

the SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
EAGLE

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

A Time for New Beginnings

On September 10, 2017, we had an unwelcome guest come and wreak havoc across our state. Hurricane Irma had devastated regions of the Caribbean and continued her destructive path as she reached our shores. For the past six months, our parish has been restoring the buildings that were hugely impacted by the storm. Our social engagements were canceled due to the extensive work that needed to be done on the Ballroom. Many of you may recall seeing photographs of our ballroom being reduced to concrete walls and

floors.

Now that the Ballroom is almost complete, we are faced with the second major restoration of the Church building. We have been informed that the whole roof structure was compromised in Hurricane Irma, as well as the beautiful cedar ceilings that hang high above the nave of the church. In short, both the roof and the ceiling need to be replaced. Involved in the scope of work to be done on the church is the replacement of all the side doors, as well as the door behind the altar.



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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.

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.

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

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

Fr. Robert Murphy, Associate
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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!



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Mass Intentions... Special Observances and Readings

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

June 16, 2018 Saturday

8:00 a.m. + Peter Dat Tran LanTran

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

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

5:00 p.m. + Rachel Emanuel Paulette Franklin

June 17, 2018 Sunday

7:00 a.m. + Nancy Carole Williams Kathleen Shea

9:00 a.m. + Phillip Vang Tran Lan Tran

11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

1:00 p.m. + Larry T. Ward Mr. & Mrs. Pfau

5:00 p.m. + Nicholas Senatore Wife, Rosalie & Daughters

June 18, 2018 Monday

8:30 a.m. + Paul & Martin Lawrence Eleanor, wife & mother

June 19, 2018 Tuesday

8:30 a.m. + Vincent Pellegrini Wife, Florence

June 20, 2018 Wednesday

8:30 a.m. + Mary Dalfonso Bruce & Peg Reale

6:30 p.m. + Louis DeFrancesca Le Chic

June 21, 2018 Thursday

8:30 a.m. + Jean Preston-Horvath Mary Sanchez

June 22, 2018 Friday

8:30 a.m. + Joan & Dick Clark Dolores Kernochan

June 23, 2018 Saturday

8:00 a.m. + Marie Fabiano Terri Carpino

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + Albert Kozak The Parejko Family

5:00 p.m. + Peter Acerbi The Family

June 24, 2018 Sunday

7:00 a.m. + Louis DeFrancesca Greg & Fred

9:00 a.m. + Jean DeCesare Kay Reid

11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

1:00 p.m. + Michael Angelo Cristantello Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Ruberto

5:00 p.m. + Ned Leibig Mary Lou Leibig

ASSISTED LIVING MASS INTENTIONS

June 20, 2018 Wednesday - Bentley Village

10:00 a.m. SI Gertrude Hayes Sara & Ron Reams
100th Birthday

Readings for the Week

Saturday, June 16, 2018

[Blessed Virgin Mary]
1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37 (364)

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34 (92) Pss III

Monday, June 18, 2018

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42 (365)

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

[Saint Romuald]
1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48 (366)

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (367)

Thursday, June 21, 2018

[Saint Aloysius]
Memorial
Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15 (368)

Friday, June 22, 2018

[Saint Paulinus of Nola, Saint John Fisher, and Saint Thomas More]
2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23 (369)

Saturday, June 23, 2018

[Blessed Virgin Mary]
2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34 (370)

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. *Joyce Yopez: 239-250-3434 or Joyce@Joycie.net*

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 nancybdds@comcast.net*

Knights of Columbus Councils:

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meeting information to be announced via email during the Parish's refurbishing process, due to availability of rooms. Visiting Sir/Knights welcome. *S/K Paul Barrus Faithful Navigator: 609-741-4593 or oldsalt232@hotmail.com*

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

Adult Children of Alcoholics. Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195

Al-Anon. For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org

Food Addiction Support Group. Maryann Scandiffio, 239.784.2682

Narcotics Anonymous. 800.477.6291 or Mark Katsnelson: 856.912.0894

Gambler's Anonymous. 855.222.5542

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 – Rosemary Erickson: 239.566.8740

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

Liturgy of the Hours

Call the Office: 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.

Richard "Dick" Becker, Barbara Hughes, Thelma Marr, Dr. William Pease, C. Frank Rezac, Thomas J. Tortorice

PRAYER LIST

Baby Declan Aigner

Jean Balliro

Jennifer Basile

Beagan Family

Gallen Boardman

William M. Boardman

Lori Breyman

Donald Brown

Brian Bulger

Connie Cahill

Gregory Camp

Beau Carpenter

Kathy Conley

Corinne & Children

Lauren Carr

Frank Comeriato

Merlyn Comeriato

Tony Corvelo

Brad Cunningham

Dorothy Cutlet

Anthony D'Antuono

Mark DaBronzo

Donald Demski

Florence Demski

Melissa Diamantini

Dee Donnelly

Donovan Family

Leon Doughty

Robyn Hyland Doyle

F.W.

Carolyn Felner

Sandy Flaig

Darlene Folllese

Tara Folllese & 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

Margaret

Margie Lynch

Maria and Family

Ron Marlow

Barbara Marsh

Donna Masee

Mary Ann McCabe

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

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

Baby Benedict Wardein

Sandra Welker

Bernadette White

Carole Wielosinski

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>.

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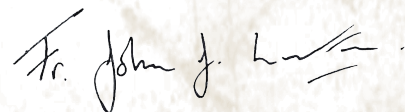
Most of them buckled under the hurricane force winds that bombarded our sacred space. The church building was also flooded, which has created the need for all the carpet to be replaced. In order for all this extensive work to be done, we will be closing down the church building for the summer on Friday, June 22, after the Daily Mass. Masses will begin in the Ballroom on Saturday, June 23. Had the church building been totally destroyed, we, who are Christ's Body, would still remain. You are Saint John the Evangelist Church!

Saint John the Evangelist Church is going to be moved just a few hundred feet! The good news is that our Mass Schedule will not change. Our weekend Masses and weekday Masses will be held in our beautifully renovated Ballroom, as well as other liturgical celebrations. Statues and a crucifix, along with sacred furnishings, will adorn this temporary sacred space. People will be free to come and pray during office hours in this liturgical space. Once inside comfortably, you realize that you are there to spend time with God. This will truly mark a new beginning for all of us at Saint John the Evangelist Parish. I suspect that you will be very happy when you see the finished product. We now have a totally renewed space where first we will worship, and, then, later have fellowship. There is plenty of parking available at the side of the Ballroom to help when you come to Mass.

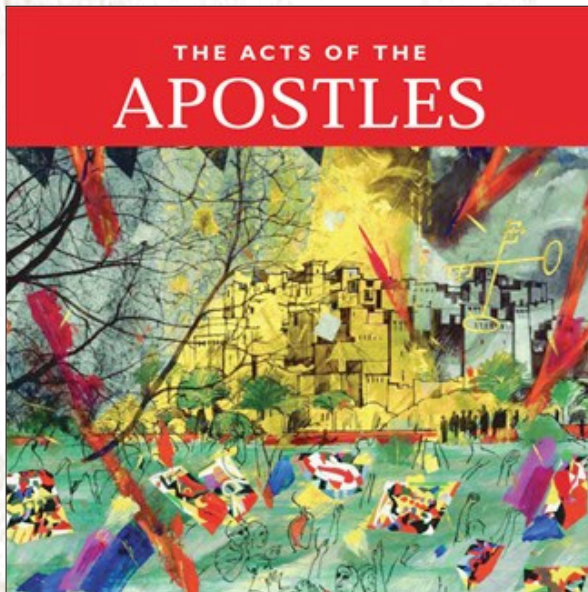
We also celebrate new beginnings as we look forward to a "soft opening" of the Pulte Family Life Center sometime in late August or early September. This building is going to offer over 30,000 square feet of

engagement and fellowship. The Pulte Family Life Center will be a third place where you can come to relax and socialize, workout, or be entertained, learning new and innovating ways to be part of your faith community. The dedication of the Family Life Center will take place at noon on January 19th, 2019. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will be in attendance to bless our new building. There will be a wonderful festival to follow.

I offer my gratitude for your patience these past few months as you have endured cancellation after cancellation of events due to the slow progress of our construction efforts. Obviously, this industry has been inundated with many requests from many residents in our county who suffered damage from Irma. We are hoping that all of our buildings will be reopened by the beginning of Advent this year. Most of our buildings will be totally renewed and almost like a new build. Moving forward, we will have structures that we are really proud of, which will house the many thousands of events that we house each and every year. With our new addition of the Pulte Family Life Center, we will create hundreds more. As we continue to move through the year, we will be celebrating new beginnings as we move into our renovated spaces. We are St. John! When all is said and done, we will be St. John Strong!!! In the meantime, let us stay focused on our mission as a parish, "To know, to love, and to serve God, in our community and the world!"



All Women of St. John Parish are Invited to Join the Women of the Word This Thursday Morning as They Begin a New Bible Study Program – The Acts of the Apostles



The Acts of the Apostles, the second volume of Luke's two-volume literary work, continues Luke's presentation of a biblical story, describing how the salvation promised to Israel in the Old Testament – and accomplished by Jesus – has now, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, been extended to the Gentiles.

The Holy Spirit empowers the preaching of Peter, Paul, and the other disciples to take the faith from Jerusalem, to Judea, throughout Samaria and ultimately to the ends of the earth. See how the Gospel witness spread outward in waves. See how the Holy Spirit guided the apostles into truth.

Acts records the conversion of Paul and the momentous decision of the early church to welcome Gentiles as well as Jews into the church. Observe the way the spirit-filled church adapted to new cultures when proclaiming the Gospel. Watch the seeds of church structure and authority take root, and see how conflicts were resolved even at that early stage.

The book of Acts shows the church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth. Acts shows how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out his work in the world.

The Acts of the Apostles provides a historic survey of the church's development from the resurrection of Jesus to Paul's first imprisonment in Rome, where the book ends. Paul's letters, in particular, come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts narrative.

Share with the early Christians the joys and struggles of living the life of Christ, and learn how these apply to us today.

See your place in Christ's church, and how you should live day-to-day as a disciple of Christ.

This study has ten sessions. Participants may choose to obtain the Study Set, which includes a Study Guide by Little Rock Scripture Study Staff and the New Collegeville Bible Commentary, *The Acts of the Apostles*, by Dennis Hamm (Liturgical Press).

Your Study Set can be ordered from www.littlerockscripture.org.

This Week's Schedule: Thursday, June 21:
Women of the Word, *The Acts of the Apostles* begins ~ 9:30 a.m., Seminar Room

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

The Word & Life

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Ezekiel 17:22-24 • Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 • 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 • Mark 4:26-34

Planting Seeds – Yielding to the Mystery of Growth

Every time we read Sacred Scripture and digest the Word, we open ourselves to the realm of discernment and belief. All the readings today speak about growth and finding shade in the splendor of the cedar and branches of the mustard bush. The image of the first reading and the two parables contained in the gospel pertain to God's desire for growth and fruitfulness. In particular, we are asked to relate these images to our personal faith and see where God can work with the barren branches of our life and how we, ourselves, are called to go out and make an effort of scattering the seed

on the fertile ground of endless possibilities that God has gifted to us. Even though our efforts or desire to know and serve God more fully may sometimes overwhelm us, we are reminded today that no matter how small our attempts, no matter how small our faith, no matter how long it takes, a time will come when we see the fruits of such labor.

Our lives are so complex. Relationships can be most profound and beautiful, but sometimes fall prey to hardship and pain. When relationships become difficult and people distance themselves from one another, the heart can break, and the very faith to which we cling can be tested. Serious illness can either bring us closer to God or can become a catalyst to doubt His presence and the promise He gave to us that He would be with us until the end of time. Experiences of disappointment with people, communities, and various institutions may lead us to ask why we should bother in the first place; some might ask why God allows such negative things to happen. It is within the complexities of life that the mystery of God is revealed. The Lord grants humanity the gift of freedom so that we may make choices to glorify the gift freely given by Him, the Giver of the gift. However, the choices of others can leave us let down or hurt. The reality of a fragile economy can seriously leave people struggling to make ends meet or even lose their jobs. Such a reality

Reflection Questions

1. How do you find shelter in God's Word?
2. Do you consider your faith to be strong?
3. How do you use your faith to reshape the world around you?
4. In what ways do you sow the seed of mercy and love in your relationships?
5. Does God's will and Sacred Word bring fruit in your life and in the life of others?
6. Are you willing to take up the challenge to plant the seeds of truth and mercy as Christ and the Church teaches us?
7. Name the ways in which the mystery of God has been revealed through your life and your efforts.

finds its source ultimately in choices made and risks taken. When illness hits us, it ultimately has its roots in environmental factors around us, eating habits, or genetic manipulation; all of which points to individuals or nature making choices. To say God makes such choices to bring us suffering is to contradict the prophets and the wisdom of Christ and His apostles. It is abundantly clear in Sacred Scripture that God's choice is that we have life and have it more abundantly by choosing Him and holding onto the promises He has given to us. God plants in our hearts the seed of promise that will bear fruit in the hope of eternal life.

The gospel today reminds us that no matter how small or insignificant we regard ourselves and our faith, we are regardless called to go out and make an attempt to scatter those seeds of faith in a world waiting to be fed by God's presence and wisdom. Each of us has a particular responsibility to spreading such faith. We do it by offering a sense of hope in difficult situations. We achieve proclaiming the gospel when faced with a lack of forgiveness by offering mercy and compassion. All of us start to see growth when we offer others a way out of their mistakes.

The seed of faith starts to slowly grow when we embrace the freedom of Christ by bringing others to the truth that gives dignity and equality to all human life from conception to natural death. Seeds become fertile when we recognize and reward the dignity of human labor. The fertile ground of God can be clearly seen when we engage in acts that welcome the strange, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit those who are infirm or imprisoned by their crimes or their fears. All of these situations can be seen as the fertile ground of God's compassion made possible through us.

In the first parable today, Jesus tells his listeners that the man who scattered the seed would sleep and rise night day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, but He reminds them, the man does not know how. And so it is with our faith and in the attempts to live out our faith. Sometimes it takes time and God's grace to bear fruit in our lives!

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



Prayer

Lord, grant us the wisdom to know that no matter how great or small our faith is, it is a gift freely given by you to enable us and others to grow. May we be gracious enough to sow the seeds of your mercy, your compassion, and your love. Give us the grace to go to the arid wastelands of this world, and give us the courage to scatter the seeds that will lead others to grow in justice and in truth. Amen.

Contemporary Wisdom

"I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining
And I believe in love, even when there's no one there.
And I believe in God, even when He is silent.

I believe through any trial,
is always a way
But sometimes in this suffering
and hopeless despair
My heart cries for shelter,
to know someone's there
But a voice rises within me,
saying hold on my child, I'll give you strength,
I'll give you hope. Just stay a little while.

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining
And I believe in love even when there's no one there
But I believe in God even when He is silent
I believe through any trial there is always a way.

May there someday be sunshine
May there someday be happiness
May there someday be love
May there someday be peace ..."

*Words scratched on the walls of a cellar in Cologne, Germany
by a Jew (Anonymous) hiding from Nazi persecution.*

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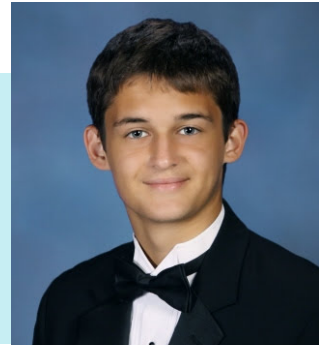
Jhon Acevedo -

Graduating from St. John Neumann High School

Attending Belmont Abby College in the fall.

Major: Biology; Playing Division 2 Soccer

"I love serving in food kitchens and in Immokalee and doing service hours for my high school. I will be studying to become a dentist."



Dewon James "DJ" Bowers - St. James the Greater

Graduating from Barron G. Collier High School

Attending Florida Gulf Coast University in the fall.

Major: Orthodontics Science **Minor:** Photography

"Special thanks to my mom and family for all their continued love and support, to my teachers and administration for not giving up on me and standing by my side."

"God indeed is my salvation, I am confident and unafraid. For the Lord is my strength and my might and he has been my salvation." -Isaiah 12:2



Madison Claire Bublitz - St. Brigid

Graduating from Seton Home Study School

Attending University of Nebraska in the fall.

Major: Business and Marketing

"I want to thank God and my family for being there for me."

"God is within her, she will not fall" Psalm 46:5



Madison Faith Campbell - St. Bernadette

Graduating from Barron G. Collier High School

Attending University of South Carolina in the fall.

Major: International Business and Accounting

"Thank you to my family, friends and St. John's community who have supported me through my endeavors and faith journey,"


"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness... Therefore I am content in my weaknesses, hardships, insults, persecutions and constraints for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong." -2 Corinthis 12:9-10



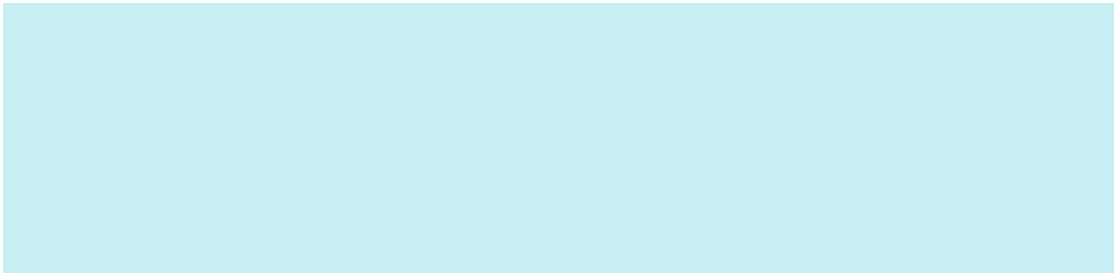
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Zach Casella -



Francesca Goduti - St. Catherine of Genoa

Graduating from Barron G. Collier High School
Attending Franciscan University of Steubenville in the fall.

Major: English **Minor:** Music

“She is clothed with strength and dignity and laughs without fear of the future”

-Proverbs 31:25



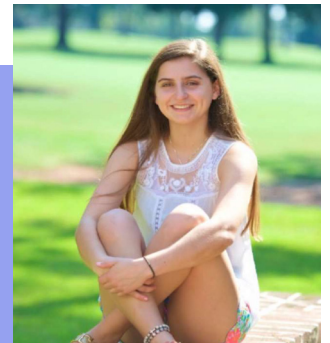
Allie Harris - St. Maria Goretti

Graduating from Gulf Coast High School
Attending University of Florida in the fall.

Major: Computer Science **Minor:** Math

“I want to thank God, my family, and my friends for their support throughout high school.”

“Do not let anyone look down on you because you’re young, but set an examples for the believers in Speech, in Life, in Love, in Faith and in Purity;.” -1 Timothy 4:12



Audrey Harris - St. Anne

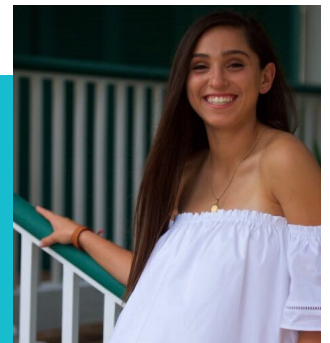
Graduating from Gulf Coast High School
Attending University of Florida in the fall.

Major: Biology

“I want to thank God and all who have been a part of my education and life”

“She is Clothed with strength and dignity and laughs without fear of the future”


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Gabriella Landolt - St. Cecilia



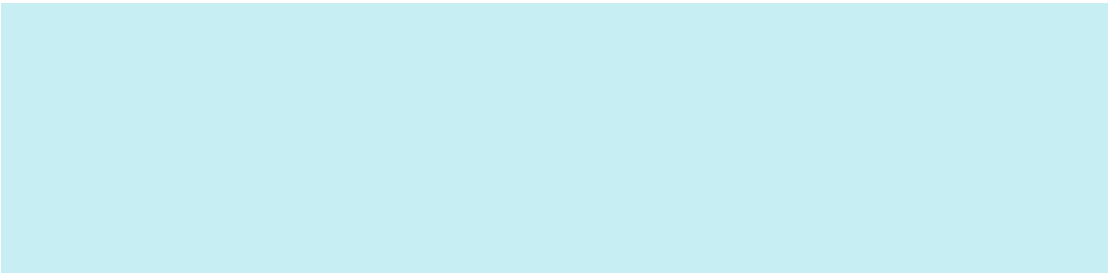
Graduating from Barron G. Collier High School
Attending Florida Atlantic University in the fall.

Major: English

“ I want to thank God and all who have been a part of my education and life”

“Go forward bravely: Fear nothing. Trust in God, all will be well.” - Joan of Arc

Jordan Persad-Tirone -



Emily Anna Schwarz - St. Emily



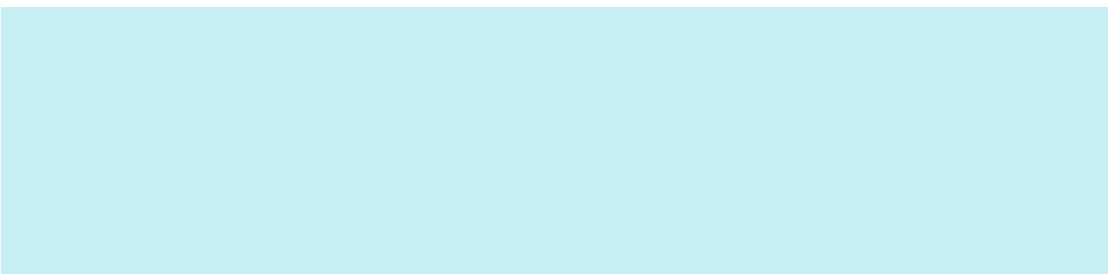
Graduating from Barron G. Collier High School
Attending University of Nebraska in the fall.

Major: Business or Social Science

“ I want to thank God and all who have been a part of my education and life”

“Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry About itself.” - Joan of Arc

Sydney Sterk



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Madisyn Anne Tedrow - St. Cecilia



Graduating from Gulf Coast High School

Attending Southern Methodist University in the fall.

Major: Engineering Management and Information Systems.

“All thanks in the world to my loving parents and family whose unfaltering support I could not have gone without.”

“I keep the Lord always before me; with him at my right hand, I shall never be shaken.”

-Psalm 16:8

Crystal Ryan Valentine - St. Joan of Arc



Graduating from Seton Home Study School

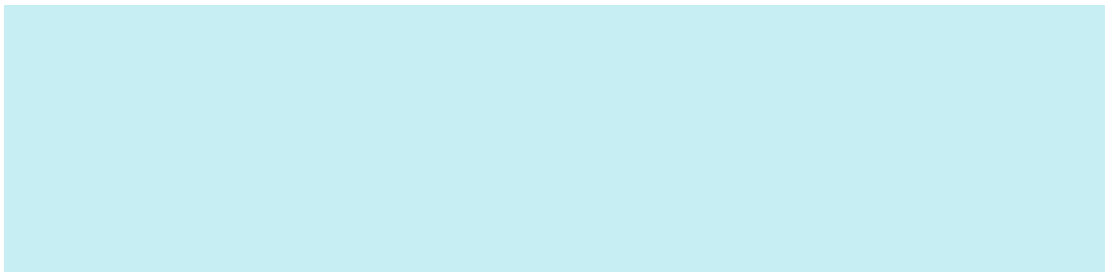
Attending Ave Maria in the fall.

Major: Science **Minor:** Math

“ I want to thank God and all who have been a part of my education and life”

“Go forward bravely: Fear nothing. Trust in God, all will be well.” - Joan of Arc

Parker Williams -



Music and Choir

5:00 p.m. Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, June 17, 2018: The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song **Everlasting God** **Brenton Brown** CCLI Song No. 4556538. © 2005 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). Brenton Brown | Ken Riley. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. CCLI #2008891

Verse 1)
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord
we will wait upon the Lord (x2)

Verse 2)
Our God, You reign forever
Our Hope, our strong Deliverer (chorus)

You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev -
er - last - ing God You do not faint, You
won't grow wea - ry You're the de - fend - er of the weak,
You com - fort those in need. You lift
us up on wings like ea - gles. ea - gles.

Preparation Song **One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)** **Johnson / Gifford / Riddle** CCLI Song # 5508444. Brian Johnson | Christa Black Gifford | Jeremy Riddle © 2010 ChristaJoy Music Publishing (Admin. by Bethel Music Publishing) Mercy / Vineyard Publishing (Admin. by Vineyard Music USA). For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. CCL #2008891.

Verse 1)
Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains, one thing remains (chorus)

Verse 2)
On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains, one thing remains (chorus)

Bridge)
In death in life I'm confident and covered by the power of your great love
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can separate my heart from your great love

Your love ne - ver fails, it ne - ver gives up, ne - ver runs out on me. *Repeat 3x*

Music and Choir

Communion Song **This Is Jesus** **Jim Cowan** CCLI Song No. 2185286. © 1987 International Liturgy Publications. All rights reserved. CCLI License No. 2008891.



Verse 1)

Bright Star of David, Radiance of God
now become the Living Bread, the Body of the Lord!
Come in adoration, receive with trembling hands
the Sacrament most holy, the Banquet of the Lamb!

Verse 2)

Drink of living waters flowing from the Lord,
Taste the Cup of blessing, partake of Precious Blood!
River of salvation, holy cleansing tide,
Fountain of redemption flowing from the Savior's side!

Verse 3)

Priest of highest honor, King and Sov'reign Lord,
Unblemished Lamb of sacrifice, your very life outpoured!
Royal Paschal victim, true begotten Son Offered as our ransom by the Holy One!

Communion Song **523** **Prayer of St. Francis** **Sebastian Temple**

Closing Song **No One Like You** **David Crowder** CCLI Song # 4276894. David Crowder | Jack Parker | Jason Solley | Jeremy Bush | Mike Dodson | Mike Hogan © 2003 Hoganmike Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Jason Solley Designee (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) sixsteps Music (Admin. By Capitol CMG Publishing) Wacotron 3000 (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing). For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com. CCLI License # 2008891.

Verse 1)

You are more beautiful than anyone ever.
Every day you're the same, you never change, no never.
And how could I ever deny the love of my Savior?
You are to me ev'rything, all I need forever.
How could You be so good?

Verse 2)

Ev'rywhere You are there, earth or air surrounding
I'm not alone the heavens sing along,
my God, you're so astounding
How could You be so good to me?
Eternally I believe that (chorus)



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Our Adult Choir is Seeking New Singers!

Our adult choir is currently inviting SINGERS with adequate music reading skills, ages 15 and older, to join our choir. The music ministry strives to enhance the liturgies with magnificent and beautiful sacred music.

The invitation is open to all interested singers, but especially needing Altos, Tenors, and Basses!
We rehearse every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Please contact Gary Prettyman, gary@sjecc.com,
either during the week or after Mass for more information.



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.

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DIVINE GIFT BOUTIQUE CLEARANCE 25% OFF EVERYTHING IN STORE 50% off Select Merchandise

The Divine Gift Boutique is running 25% off everything in the store & 50% off on select merchandise. 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 Father's Day gifts, baby and baptism gifts, crosses, statues, rosaries and wedding gifts.

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.

Independence Celebration - Dinner

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

Our Honorees: Sam Miele, Larry Tomaielly, Don Payton, Mamie Blue

Guest Speaker: the Very Reverend John J. Ludden, Pastor

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 For our WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf Wars and other conflicts.

Friday, June 22, 2018

at the St. John the Evangelist P.L.C. Ballroom

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

\$15.00 per person

Includes: Buffet Dinner, Open Bar, Entertainment by The Legends of Las Vegas, and performances by the ladies of Dancing Feat.

Dress Code: Smart Casual – No Shorts Please.

*** Limited Seating – Purchase Tickets Early ***

Purchase Tickets beginning May 26th before or after Mass (Saturday Vigil Masses and Sunday Masses until 2 p.m.) and online.

Contact Mike Brady for more information 239-498-6859

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<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2018IndependenceCelebration>



Event Information... Church and Social Events

Caregiver Workshop/Dementia Series

Annalee Kruger, President of CareRight, Inc.
presents

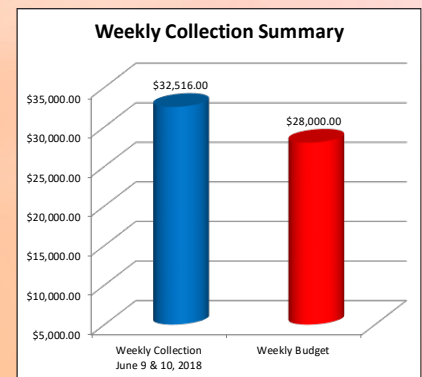
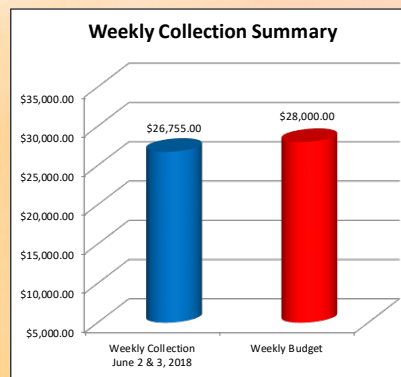
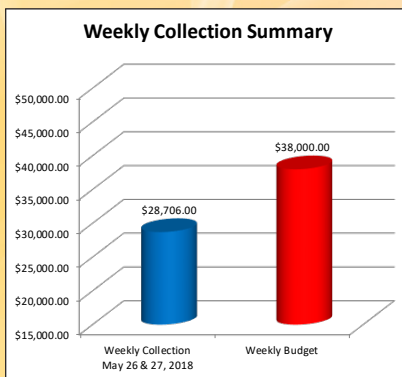
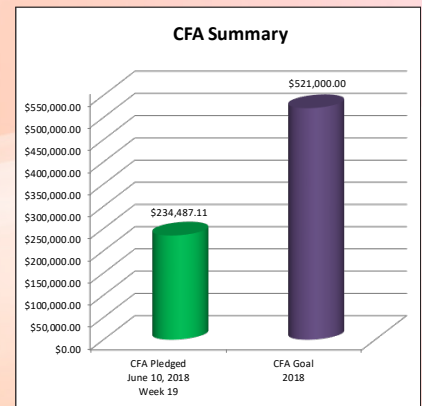
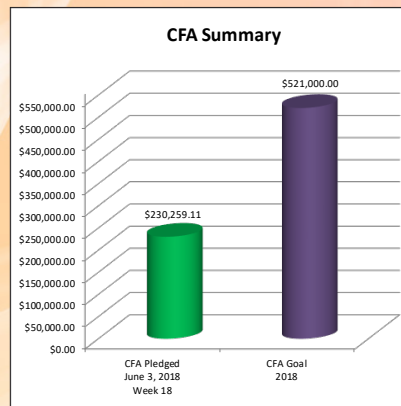
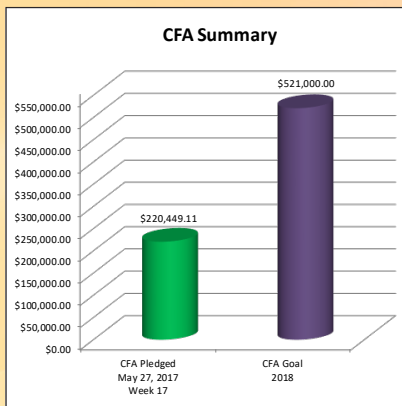
Grab and Go Binder: Emergency Preparedness

June 26, 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 **June 19** to the Parish Office at 239.566.8740.

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



4th Sunday in May

1st Sunday in June

2nd Sunday in June