

the SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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To Know, To Love, and To Serve God
in His Church and Our Community.



Teaching Mass for Faith Formation Families

Last Thursday Faith Formation families joined Fr. Paul in a special Liturgy to learn more about the beauty and meaning of the Mass. It was especially meaningful for those preparing to make their First Communion this week. During the Liturgy, Fr. Paul blessed the ceramic cups made by the First Communicants. Thank you, Fr. Paul!



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Parish Information

MASS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

Sunday Masses:

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

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

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

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

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

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.

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.

PARISH CLERGY AND MINISTERS

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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)

May 12, 2018 Saturday

8:00 a.m. + Paul Lawrence Bob & Suzanne Donnelly

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. SI Janet VanderHorst Vicky VanderHorst

5:00 p.m. SI Patty & John Skubick The Family

(50th Wedding Anniversary)

Altar Flowers (week of May 13th) in honor and memory of Marie Caudill, Alice Sholty, Jerry Munro, and Catherine Pachter from your loving family, Gavin and Emily Munro

May 13, 2018 Sunday

7:00 a.m. SI Kathy Forness Marsh Family

9:00 a.m. + Charlie Curti Paul & Nancy Curti

11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

1:00 p.m. + Kevin Ferreira Mom, Dad, Brian & Paul Ferreira

5:00 p.m. + Mark Lukas Mary Jo Lukas

May 14, 2018 Monday

8:30 a.m. + Joseph Fusaro Mr. & Mrs. Chick Carabba

May 15, 2018 Tuesday

8:30 a.m. + Ramy Garrido Elida Gil

May 16, 2018 Wednesday

8:30 a.m. + Bill Enright The Perez Family

6:30 p.m. + Carolyn Sedacca Emmy Lesnick

May 17, 2018 Thursday

8:30 a.m. + Sullivan-Teehan Families Dick Sullivan

May 18, 2018 Friday

8:30 a.m. + John A. Gansloser Nelly Willshire

May 19, 2018 Saturday

8:00 a.m. + Leo Horey Iris Horey

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + Shea Family Kathleen Shea

5:00 p.m. + Samuel Comeriato Pat & Margo Buttino

May 20, 2018 Sunday

7:00 a.m. + Jeanne A. Preston-Horvath Anthony & Eleanor Hudzik

9:00 a.m. + Maria Catalano Giuseppe & Anna Nardulli

11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

1:00 p.m. + Peter & Phyllis Foti Brenda & Bob Oteri

5:00 p.m. + Pascal La Ruffa Chris & Fi Fallon

ASSISTED LIVING MASS SCHEDULE

May 16, 2018 Wednesday - Bentley Village

10:00 a.m. + Ila Welker Peter, Jay, and Jean

May 18, 2018 Friday - Juniper Village

10:00 a.m. + Fred A. Lorenzo Joanne Lorenzo

Readings for the Week

Saturday, May 12, 2018

Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Saint Pancras

Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28 (296)

Sunday, May 13, 2018

The Ascension of the Lord

Solemnity

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,

11-13/Mk 16:15-20 (58) Pss Prop

Monday, May 14, 2018

Saint Mathias

Feast

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17 (564) Pss Prop

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Saint Isidore

Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a (298)

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 (299)

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 (300)

Friday, May 18, 2018

Pope John I

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 (301)

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 (302)

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@yahoo.com or 239.566.8740*

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). **Non-Season Hours:** Saturday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.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 Squitieri: 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. *Geralyn Poletti: geraldyn@catholiccharitiescc.org or 239.455.2655 ext. 107*

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 (we accept child-friendly fabric or trim): *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. joanne116@mac.com or 239.919.2265

Habitat for Humanity. Kouulloheras: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](tel:239.287.2442)

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

AI-Anon. [Carol: 804.306.5323](tel:804.306.5323) and [Juliette: Lysack](tel:239.784.2682)

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

Narcotics Anonymous. [888.435.7301](tel:888.435.7301)

Cursillistas. [Robyn DeVille: 239.253.6275](tel: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](tel:239.348.5031) or [Roger: 239.250.6888](tel: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](tel:757.559.4761)

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group – [Rosemary Erickson: 239.566.8740](tel:239.566.8740)

Divine Will Prayer Group – [Gorana Saner: 239.293.1765](tel: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](mailto:kadunne61@aol.com)

Liturgy of the Hours

[Call the Office: 239.566.8740](tel:239.566.8740)

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, Jacksonville

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

Cpl. Derek Perez - U.S. Marine Corps

Austin Spagnola

Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey

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

Michael Bucella, Irene Pires, George Sugre

PRAYER LIST

Baby Declan Aigner

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 Corvelo

Brad Cunningham

Anthony D'Antuono

Mark DaBronzo

Donald Demski

Florence Demski

Melissa Diamantini

Donovan Family

Leon Doughty

Robyn Hyland Doyle

F.W.

Sandy Flaig

Darlene Follese

Tara Follese & Family

Patty Gahan

Inez Galm

Jeff Gatt

Julia Giblin

George Gonser Jr.

Philip Gorney

Keri Grasso

Jayne Hagg

Mary Haig

Gerard Heyen

Rosie Heyen

Jim Huber

Karen Kelly

Ted Konicki

Krista Leigh Kozowyk

Rene Lacoste

Pat Lampe

Jean Lydon

M.M.

Joan Maier

Robin Malone

Diane Maloney

Margie Lynch

Maria and Family

Ron Marlow

Barbara Marsh

Donna Masseur

J. McG

Paul McIntyre

Cynthia McLemore

Eileen Miner

Mary Ann Morreale

Lorrie Morrison

Tom Morse

Joan M. Oliver

Jane Oraziotti

Emma O'Rourke

Ronald J. Parker

Michael Paul

Francesca Pearo

Anne Perrino

Geno Pesce

Ann Petrillo

Noreen Prine

John Putalik

Renee Rake

Ellen Roberts

Terre Rozin

Sterling C. Rutherford

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

Harry Witt

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>.

NET Missionaries: Emissaries of Our Mission to Youth and Families

Have you met the young adults that have been engaging our Parish Family and the larger Naples community all school-year long? You may have noticed them in their blue shirts at Mass or spoken with them at many of our activities this year. You may have even had the tremendous opportunity to host them within your own home, allowing their positive and infectious energy and love of our faith to impact your life. They have taken an entire year out of their lives to support and enliven the faith and become missionaries for us. While we will be saying goodbye to this specific team this week, we will again have a new set of missionaries coming to us this Fall, as the third and final year of our NET Ministry Discipleship Program.

NET Ministries is a Catholic non-profit from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul in Minneapolis that challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. Our Discipleship Team combines the efforts of our Parish Family and the NET missionaries to enhance our community and engage the youth and young adults of the area. One aspect of the Discipleship Team is the deep and lasting relationships built between the team members and the youth, families, and others within the Parish Family. Through these personal relationships, team members guide the youth of the parish on their faith journey with Christ. The team works alongside the parish staff to help augment the current ministry programs and ultimately form those in the parish to be disciples in their own community. It takes the entire parish to make this program successful as the missionaries live within our homes to foster these relationships.

Through their partnership, NET Ministries and the parish work toward developing a ministry that will allow the parish to flourish for years to come. Together they work to love, serve, and witness the faith, ultimately drawing others into communion with Christ and each other. We have been blessed to have these missionaries among us this year, and we are looking forward to having them next year. If you would like to find out more about NET or how to become involved next year in their efforts, please contact Kyle

VanDuser, our CYO Social and Spiritual Coordinator: kyle@sjecc.com.

We are blessed that one of this year's missionaries will be returning in a leadership role for our team next year: Will Murley.

Hello! My name is Will Murley and since September 2017 I have been serving as a Team Leader with NET Ministries at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church. It's been an awesome year of service, and it's been a true joy working with our Catholic youth and helping them to love Jesus and embrace a life in the church. It has been an honor of the highest degree seeing the Holy Spirit work in the lives of our youth here at Saint Johns. I am excited to announce that I will be serving as mission staff for NET ministries in West Saint Paul, Minnesota, starting this June. I will be ministering to Catholic youth and challenging them to grow in their relationship with Christ. This will look like one-on-one ministry, small group ministry, and larger events such as giving talks to between 500-1000 youth every month. In order to do this, I need to raise \$7,000. This supports the coverage of food expenses, housing, and other logistical costs. Please consider being a prayerful and financial supporter of mine.

If interested, please contact me at 407-536-3285, or email me at wmurley1042@gmail.com.

You can also donate directly at <https://mission.netusa.org/giving/ministry-partnership-development>

Thank you so much and have a blessed day!

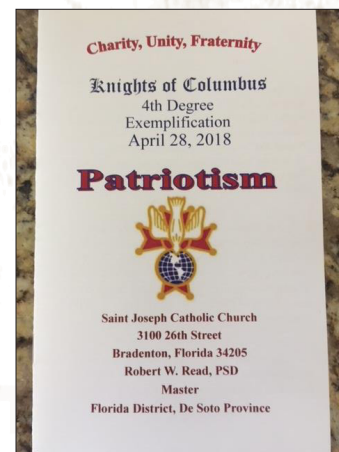


by Jean-Paul Boucher
General Manager
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The Knights of Columbus Inducts Two New Fourth Degree Members

On April 26th, William Fuller accompanied Dominic Blasioli and Jose DeSousa with their respective wives, to Bradenton for the ceremony to induct Dominic and Jose into the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and loyalty to one's country through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups called Assemblies. The Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308 will soon have an Independence party in our new ball room planned for Friday, June 22nd. All are welcome, details will be published soon.



The Word & Life



The Ascension of the Lord: Year B

Acts 1:1-11 • Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 • Ephesians 1:17-23 • Mark 16:15-20

A Broken Promise or A Dream Fulfilled?

The event of the Ascension of the Lord must have been filled with tremendous emotions. The early disciples had witnessed the risen Lord Jesus with their very eyes. Even though many had failed to stand by Him at the cross, His risen presence among them restored what had been broken. These disciples must have been overwhelmed with joy at seeing Jesus in His risen state.

It becomes very close from the post resurrection experiences that Jesus is fulfilling the prophecy of the scriptures. After His public ministry is transformed through His death and resurrection, Jesus commissions His followers to carry on the redemptive and salvific work that had begun. In today's gospel, the disciples are told to go into the whole world, proclaim the gospel, and to bring others to salvation through baptism.

When Jesus commissions the disciples with this ongoing mission, He is taken up into heaven. One could wonder how the disciples must have felt. They had seen with their very eyes the promise of God had been realized. However, did this mean that this promise disappeared when Jesus was taken away once again? Their grief must have been significant. As we continue on the story, we realize that the dream of God to bring humanity to salvation continues through the work of the early disciples. The preaching of the gospel continued, accompanied by signs and miracles. Even though Jesus was taken away bodily, he remained with the disciples spiritually to continue the work he had begun.

Reflection Questions

1. How does the Ascension of Jesus offer you hope?
2. What did Jesus commission his disciples to do?
3. Do you accept the commission to take the gospel into the world?
4. What are some of the challenges you encounter in trying to proclaim the gospel message?
5. How does the gospel message enlighten your mind?
6. In what ways do you allow the message of Jesus to shape your consciousness politically and socially?
7. How does the wisdom of Jesus Christ transform your relationships?
8. Where do you encounter Christ in your life?
9. Do you spend enough time in prayer discerning God's will for you?

The Ascension of the Lord is very significant for the Church today. The coming of Christ did not mark an end to the world but a beginning of goodness. Jesus continues to commission us to preach the gospel and make evident His presence in the world today. Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the Father waiting for us when we reach our journey's end. Do we live in this expectation? To believe in Jesus Christ and the good news He proclaimed is not just a cognitive process. It is a way of life. The ministry of Jesus taught the world to embrace the reality of unconditional love. Jesus' teaching and example shows how we can redeem our lives by living in right relationship with ourselves, others, and God. It is the choices that we make today that bring us to the promise of tomorrow. Christ shows us how God's dream for humanity is to live holy and sinless lives. Holiness brings us to the threshold of eternal life and to where Christ is seated. The holiness to which we are called is not to be confused with pious or religious practices. Such practices should be symptomatic of the lives that we lead. Holiness comes from loving the Lord our God with our minds, hearts, soul, and strength, and loving our neighbors with the selfless love that Christ engaged Himself in. It is such love and commitment that inherits for us eternal life. Jesus continues to be with us on our journey of faith and in our experience of Church. Jesus' presence is made known in our tangible acts of kindness and charity. Jesus is present when we gather in his name and act of our love. Jesus is our spiritual companion on life's journey!



Prayer

Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit to encourage us in our faith. May we recognize that even though you are seated at the right hand of the Father, you are still with us. Help us to reverence your presence in the Eucharist by listening faithfully to your Word and in the breaking of the bread. Let us also reverence you by respecting the dignity of one another. Whenever our journey reaches its end, may we come to your throne and return the gift of our lives well lived. men.

Wisdom of the Fathers

“Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him.... For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.....

Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did

he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.”

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD): Homily on Ascension

Capital Campaign

May 13, 2018

It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving. – *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*



Campaign Completion by the Numbers

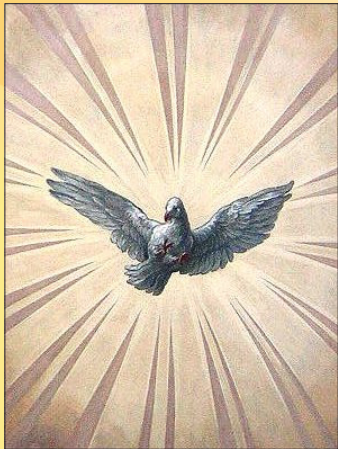
When Father John introduced his vision for the future of Catholic engagement within our Parish Family and the larger community around us, we were given three years by the Diocese to accomplish the fundraising activities to turn it into a reality. The Life Center, Catholic Youth Organization, and Catholic Adult Organization will all require funds to not only build, but to incubate and grow into the vibrant and enlivening environment we all know will support children, families, and experienced individuals in the life and faith journeys. While we were given optimistic projections on the potential goals we could achieve if we were able to communicate this vision, we were told that we should not expect more than 27% of our Parish Family to contribute. That seems to be the standard level of engagement of Catholic fundraising at the local levels, nationally. I can tell you now that Saint John has clearly blown that statistic completely out of the water, with about 2100 of the 3400 families of Saint John participating in one way or another. Sixty-two percent participation is a clear illustration of the vibrancy of our community, as well as a clear validation of the vision. Thank you to all of you who gave in prayers, support, and gifts to make our future come true.

We did have lofty intentions, with an \$8 million Core Goal to accomplish the above vision, an additional \$2 million for our Challenge Goal to renew our other facilities, and finally an additional \$4 million to reach our Pinnacle Goal of \$14 million. We not only achieved our Core easily, we exceeded it at well over \$9 million. God must be on our side as well, as Hurricane Irma has now damaged or destroyed nearly every facet of our campus that we had articulated in our Challenge Goal and our Pinnacle Goal to renew. We will be moving forward with all those projects in the next months. So, with the support of the Diocese and our amazing Parish Family, we are going to fulfill nearly all the components of our entire massive Capital Campaign vision. I hope you will stay tuned for all this effort as it unfolds to completely transform Saint John into the third place for all the community, both socially and spiritually!

Adult Faith Formation and RCIA

Two Short Programs on Thursday Evenings Will Complete the Adult Faith Formation Season

Next Sunday, May 20th, is Pentecost. To better understand this feast and its historic roots, you are invited to participate in an informative program on Thursday May 17th.



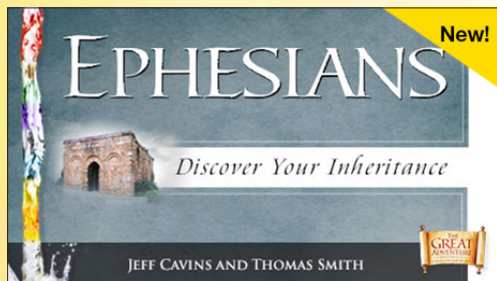
Fifty days after Passover, the Jewish Feast of Shavuot commemorates the spring harvest and the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

Fifty days after the Resurrection, Christians around the world celebrate the feast of Pentecost, commemorating the Holy Spirit descending on the Apostles.

So often Pentecost is glossed over, but a review of Chapter 2 of The Acts of the Apostles, from an episode of Jeff Cavins' *The Bible Timeline*, will help you understand what happened to the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem for Shavuot (remember they were all devout Jews). The Holy Spirit came to them, as Jesus had promised, and their lives and ours were changed forever.

On Thursday, May 17th, come to the Rome Room at 7:00 p.m. to learn how a Shavuot feast in Jerusalem in 30 A.D. became the birthday of the Church.

On May 24, 31, June 7, and 14, St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.



Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that we as Christians are given in the Church. This letter tells us about the nature of the Church – as a body, as a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army.

One of the most remarkable things about our Faith is that by God's grace, we have become His adopted sons and daughters. Because of this, we are the heirs of all our heavenly Father's divine promises and blessings. In your day-to-day life, what does it mean to be a son or daughter of God? When you sit in the pews each Sunday, what does it mean to be part of his family, the Church?

Beginning Thursday, May 24th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rome Room, and continuing for four weekly 90-minute sessions, you will:

- Discover what it means to be not just a son or daughter of God, but an heir to all He has to give.
- Learn about the great mystery of how we can love one another as Christ loves the Church.
- Find out that you have a place in God's "plan of sheer goodness."

You are invited to uncover the amazing gifts God has given you by joining us for ***Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance.***

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday, May 16:
Matthew, Session 13 ~ 7:30 p.m., Rome Room

Thursday, May 17:
Women of the Word, Divine Mercy ~ 9:30 a.m., Seminar Room
Pentecost, The Biblical Roots ~ 7:00 a.m., Rome Room

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

Catholic Youth Organization

Upcoming Sport, Arts & Music, and Social Events.

CYO Summer Camps

Registration for all is now online and open!!



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



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



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



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

Not sure if your child is interested in developmental sports or the arts? Sign up your kids this summer for our Sports skills camps and Art camp. Your child will get to discover the basics of the fundamental sports for any athlete. Also, get to experience many different types of the arts and music classes available throughout the year, in just one week. These camps are a great way to let your child experience each of the sports and arts that CYO will provide throughout the year, without the financial or long term commitment. Come join us for all of our camps and see what your child has a passion or gift for. Email us below for more info!

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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 as a High schooler? e-mail: kyle@sjecc.com



Music & Arts

CYO/CAO Music and Arts Summer session

are beginning in June. CLASSES ARE OPEN FOR REGISTRATION online now in painting, piano, guitar, strings, flute and acting.

Social & Spiritual



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

Follow CYO!!



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Young Adult
Bible Study



Theology on Tap
June 5th 6:30-8:30p
@ BoneHook
Brewing Co

All Coaches!!

Sign up for our
Coaches Clinic
JUNE 30TH
11:45a-2:45p

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things CYO & CAO**



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CYO Coaches Training

**Calling all Parents,
Grandparents, Adults, Young
Adults, and High schoolers.**

CYO Coaches are rooted in character and love. If you have an interest in changing children's lives through sports? Sign up to be a coach or assistant coach for our upcoming leagues. This training is mandatory for all who wish to coach.



Play Like a Champion Today! Notre Dame's core Character education through sports curriculum really challenges and teaches how to minister to the next generation of Christians!

Training is June 30th, 11:00am-2pm in the Rome room. Lunch provided. Cost is \$30 and includes all coaching materials.

Sign up now online at sjecc.com/CAO.

E-mail Kyle VanDuser for more info at kyle@sjecc.com

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Music and Choir

5:00 p.m. Mass Music Worship Aid
Sunday, May 13, 2018: The Ascension of the Lord

Opening Song **183** **Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise**

Preparation Song **Christ Is Risen** **Matt Maher** CCLI Song # 5242683. Matt Maher | Mia Fieldes
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Verse 1)

Let no one caught in sin
remain
inside the lie of inward shame

But fix our eyes upon the cross

Verse 2)

Beneath the weight of all our sins,
You bowed to none but Heaven's will

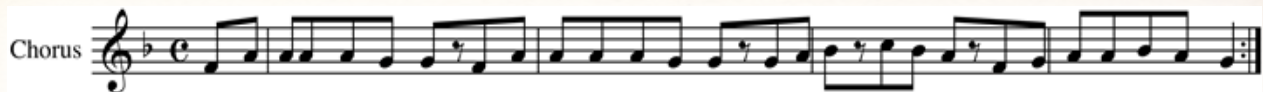
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown

Bridge)

O, death, where is your sting? O, hell, where is your victory?

O, Church, come stand in the light – the glory of God has defeated the night

!



Chorus
Christ is risen from the dead, trampling o - ver death by death, come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave,
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with him a gain, come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave!

Communion Songs **339** **Behold the Lamb** **Martin Willett**



Music and Choir

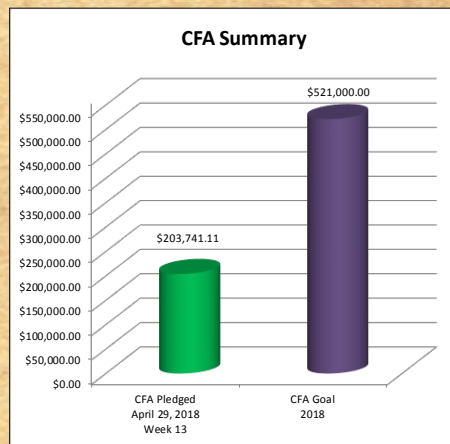
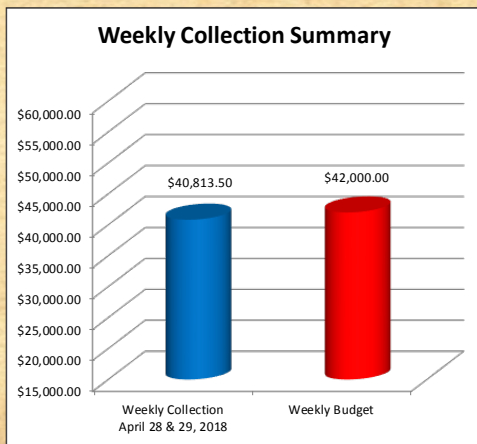
Closing Song

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

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Lord, I lift Your name___ on high; Lord, I love to sing___ Your
 prais - es.____ I'm so glad You're in___ my life;
 I'm so glad You came___ to save___ us.____
 You came from heav-en to earth___ to show the way,___ From the earth___ to the cross___
 ___ my debt to pay;___ From the cross___ to the grave,___
 ___ from the grave_____ to the sky;___ Lord, I lift Your name___ on high.



Music and Choir

Hymns for The Ascension of the Lord May 12 and 13, 2018

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	379	Here I Am, Lord
Closing Hymn:	200	Hail Holy Queen

May Crowning music (11am Mass):

1. #164 Regina Caeli/O Queen of Heaven (Sing both Latin AND English)
2. Ave Maria (Parkinson) - Choir solo

May is a Special Month for Sacred Music

During this month of May, we continue to sing music which celebrates this glorious Easter season and the specific themes of the readings for each weekend. In addition, the month of May is a very special month in which we will honor our Holy Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, in song.

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.

Event Information... Church and Social Events

Independence Celebration

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308

Friday, June 22, 2018

at the St. John the Evangelist PLC
Ballroom

6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Come help us celebrate our independence and honor the brave men and women of our military, past and present.

An evening full of memories, entertainment, and gratitude

\$25.00 per person includes: Buffet Dinner, Open Bar, Entertainment by The Legends of Las Vegas, and performances by Palmetto Ridge H.S.

Purchase tickets online beginning 5/26 at: <https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2018IndependenceCelebration>

Support Local Food Pantries in Need with the Ladies of Charity

For Love of the Poor

The Ladies of Charity of Southwest Florida provide assistance for St. Matthews House, St. Vincent DePaul, and Guadalupe Services. During the summer months, there is an urgent need for food as help is lessened by the seasonal travel of our generous parishioners. Please donate what you are able to help ensure the food pantries are stocked for these critical months ahead. Make your check to St. John the Evangelist, and in the memo line, Ladies of Charity. God bless.

New members of the Ladies of Charity were taken on a tour of St. Mathews House and St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry on April 18 with LOC president Carole Mancini and were treated to a luncheon at St. Mathews. Many were inspired to volunteer at these wonderful ministries.



Memorial Day Mass

The Memorial Day Mass this year will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 28, 2018. We will pay tribute to those members of our Armed Forces who answered the call and made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. The Mass will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. A special prelude ceremony will commence at 8:15 a.m.

During Mass, the names of loved ones who sacrificed their lives for freedom will be read aloud and prayerfully remembered, in order to properly observe this somber day.

We ask you send in details of Veterans who served our nation in wartime but have passed into the arms of our Lord. These names will be read aloud and remembered during our Memorial Day Mass. Please contact Gary Prettyman gary@sjecc.com or (239-566-8740) by Wednesday, May 23rd, to provide the details below of those loved ones who served our country and lost their lives.

Information requested for the Memorial List of names fallen:
Name, rank, branch of service & details of passing.

Example:

1. Army Specialist Christopher James Coffland,
323rd Military Intelligence Battalion,
killed in Wardak Province,
Afghanistan, November 13, 2009.



Event Information... Church and Social Events

50% off Selected Merchandise in Divine Gift Boutique

The Divine Gift Boutique is running a 50% off sale on selected merchandise through the end of May.

The Divine Gift Boutique, located across from the restrooms, is open on weekends only. Non-season hours are: Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The store will be closed during the week.

Because of the closure of the church for renovations, the Divine Gift Boutique will be closed during this renovation period but will reopen when the church building is complete. Please stop in and stock up on any items you might need. Don't forget Mother's and Father's Day gifts, baby and baptism gifts, crosses, statues, rosaries, and wedding gifts.

Caregiver Workshop/Dementia Series

Annalee Kruger, President of CareRight, Inc.
presents

The Family Meeting and Why It's Critical

May 22, 2018
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at St. John the Evangelist

This seminar is FREE and a light lunch will be served.

Anyone wanting to attend must RSVP by **May 15**
to the Parish Office at 239.566.8740.

For more information, contact
or JP at jp@sjecc.com



Marriage Ministry: Together Forever presents

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TO A SUPERABUNDANT MARRIAGE

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:
May 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
in the Claussen Family Center

Please RSVP to the office at 239.566.8740.

Remaining Dates:
July 28, August 25

Rat Pack Dance and Show



Frank Sinatra/Dean Martin Tribute
Friday, May 18th
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
(doors open 6:00 p.m.)



\$20 Per Person includes: Great Show, Cheesesteak Sandwich, Snacks, Drink Bar Available, Silent Auction

Order tickets online at
<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2018RatPackDanceandShow>

Contact Bill Warvel for more information 732.672.4109