that is Rare and Inspiring.

Matthew Kelly's "REDISCOVER the Genius of CATHOLICISM" is a Book and a Program for Today.



"The past several years have been a tough time to be Catholic in America... (Matthew Kelly has) spent hundreds of hours reflecting on where we are in our journey as a Church, and one thing that has become startlingly clear is that we have forgotten our story."

"Our contributions on a local, national, and global scale remain phenomenal despite our faults, inefficiencies, and recent scandals, and yet the Church is despised by millions of ordinary Americans. We have forgotten our story, and as

a result we allow the anti-Catholic segments of the media to distort our story daily... Our history is not without blemish; our future will not be without blemish. But our contribution is unmatched, and it's needed today more than ever before."

We all need to rediscover Catholicism. The beauty and richness of the faith is constantly in need of being rediscovered. Not because it changes, because we change. Who we are and the circumstances of our lives are constantly evolving and so a truth that we passed over a year ago may prove to be completely transformative today.

Matthew Kelly is convinced:

- There is genius in Catholicism, if we will just take the time and make the effort to humbly explore it.
- There is nothing wrong with Catholicism that can't be fixed by what is right with Catholicism.
- If you and I are not part of the solution, we are part of the problem.
- If sixty-seven million Catholics in the United States stepped it up a notch, something incredible would happen.

YOU can Rediscover Catholicism by reading this book and participating in our small study group. So, decide, here and now, today, to begin to explore the genius of our faith.

The six-session program will be offered in the Rome Room on two days and times:

- **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., March 7, 21, April 11, 18, 25, and May 2**
- **Sundays at 9:15 a.m., March 18, April 8, 15, 22, 29, and May 6.**

(The non-consecutive dates mirror the dates that the Youth Faith Formation programs meet so parents of children in those programs can easily attend.)

All are welcome to join us as we delve further into the book by exploring personal reaction and application. The book, "Rediscover Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion & Purpose" is available in the Parish Office and can be obtained at the first session. It costs only \$3.

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, March 6:

RCIA Catechesis ~ 6:00 p.m., Adult Space

Wednesday, March 7:

The Bible Timeline, Session 20 ~ 11:30 a.m., Seminar Room

Rediscover Catholicism ~ 5:30 p.m., Rome Room

Matthew, Session 3 ~ 7:30 p.m., Rome Room

Thursday, March 8:

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

Friday, March 9:

Christian Meditation ~ 11:30 a.m., Seminar Room

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

March 4, 2018 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

Catholic Youth Organization

Upcoming Sport, Arts & Music, and Social Events.



Arts & Music Spring Classes

Spring session begins March 19th!

Registration now OPEN!!

Our next session session of CYO and CAO classes in piano, voice, guitar, strings, acting, painting, and improv comedy is quickly approaching. Head over to sjecc.com/cyo or sjecc.com/cao to register and pay for your class/es before March 18th to ensure your class is offered.



CYO Summer Camps Registration Open now!

Arts and Music Camp - June 11th-15th; 9am-4pm

Basketball Skills Camp - July 9th-13th; 8am-12pm

Flag Football Camp - July 16th-20th; 8am-12pm

Soccer Skills Camp - July 23rd- 27th; 8am-12pm

(Registration for Sport camps will open June 1st)

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OPTIONS

Sports & Wellness

Arts & Music

Social & Spiritual

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REGISTER

Click on Program and Register online to sign-up for upcoming events leagues and classes

Sports

Interested in Coaching your siblings or as a High schooler? e-mail: kyle@sjecc.com



March Arts And Music Classes

Piano, Guitar, Voice, Strings, Acting, Ballroom Dance, Painting, Improv Comedy. Sign up Now!!

High School Youth Group
Wednesdays @ 6:30p in the Seminar Room.

Middle School Youth Group
Sundays @ 6-7:30pm in Claussen Family Center

Follow CYO!!



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Catholic Adult Organization

Upcoming Sport, Arts & Music, and Social Events.



Upcoming Softball Games

March 5th 6:30p
March 12th 7:30p
North Collier Park

Come support our teams!!

March Arts And Music Classes



Piano,
Guitar,
Voice,
Strings,
Improv
Comedy.



HeBrews Young Adult Bible Study

Theology on Tap
March 6th
6:30-8:30p. @
BoneHook Brewing Co

Follow CYO!!!



Encounter on the Mountain

Praise & Worship with Adoration for everyone! Come join us for our Praise & worship and adoration night in the church. March 16th at 6:30pm we will have a Lenten themed night of praise songs, and true worship, open to all members of our parish family! Experience a true encounter with the presence of Jesus in a new way as we join in songs and prayer together.

Need to be prayed over or want to receive the sacrament of reconciliation? All of this will be available at your convenience and as the Holy spirit leads. For more information email jennine@sjecc.com.

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Music and Choir

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, March 4, 2018: Third Sunday of Lent

Opening Song **Sanctuary** John Thompson / Randy Scruggs © 1982 Whole Armor Publishing Company & Full Armor Publishing Company (Admin. by peermusic). CCLI Song #24140. Reprinted under License #2008891. All rights reserved.

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry, pure and ho - ly, tried and
true. With thanks - gi-ving, I'll be a li - ving sanc-tu - a - ry for you.

Preparation Song **Shout to the Lord** Darlene Zschech CCLI Song No. 1406918. © 1993 Hillsong Publishing (Admin. in U.S. & Canada by Integrity's Hosanna! Music). All rights Reserved. CCLI License #2008891.

V1) My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you!
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my Shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship you!

Chrous) Shout to the Lord,
all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of your name!
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you!

Communion Songs **340** **One Bread, One Body** John Foley, S.J.

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1. I will ex - alt You. I will ex - alt You.
2. Be - cause You're with me. Be - cause You're with me.

I will ex - alt You. You are my God.
Be - cause You're with me, I will not fear.

My hid - ing place, my safe re - fuge. My treas -
- ure, Lord, You are. My friend and King, A - noint -
- ed One. Most ho - ly.

Music and Choir

Closing Song

This Is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham / Jeremy Riddle / Josh Farro CCLI Song # 6333821. Jeremy Riddle

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V1) Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory, the King above all kings

V2) Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder? Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory, the King above all kings

V3) Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of Glory, the King above all kings

V4) Who rules the nations with truth and justice, Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is a-maz - ing grace, ___ this is un-fail - ing love _____
that You would take my place, ___ that You would bear my cross. ___
You would lay down Your life _____ that I would be set free. _____
— Je-sus, I sing ___ for all that You've done _____ for me. _____

Hymns for the Third Sunday of Lent • Sunday, March 4, 2018

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	364 I am the Bread of Life (9:00 a.m.)
	Like a Deer (Fr. Ludden)
Closing Hymn:	630 Lead Me, Lord

This Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, those preparing to be received fully into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass undergo the first of three Scrutinies. The scripture readings used for the Scrutinies are from Cycle A. Since we are currently in Cycle B, you may find the readings on page 80 in the missalette. As the readings are different from Cycle B, so are some of the hymns to support the primary themes found in the Cycle A readings.

Choir Schedules

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.

Youth/Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 4:40 to 5:30 p.m. – Ages 9-18 (Age 8 considered)

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

Church and Social Events

**2018 Lenten Fish Fry begins Ash Wednesday, February 14,
and continues every Friday in Lent through March 23rd**

4:30-7:00 p.m.

Seating will be in Rome Room and in Courtyard (adjacent to Ballroom)

ONE DELICIOUS DEEP FRIED COD FISH BASKET \$12.00

w/Clam Chowder, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Bread & Butter

ONE DELICIOUS OVEN BAKED COD FISH DINNER \$12.00

w/Clam Chowder, Green Beans Almandine, Rice Pilaf, Cole Slaw, Bread & Butter

CHILD (7 yrs. and under) DINNER \$7.00

Served with One Piece of Fried Cod w/Mac & Cheese

All Dinners Include One Soft drink beverage and One Ice cream dessert

To learn more: call 566.8740

St. John
the Evangelist Church



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Couples' Wedding Anniversary Mass

March 10

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 on March 10th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 10:00 a.m. Please note the time difference for the Mass at St. Leo. Please call your local Parish office for reservations no later than a week before the event you choose to attend.

Saint John Parish Family & Friends Presents:

River cruising the wine region of BORDEAUX

Sail on two of France's mighty rivers and the Gironde estuary.

BORDEAUX - PAUILLAC - BLAYE - LIBOURNE - SAINT-EMILION - CADILLAC - COGNAC

Departure: Oct 21 to Oct 29, 2018

Nine days, seven nights including cruise, meals, drinks with meals & airfare from RSW or Miami from \$3995

Our Parish is Celebrating the Annual Mass of Remembrance

on Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m.

This Mass is to remember the members of our Parish Family and friends who have passed away since last year. As a sign that our Church keeps our beloved in prayer and that our beloved is always with the Lord, we have a beautiful ceremony where a family member or representative processes down the main aisle and lights a candle at the foot of the Altar.

If you wish to present a candle, please call or email the Church Front Office (info@sjecc.com), with the name (please include the phonetic pronunciation). The office will gather the names of the deceased and the names of who will be presenting the candle. It is necessary that the Office has your information by Friday, March 2.

Conferences and Seminars

Marriage Ministry: Together Forever



Enjoy a date night with Catholic fellowship at St. John the Evangelist as you enrich your marriage with our new series entitled, The Choice Wine. Enjoy appetizers and marriage discussion.

Next Session:
March 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Claussen Family Center

Please RSVP to the office at 239.566.8740.

Remaining Dates:
April 28, May 19, June 30, July 28, August 25

Join us for a special evening to support the programs and services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. which benefit people in need in Collier County.

Visit <https://cccollier.ejoinme.org/EmeraldBall2018> for ticket sales and for a preview of the exciting Live Auction items, and the opportunity to Buy Them Now!

For more information contact:
Brenda Lee Anderson, Catholic Charities of Collier County
239-455-2655 - banderson@catholiccharitiescc.org
See us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CatholicCharitiesDioceseOfVenice.

Jamaica Outreach Program and Ave Maria University: Joining Forces in Concert

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: March 14, 2018 – 7:30 p.m. – St. John’s Church

Come enjoy a fantastic evening of SACRED and POPULAR music at the upcoming JOP/AVE MARIA concert. You will be dazzled by the talent and expertise of the music school student body, the Ave Maria choir, and maybe even a few members of the faculty participating. You are guaranteed a musical treat of a lifetime. In addition to the spectacular vocal arrangements, there will also be instrumentalists performing from other parts of the music department.

Admission is \$20 and tickets may be purchased before and after most masses, on the JOP website, or by calling Roger Plante, Concert Chairman, at 239-948-2145.

Each week you will hear a featured student performing a selection of sacred music as an introduction to the concert. Featured vocalists this week are:



The Fabulous Ave Maria Choir will be performing at the March 14, 2018, concert.



Divorced and Separated Ministry

Our group’s mission is to become a light in the life of divorce/separated Catholics by giving them a sense of inclusion in our parish family and providing support and guidance through our shared spiritual journey. We are an active group that meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Claussen Center (Youth room).

Some of our upcoming outings are:

- Off the Hook Stand-up comedy – March 16th (6:00 p.m.)
- Naples Players Kidz Act (Taming of the Shrew) – April 14th (11:00 a.m.)
- Bowling night – TBD
- Dinner get together the third Thursday of every month

RSVPs would be greatly appreciated as it would allow us to plan and make sure we have enough seats.

Let us know if you would like to join us!
We would love to grow!

Contact Lhara Echeverria • lhara@sjecc.com
239-293-3694 or Beth Lucci • flucci@aol.com

Event Information

Health and Safety Events

Safe Environment Training Sessions 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.

There are several upcoming Safe Environment Training sessions at nearby parishes. For more details or to register, call the Parish Office at the location where the class is offered. No children are permitted to attend these sessions.

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
Saturday, March 10	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Light, Fort Myers	239.267.7088

*Please note that no one should attend Safe Environment Training until their fingerprints have cleared.
If you need to be fingerprinted here at St. John, call the office at 566.8740 for an appointment.*

A Journey in Mercy

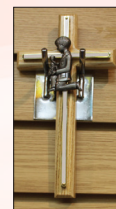
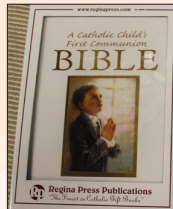
Friday, March 23rd
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 24th
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Special times for Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession at all Catholic Churches in the Diocese of Venice, FL.

First Communion Merchandise Available in Divine Gift Boutique

From statues and crosses to picture frames and rosaries, to jewelry and books, the Divine Gift Boutique is stocked with a variety of First Communion merchandise. The gift shop takes checks, cash, and charge cards.



Winter hours at the Divine Gift Boutique are:

Weekdays: 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Saturday: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



The Divine Gift Boutique is located across from the restrooms in the Narthex.



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>