

SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



Saint John Welcomes Our New Priest, Father Arun Paul



I was born in Chennai, South India. I entered religious life in 1993 and was ordained in 2006. I worked as an Associate pastor, Administrator, and Seminary Rector for a couple of years, and went to England to pursue a Master's Degree in London. I immigrated to Canada in 2010. I am a Canadian Citizen by

naturalization. During my years as a priest, I have worked in parishes, in a seminary, providing social services and Hospital Ministry, and served as a Chaplain in a senior home. I have taught Math and Physics in various schools during my seminary vacations.

Besides my philosophy and theological education, I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Physics, Master's Degrees in Communication and Psychology, and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Human Resources Management. I strongly believe that these skill sets enable me to serve the people of God in an efficient way and to build God's kingdom.

I belong to the Institute of Voluntas Dei, Canadian District, Canada. The Institute of Voluntas Dei is composed of baptized and consecrated people who live the evangelical counsels in the midst of the world in order to be the "salt of the earth," "light of the world," and "leaven in the dough." We follow a spirituality of 5-5-5. One of the fives which I like the most

describes how to develop the spirit of recollection, humility, and fraternal charity. Part of that five I would like to put into practice is the Absence of Complaint and Absence of Criticism.

I come from a family of five children. I am the youngest. I have three brothers and a sister. I am a priest today because of my mother. She was an ardent member of Legion of Mary. She was instrumental in fostering my priestly vocation. My father, mother, and two of my brothers are deceased. I am blessed with three nieces and a nephew.

During my years of priesthood, it has been a great experience to meet parishioners from different places and cultures. It is always a learning process, and it helps me to learn and grow as a better person. This has opened my horizon to new societies and people. My hobbies are reading and traveling.

My thrust is the Gospel culture of encounter and service. I believe the Gospel has to be rooted in the culture, and it is prime in proclamation. One has to continue the mission of Christ in the context where one is sent to fulfill the "Go commission." My ultimate goal or motto is to serve the people of God. May God use me as an instrument in bringing God's love and mercy to the parishioners of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

God Bless You,
Fr. Arun Paul

A Prayer for World Peace

Dear God, thank You for all creation. In the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth and all teachers of peace who inspire the many faith traditions, help me and all the people of the world learn how to replace hate, war, oppression, and division with love, peace, freedom, and reconciliation. Help me to embody Your love in my relationships with my family, friends, strangers – even my enemies. I commit myself to this sacred task throughout my life. So let it be. Amen.

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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. and
5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

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

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

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. - 4:00 p.m.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine. We have 2019 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. Tom Zalewski, Pastor

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Fr. Arun Paul, 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!

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.



Scan this tag with your smartphone to view our mobile website.

Mass Intentions

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

September 21, 2019 Saturday

8:00 a.m. + Earl Pidgeon

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + Marion Santos

5:00 p.m. + Joan Luiso

Requested By

Mark Durkin

Adelino Santos

Liz & Bob Koplitz

September 22, 2019 Sunday

7:00 a.m. + Fany Rirs

9:00 a.m. + Donald Hudec

11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

1:00 p.m. + Patricia A. Lampe

5:00 p.m. + Joanne Lombardo

Brigitte Hiris

Marlys Cordes

Mr. & Mrs. Maurice DeVito

Linda Hoban

September 23, 2019 Monday

8:30 a.m. + Pete Gioeli

Madeline Gaffey

September 24, 2019 Tuesday

8:30 a.m. + Andy Sanfelippo

Sylvia & Anthony DeFeo

September 25, 2019 Wednesday

8:30 a.m. SI "Novena Mass - For a greater respect for all human life"

September 26, 2019 Thursday

8:30 a.m. + Deborah W. McLaughlin

Glenn & Kathleen Hofmeister

September 27, 2019 Friday

8:30 a.m. + Andy Sanfelippo

Kay Sanfelippo

September 28, 2019 Saturday

8:00 a.m. + Helen Smith

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + Jerome Paul & Janet VanderHorst

5:00 p.m. + Audrey Stewart

Kass Mattimore

Linda & Dan Hickox

Liz & Bob Koplitz

September 29, 2019 Sunday

7:00 a.m. + Martin Welzmuller

9:00 a.m. + Eileen Tomasello

11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

1:00 p.m. + Frank Rezac

5:00 p.m. + Elizabeth Flynn

Marian Welzmuller

Mike Tomasello & Family

Wife, Rosemary Rezac

Rosemary & Mike Coyne

Readings for the Week

Saturday, September 21, 2019

[Saint Matthew]

Feast

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 (643) Pss Prop

Sunday, September 22, 2019

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13 (135) Pss I

Monday, September 23, 2019

[Saint Pius of Pietrelcina]

Memorial

Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18 (449)

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21 (450)

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 (451)

Thursday, September 26, 2019

[Saints Cosmas and Damian]

Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9 (452)

Friday, September 27, 2019

[Saint Vincent de Paul]

Memorial

Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22 (453)

Saturday, September 28, 2019

[Saint Wenceslaus; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; BVM]

Feast

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45 (454)

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). **The Divine Gift Boutique is currently closed due to renovations.** 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 Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the 5 Saints Cafe. Please call for more information *Lhara Echeverria: 239.293.3694 or lhara@sjecc.com or Beth Lucci: 239.877.6254*

Grief Support Ministry. Grief facilitators hold support groups as needed to give support to those suffering a loss. *Geralyn Poletti: 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 children. Meets year-round on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 11 of the Clausen Center No experience necessary. *Sharon Camp: 239-438-7867 or sharon@naples.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 Elaine Mullin: 239.273.1702. To join: Carole Mancini: froglady505@gmail.com 239.597.3078*

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*

Social Ministry. Organizes events, prepares meals, and provides staff and support for a multitude of parish and parish-related functions. Monthly meetings 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday. *Social: JD DeSousa: 239.877-2950 or sousa2net@aol.com; Millie Lucanegro: 239.566.9854; or 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. *Mary Thompson: respectlife@sjecc.com or 239.273.6472*

Sewing Ministry. Meets to sew for needy children of Collier County on Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center, rooms 1 and 2, from October to May. If you like to sew, we encourage you to come see what we're all about. All are welcome! To volunteer or donate: *Phyllis Crivelli: jandpcrivelli@gmail.com or 239.594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: bka1678@hotmail.com or 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. *Kyle VanDuser: kyle@sjecc.com or 239.566.8740*

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 wow@sjecc.com*

Knights of Columbus Councils:

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month in the Rome Room. Officers meet at 6:30 p.m. with the business meeting at 7:00 p.m. All visiting Sir/Knights welcome. *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 Joseph Hemrick: jhemrick21@gmail.com or 239.566.8740*

Check the Event Sheets on the building doors for the meeting location of the group.

Groups do not always meet in the same location.

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 Mondays at 6:45 p.m. in the Alexandria Room. 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. 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

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

Sunset Coast NA 239.451.3275

Gambler's Anonymous 855.222.5542

Recovering Couples Anonymous Britta: 239.348.5031 or

Roger: 239.250.6888

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray the Rosary & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited every day starting 50 minutes before Mass begins, Monday through Saturday. Summer Schedule at 7:40 a.m., Winter Schedule at 7:10 a.m. Maria Desa: 239-529-7611 or Carol Swank 757.559.4761

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group – Rosemary Erickson: 239.250.0432

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

Marine Colonel Brian Howlett

Lt. Col. Scott Huber – USAF

Christian McLaughlin – U.S. Navy,

Okinawa

PV2 Alexander McMickle – Ft. Eustis, VA

Col. Brian Murphy

Lt. Col. Jill Murphy

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.

Ralph Andrea, Gino De Sousa, Toni Eckert, Fred Maurer

PRAYER LIST

Baby Declan Aigner
Di Di Arpaia
Frank Arpaia, Sr.
Paschal Arpaia
Paul Arpaia
Aurise Bain
Florence Ballachio
Jean Balliro
Agatha Barczynski
Jennifer Basile
Beagan Family
Lynn Becker
Mark Benson
Paul Bishop
Liselotte Bluem
Gallen Boardman
William M. Boardman
Kent Brase
Steve Brase
Lori Breyman
Elaine Buscemi
Connie Cahill
Ed Carsky
Rosalie Castro
Corinne & Children
Lauren Carr
Frank Christopher
Merlyn Comeriato
Tony Corvelo
Marge Cullen
Brad Cunningham
Cutler Family
Anthony D'Antuono
Mark DaBronzo

Eileen DaSilva
Donald Demski
Florence Demski
Sally Detloff
Melissa Diamantini
Julie Dieter
Dee Donnelly
Donovan Family
Leon Doughty
Robyn Hyland Doyle
Katy Esquivel
F.W.
Carolyn Felner
Feroce Family
Scott Fewell
Tiffany Fiedler & Family
Don Fitzgerald
Sandy Flaig
Tara Follese & Family
Sandy Frania
Debbie Fritts
Patty Gahan
Jeff Gatt
Julia Giblin
Marie Gleason
Neil Goeren
George Gonser Jr.
Keri Grasso
Phyllis Grysiewicz
Randy Harrison
Gerard Heyen
Rosie Heyen
Ashleigh Hodges
Mary Ann Holt

Edward Hommel
Judy Howe
John Jureidini
D. K.
Theresa Keller
Rene Lacoste
Lorraine Leclerc
Carrie Lehmann
Laurie Lind
Teresa Lozano
Pat Lozon
Jean Lydon
Margie Lynch
M.M.
Joan Maier
Robin Malone
Diane Maloney
Margaret
Maria and Family
Ron Marlow
Barb Marsh
Jackie Mascolo
Donna Masse
Angelo Mastrorillo
Kathy Maxwell
Kevin McGill
Jack McGrory
Paul McIntyre
Alley McKee
Cynthia McLemore
Christine McManus
Carlos Mendelzon
Cynthia Mendelzon
Patrick Metro

Eileen Miner
John Montana
Lorrie Morrison
Tom Morse
John Nickerson
Jack Noonan
Emma O'Rourke
Joan M. Oliver
Jane Orzietti
Patricia Orris
David P.
Eric Parker
Ronald J. Parker
Francesca Pearo
Anne Perrino
Ann Petrillo
Rachel Polt-Holmes
Olivia Prawiradilaga
Carolyn Pulte
Gil and Renee Rake
Lexi Renner
Pete Renner
Henrietta Reynolds
Tom Riley
Ellen Roberts
Katie Roberts
Joanne Roddy
Racheal Romine
Bruce Roy
Terre Rozin
Sterling C. Rutherford
Peggy O'Neil Saba
Lloyd Sample
Lisa Sanfelippo

Shelia Scaduto
Gary Schutebach
Fritz Simacek
Marian Simacek
Nancy Beckman Sjostrom
John Smith
Josephine Soto
Sr. Colette Stevenson
Nancy Stewart
Edward Sullivan
Brad Tanner
Rita Taranto
William J. Teplica
Janice M. Thomas
Isalah Thompson
Marilyn Thyen
Helen Thornburg
Jerome D. Tomasso, Jr.
Albert Treichel
Richie Twiefel
Kari Van Tol
Mike Walsman
Arthur Warburton
Eileen Warburton
Dan Ward
Baby Benedict Wardein
Frank Westerbeke, Sr.
Kirsten Wills
Nancy Wise
Brandon Woods
Carolyn Wootton
Michael Zielinski



Capital Campaign

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

- 1 Peter 4:10



New Campaign Envelope to Finish the Church

We are blessed to be back in our church, again whole with our enlivening faith environment. This new persistent message: **Finish the Church**, is our final push of the Capital Campaign, to complete the transformation of the entire campus and ensure our success for the next 30 years. While we have come far already, we will all need to work together to complete our vision of the new Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

One of the most visual components of our Capital Campaign to **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past**, was our Campaign envelopes. These monthly reminders were placed with our standard offertory envelopes and provided a way for every member of our Parish Family to contribute to our future. We were so successful with over 2,000 families contributing to our campaign, we felt it was appropriate to renew those envelopes for our final thrust of the campaign to **Finish the Church**.

You should have received these new envelopes as part of your October/November packets. The red color has replaced the blue, but they will have the same function. We have been approved to gather your wonderful gifts without assessment from the Diocese as before, so we can ensure every dollar can assist us in filling the shortfall of the work done to repair and renew our church. They look like this:



We need your help to **Finish the Church**. In the next few weeks, you will be hearing more about this last push for our Capital Campaign and how you may be able to prayerfully consider assisting us with our effort.



Gospel Reflections with Father Tom

The steward in Jesus' story was unreliable and dishonest. It's obvious that he had been so for quite some time. It probably started off in little ways, but eventually become a way of life. He must have known all along that he was living dangerously. But he got away with it for a long time, thus evading public judgment and even self-examination. However, in spite of his craftiness, he was eventually found out, and his master confronted him with his misconduct.

It must have been a very humbling and painful moment for the steward. He was about to lose not only his job but also his reputation. He had brought shame and disgrace on himself and on his family, if he had a family. Yet it was also a moment of truth and revelation, because it showed him the dishonest reality in which he had been living. It provided him with an opportunity to leave behind illusions and lies. Thus it could have been a turning point in his life.

But what happened? He learned nothing from it. Even after being sacked from his job he continued on in his old, dishonest ways. There wasn't the slightest change in his character. Not the least dent in his armor. He refused to take responsibility for the kind of person he had become.

It's very difficult to change the habits of a lifetime. Dostoevsky says, "The second half of a person's life is usually made up of the habits acquired during the first half." That's a pretty frightening thought.

Once a holy man was instructing his disciples as they walked through a wood. He pointed to a small oak sapling, and asked one of his disciples to pull it up. The disciple did so with one hand. Then the master pointed to another oak, a little bigger than the first, and asked the disciple to pull that one up. He did so but had to use both hands. The master pointed to a third and bigger oak, and asked the disciple to pull it up. He could do so only with the help of one of his companions. Finally he pointed to a still larger oak and asked the disciple to pull that one up. Even with the help of all of his companions he was unable to do so.

And the master concluded, "That's how it is with passions and habits. In the beginning, before they have sunk deep roots, it is easy to eradicate them. But if we allow them to sink deep roots, it becomes virtually impossible to rid ourselves of them." This, presumably, is what happened to the servant in Jesus' story. He had become so used to a dishonest way of life that he couldn't change. However, what is impossible to us can become possible with the aid of God's grace.



While the story shows the danger of bad habits it also shows the importance of forming good habits. Just as dishonesty can become a way of life so can honesty. Honesty can become habitual, spontaneous, second nature.

How does one arrive at this happy state? It cannot be achieved overnight. It has to be learned by long practice. It is not achieved by a few great deeds but by a lot of little ones. The real reward for a good deed is that it makes the next good deed easier. Every little action of the common day makes or unmakes character.

Ministry Spotlight

Thanksgiving in the Park 2019: A Week of Service for the Immokalee Community

Thanksgiving in the Park is an incredible opportunity to serve and share food, culture, and love by providing thousands of people in Immokalee with a hot Thanksgiving meal. Last year, we fed over 1,700 people on Thanksgiving Day, so we need all the help we can get! Saint John the Evangelist assumes the primary role for every facet of Thanksgiving in the Park. There are opportunities to assist all week long – and for every member of our Parish Family. Once again, Collier County public high school students will gain volunteer service hours for their participation.

Following are some of our needs. How can you help?

Saturday, November 23, and Sunday, November 24: Bring Your Turkey (and Pies) to Church Weekend – To feed everyone in need, we need at least 100 turkeys! Please bring a pre-cooked, frozen turkey to Mass this weekend. Unfortunately, we cannot take raw, uncooked, or frozen turkeys, as we do not have the facilities to defrost and cook dozens of turkeys. To ensure that the turkeys are fully cooked, we must request that the turkeys be purchased pre-cooked and frozen. Pre-cooked, frozen turkeys can be purchased at Walmart and Publix, where you can find them at the deli counter or in the frozen food area. This weekend, we will also collect store-bought pies.

Wednesday, November 27: Turkey Shredding and Packing Day – Volunteers are needed to shred the turkeys we have received. The two-hour shifts will begin at 8:00 a.m., and continue until 4:00 p.m. in the Rome room. Please bring your own kitchen knives and utensils to cut up the turkeys. There is work for all ages, including packing the turkey and other items, helping move the heavy turkeys around to get them shredded, and making pictures for the decorations for the park.

Thursday, November 22: Serving Thanksgiving Lunch – We will gather at the Immokalee Airport Park at 8:30 a.m. to setup both the park and the food service. Volunteers are needed to get the food warmed up and ready for the 11:00 a.m. start. Once the meal is concluded, further assistance is needed in cleaning and packing the materials to return to St. John.

Friday, November 23: Clean-Up Morning – Beginning at 9:00 a.m., utilizing our industrial kitchen's dishwasher and sinks, we will clean all the pots, pans, and other materials from the park.

Lots to do! And lots of volunteers needed! If you are interested in supporting this wonderful time of encounter and service, please call or email me, Susan Hession, to sign up for one or more of the activities. Email – titp@sjecc.com or Phone – (856) 425-9274. Thank you so much for continuing to serve the community with your gifts of time, talent, and treasure!



Weekly Calendar: September 22-29

Sunday, September 22

9:30 a.m. – AFF – Catholicism in Nazareth North
9:30 a.m. – Faith Formation Classes
6:30 p.m. – FF – Year 2 Confirmation Parent/Child Meeting

Monday, September 23

6:00 p.m. – SoulCore in the PFLC
6:00 p.m. – AFF – Follow Me: The Gospel of John in the Room Room

Tuesday, September 24

9:00 a.m. – Zumba in the Gym
1:00 p.m. – AFF – Paul's Letter to the Romans in Nazareth North
6:00 p.m. – Strong by Zumba in the Gym
6:00 p.m. – SoulCore in the PFLC
6:30 p.m. – AFF – Becoming Catholic in Antioch
7:00 p.m. – Pick-Up Basketball in the Gym

Wednesday, September 25

8:30 a.m. – Holy Grounds after Daily Mass
12:00 p.m. – AFF – Epic, Church History in Nazareth North
5:00 p.m. – Middle School Social Group in the Gym
5:15 p.m. – FF – Choir Practice
5:45 p.m. – Faith Formation Classes
6:00 p.m. – Bootcamp in the PFLC Boneyard
6:00 p.m. – AFF – Unlocking the Bible in the Rome Room
6:00 p.m. – High School Youth Group
7:00 p.m. – Pick-Up Volleyball in the Gym

Thursday, September 26

9:00 a.m. – Zumba in the Gym
9:30 a.m. – AFF – Women of the Word in the Alexandria Room
10:00 a.m. – Bocce in the Bocce Court
12:30 p.m. – Bingo in the PFLC
6:00 p.m. – Strong by Zumba in the Gym
6:30 p.m. – AFF – Bible Timeline in the Rome Room
6:30 p.m. – Encounter on the Mountain: A Night of Praise and Adoration

Friday, September 27

9:30 a.m. – SoulCore in the PFLC
6:00 p.m. – Happy Hour in the 5 Saints Cafe

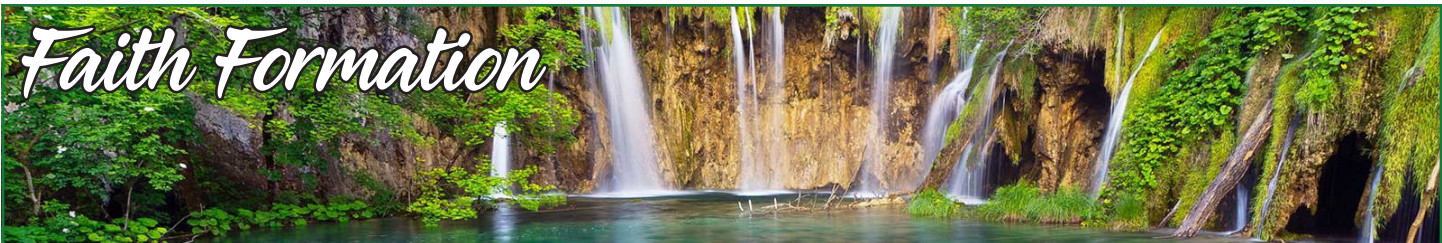
Saturday, September 28

9:00 a.m. – Bootcamp in the PFLC Boneyard
10:00 a.m. – Bocce in the Bocce Courts
10:00 a.m. – CYO Intermediate Piano Class*
11:00 a.m. – CYO Beginning Piano Class*
12:00 p.m. – CYO Guitar Class*
1:00 p.m. – CAO Guitar*
1:30 p.m. – CAO Piano*

Sunday, September 29

9:30 a.m. – AFF – Catholicism in Nazareth North

All classes with (*) are for previously registered students only. Anyone interested in registering for our classes should register online now for our next session of classes in August 2019.



Faith Formation

September Faith Formation

Wednesdays – 5:45-7:00 p.m.

9/25- Class

12:00-2:00 p.m. – Atrium Pre-K

Sundays – 9:30-10:45 p.m.

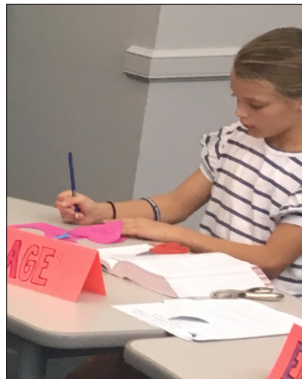
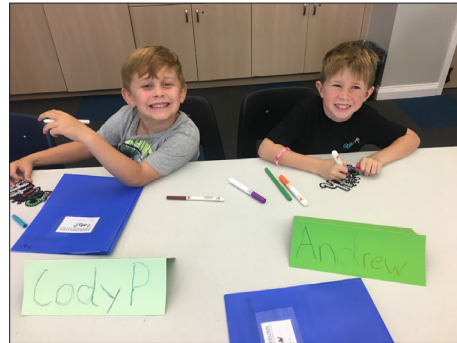
9/22- Class

9/29 – Class

High School Confirmation

9/29 – Year 1 Parent Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Faith Formation Opening Week Highlights



This Week in Faith Formation ~ September 22 - 28, 2019

September 22nd

Sunday Classes 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Adult Faith Formation – Nazareth Room

(During Faith Formation Class)

First Communion Parent Meeting – Mrs. O'Brien's Class &
Mrs. Talford's Class – in the Alexandria Room

September 25th

Choir Practice- 5:15-5:45 p.m.

Wednesday Classes 5:45-7:00 p.m.

Adult Faith Formation – Rome Room

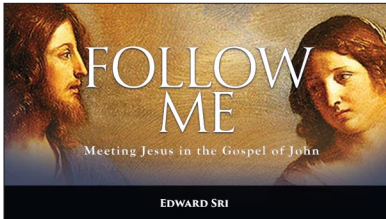
(During Faith Formation Class)

First Communion Parent Meeting – Mrs. Robert's Class &
Mrs. Manzano's Class – in the Alexandria Room
Middle School Social Group 5-5:45 p.m. in the gym
High School Youth Group 6-7 p.m.



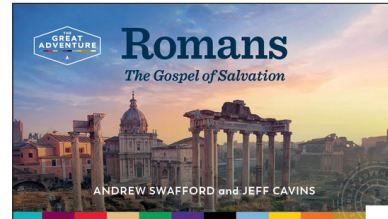
Adult Faith Formation

Two More Adult Faith Formation Programs Begin This Week!



A Study of the Gospel of John

Monday, September 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. in the Rome Room
Eight sessions led by Nancy Bouchard



A Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans

Tuesday, September 24th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Nazareth Room
Eight sessions led by Dee Schwartz

The Basics of Catholicism for Everyone Interested in Exploring Becoming Catholic

Tuesday, September 24th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Antioch Room

The first session will explain the conviction of the Catholic Faith that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and the revelation of God become man.

Everyone who is interested in or considering becoming Catholic is invited to take this opportunity to hear about Christianity, ask questions and receive answers about the Catholic traditions.

There is no obligation nor commitment. Registration is not required.



These Programs Continue

but it is not too late to join them. Make this fall the time you experience firsthand the many benefits of developing adult answers to today's difficult questions. Decide that this fall, formation of your adult Catholic faith will be a priority!

Epic, A Journey Through Church History

Wednesday, September 25th, at 12:00 p.m. in the Nazareth Room. Ten sessions led by Susan Hamilton (second half will be in the winter)

Women of the Word

Meet every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Alexandria Room, to view various programs or read and discuss various books led by Nancy Bouchard

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Wednesday, September 25th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Rome Room. Nine sessions led by Sue Hamilton or Jack Kindsvater

The Bible Timeline

Thursday, September 26th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rome Room. Ten sessions led by Deborah Simon (second half will be in the winter)

Catholicism

Sunday, September 29th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Nazareth Room. Ten sessions led by Jack Kindsvater & Sue Hamilton

Questions: Just email jack@sjecc.com or call (239) 228-3918 and leave a message. I respond promptly.

Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator

CYO/CAO Music and Arts

Information on upcoming music and arts events.

Music and Arts
Classes

**CYO and CAO
November
2019**

registration
open soon at
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cyo](http://sjecc.com/cyo) or
[sjecc.com/
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wait for the
last minute!
Registration
closes on
November 6!

CYO Classes:

Piano, voice,
guitar, painting,
acting.

CAO Classes:

Piano, voice, guitar,
painting, and
Ballroom dance
coming back!

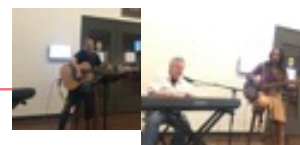
Email Jennine at
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for more information
about any of our
Music and Arts
programs

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT ENCOUNTER ON THE MOUNTAIN: A HOLY HOUR OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THIS THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 AT 6:30PM IN
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Adults and youth welcome! Music, comedy, poetry all
welcome! Come out and support our local musicians!
7pm at the 5 Saints Cafe!

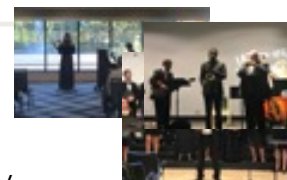


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**We need all musical children in our parish to
volunteer to be a part of our Children's Choir!**

Join our

brand new Saint John's Children's Choir under the director of Jennine Fuentes! If you love
singing then you'll love getting together with your friends before Faith Formation at 5:15pm
on Wednesdays to learn some faith based music and sing at some of the children's Masses
throughout the year all while learning some great singing techniques! Ages 6 and up!
upwelcome! Email jennine@sjecc.com to get on the email list and register!

Age 5 welcome based on parent discretion of reading and attention abilities.



<https://www.facebook.com/CYO-Naples>

Register at sjecc.com/cyo or sjecc.com/cao

Hymns for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21 and 22, 2019

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Our adult choir is currently inviting ALL SINGERS, ages 16 and older, to join our choir. Why join St. John's adult choir? We develop proper vocal skills, sing exciting sacred music for our beautiful liturgies and concerts, learn more about our Mass and Faith, gain a more personal and rewarding involvement in the worship, work together as a team, socialize as a family. You get the idea... and we have fun in the entire process! The invitation is open to all interested singers with some music reading skills! We rehearse every Wednesday in the Choir Room. Consider coming to a rehearsal. Try choir for one month or a season. Please contact Gary Prettyman or Jennine Fuentes at the Church Office during the week or after Mass for more information.



Mass Music Aid

5:00 p.m. Mass Music Worship Aid – Sunday, September 22, 2019 The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song 617 We Are Called David Haas

Preparation Song **Lord, I Need You** **Matt Maher** CCLI Song # 5925687. Christy Nockels | Daniel Carson | Jesse Reeves | Kristian Stanfill | Matt Maher © 2011 worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) sixsteps Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) Sweater Weather Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) Valley Of Songs Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). All rights reserved. CCLI License # 2008891.

Verse 1)
Lord, I come, I confess;
bowing here, I find my rest
And without you, I fall apart:
you're the One that guides my heart (to Chorus)

Verse 2)
Where sin runs deep, your grace is more;
where grace is found is where you are
And where you are, Lord, I am free:
Holiness is Christ in me! (to Chorus)

Chorus

Lord, I need you, oh, I need you, ev' - ry hour I need you; my
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one de-fense, my ri - ghteous-ness, O God, how I need you.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. A measure rest is used for the word 'and' in the second line. The second staff starts with a measure rest and continues the melody. The lyrics continue below the notes.

Bridge)
So teach my song to rise to you when temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you—Jesus, you're my hope and stay (to Chorus)

Communion Song 340 Taste & See Bob Hurd



Mass Music Aid

Communion Song

Breathe

Marie Barnett

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This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe: your Holy Presence, —
liv-ing in me. — This is my dai - ly Bread, this is my dai - ly Bread,
your ve-ry Bo - dy, — bro-ken for me. — And I, — I'm des-prate for
— you, — O Lord. — And I, — I'm lost with-out — you, — O Lord. —

Closing Song

You Are the Lord

Matt Maher

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Verse 1)

You gave me a title, although I didn't know you.
You called my name, and blessed me with life.
Now I've squandered the fortunes of my childhood,
given in to a world of lies...
But I can't hide forever from what I know is true;
Jesus, I surrender my life to you—(to chorus)

Verse 2)

The mountains, they move at the sound of your holy name;
the lame will walk and the blind will see.
I know you want my heart, I know that I am nothing;
you are the source of ev'rything...
And I can't live forever, unless I live in you;
Jesus I surrender my life to you—(to chorus)

Chorus 'Cause YOU ARE THE LORD and there is no oth-er, You're my God and I'm not a - shamed,
I'll stand for you when the whole world fal-ters, I will bear your name And I won't be the same.

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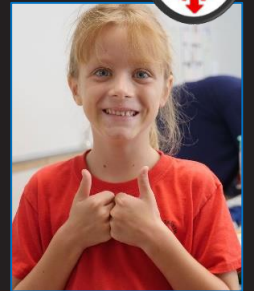
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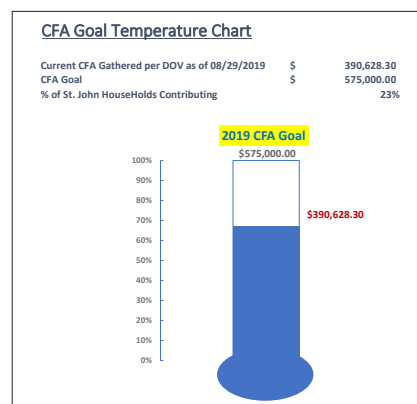
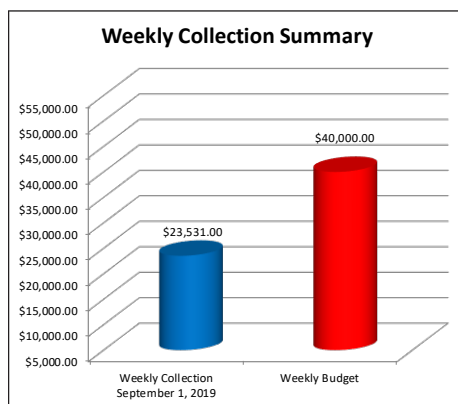
Upcoming SET Classes 2019-2020

The Diocese of Venice has scheduled the SET (Safety Environment Training) classes at the following parishes, dates, and times.

Where	Date	Time
Our Lady of Light Church Estero, FL	Thursday, September 26	6:00 p.m.
	Saturday, September 28	9:30 a.m.
St. Peter the Apostle Naples, FL	Thursday, October 10	6:00 p.m.
	Saturday, October 12	9:30 a.m.

Help Wanted

- Saint John's is in need of volunteers to form an AV ministry for the parish. Please email our Artistic Director, Jennine Fuentes at jennine@sjecc.com with any interest.
- Encounter on the Mountain – A Night of Praise and Adoration is in need of volunteers to form a ministry to take over for our NET team responsibilities during the event. From setting up candles, to handing out worship aids, to door greeters, to prayer teams and confession line organizer... we need your help! There are only five nights a year making this the perfect volunteer opportunity for someone with a busy schedule. These night are very impacting to our parish family and community. Please email our Artistic Director, Jennine Fuentes with any interest.
- We are in need to children to partake and serve in our Children's Choir Ministry. Rehearsals are at 5:15 p.m. in the choir room on Wednesdays.
- Calling all woodworkers, creatives, choreographer, AV savvy volunteers! We need your skills and talents to help with our set, sound and lighting, props, costumes, and dance numbers for our first children's theatre production of Annie Jr. Please email our Artistic Director, Jennine Fuentes at jennine@sjecc.com with any interest.



Events and Information

Grief Support

This grief support group takes place at St. John on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. from October 22 through November 26.

Anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. To register, please call Geralyn Poletti at 239-455-2655 to register. Any parishioner who needs individual grief support or immediate assistance may contact the parish office to set up an appointment with one of our priests.

Caregiver Workshop

Community Resources you Need to Know as a Caregiver

- Caregivers – you can only do so much. You only have so much energy, so much time, so much ability to take care of others... there are resources to help you
- Taking care of yourself – the family and/or professional caregiver
- Benefits of home care, certified aging-in-place specialists, geriatric care managers, support groups, adaptive equipment, etc.

**September 17, 2019, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at St. John the Evangelist in the Nazareth Room**



This seminar is FREE, and a light lunch will be served.
Anyone wanting to attend must RSVP to the Parish Office at 239.566.8740.

“Traveling Together” Broadway Palm Dinner Theater

Seats are available for “Finding Neverland” October 17th.
Matinee \$59.00 per person includes buffet luncheon, tax, and tip.

A Special Offer by the Broadway Palm Theater in Fort Myers
“Dames at Sea” Off-Broadway Production on October 31st
\$53.00 per person includes matinee buffet luncheon, tax, and tip

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Call Millie at 239.566.9854 for reservations

