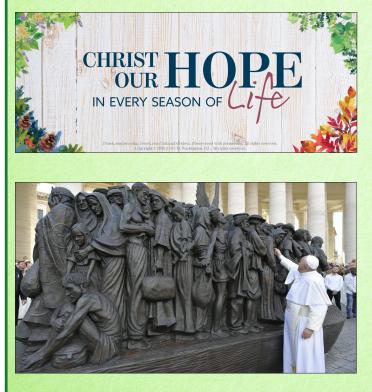
The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

#### Christ Our Hope in Every Stage of Life

October is Respect Life Month



As Catholics, we are called to respect every form of life at every stage, from the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths. Respecting life encompasses so many life-affirming social justice foci, from combatting the scourge of abortion, ending poverty and racism, welcoming refugees and immigrants, serving those in prison, respecting the aged, to ending euthanasia and the death penalty. We are blessed here at Saint John to have such wonderful individuals and groups dedicated to life-affirming action, from the Knights of Columbus, whose successful Life Fest Concert supported local special needs groups like STARability, to our Respect Life Committee. We are also blessed that our Parish Sculptor, Timothy Schmalz, whose bronze images are placed throughout our Sanctuary and campus, unveiled his latest creation, Angels Unaware, to the Pope this past weekend. Its visceral depiction of refugees and immigrants throughout time illustrate how God is found in those desperate to find safety, and it is our God-given responsibility to shelter and welcome them.

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Please join in prayer with our Parish Family today for Respect Life Weekend. We will have a prayer vigil in our Memorial Garden immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

#### **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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#### 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 625 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108 Phone: 239.566.8740 • Fax: 239.566.9117

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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 **Eucharistic Ministry:**

EMMinistry@sjecc.com

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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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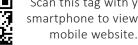
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**Artistic Director** Jennine Fuentes: jennine@sjecc.com

Sacristan & Martha's Guild Lan Tran: lan@sjecc.com

#### **PARISH REGISTRATION**

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



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## Mass Intentions

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

October 5, 2	2019	Saturday	Requested By	
8:00 a.m.	+	Carol Cassella	John Cassella	
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3:00 p.m.	+	Ozzie D'Addario	Janet D'Addario	
5:00 p.m.	+	Mark Galle	Mom & Dad	Saturday, Octo
October 6, 2	2019	Sunday		[Blessed Franc
7:00 a.m.	+	Eric Vierling	Lan Tran	Bar 4:5-12, 27-
9:00 a.m.	+	Ralph Hardie	Cousins: Cindy, Mike & Mary	Sunday, Octob
11:00 a.m.		For Our Parishioners		The Twenty-Se
1:00 p.m.	+	Phil & Bernadette Monachino	Pat & Kathy Monachino	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4
5:00 p.m.	+	Maureen Celaschi	Paul & Barbara Jacoby	(141) Pss III <b>M</b>
October 7, 2	2019	Monday		[Our Lady of th
8:30 a.m.	+	Guille Delgado	Mireya Delgado	Memorial
October 8, 2	2019	Tuesday		Jon 1:1—2:2, 1
8:30 a.m.	+	Edward Jacobs	Mary Sanders	Tuesday, Octo
October 9, 2	2019	Wednesday		Jon 3:1-10/Lk
8:30 a.m.	+	Mr. Les Balazs	B. Dees	Wednesday, O
October 10,	2019	) Thursday		[Saint Denis an
8:30 a.m.	+	Loren & Joan McGirr	Joan McGirr	Leonardi]
October 11,	2019	9 Friday		Jon 4:1-11/Lk
8:30 a.m.	+	Ada I. Fortuno	Ive Miro	Thursday, Oct
October 12,	2019	-		Mal 3:13-20b/
8:00 a.m.	+	Deborah McLoughlin	Nancy & Arthur Goldstein	Friday, Octobe
Satı	ırday	Vigil Masses for Sunday		[Saint John XXI
3:00 p.m.	+	Jerome Paul & Janet VanderHorst	Steve & Maria VanderHorst	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-
5:00 p.m.	+	Charlie Curti	Paul & Nancy Curti	Saturday, Octo
October 13,	2019	9 Sunday		[BVM]
7:00 a.m.	+	Jim Flannery	Jim Hughes	Jl 4:12-21/Lk 1
9:00 a.m.	+	Stephen Conger	Claire Conger	
11:00 a.m.		For Our Parishioners		
1:00 p.m.	+	George J. Martin	Fred & Anne Michaels	
5:00 p.m.	+	Dr. Aubrey Berry	Phil Cronan	SACR
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		-	Elevence & Devil Corden	month notice.
3:00 p.m.	+	Helen Swisshelm	Florence & Paul Gordon	Anointing of
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		9 Thursday – Solaris Health Care	C. Comment	answering ma
10:00 a.m.	+	James Caughlin	C. Conway	phone number

#### **Readings for the Week**

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#### 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 Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Alexandria Room. 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

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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 239.597.3078

**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.

#### SOCIAL GROUPS

Ministries and Prayer

Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist. Prepare boys to AA Robert: 239.287.2442 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. Koulloheras:nick@hfhcollier.com

Mah Jong. Space Limited. Lanelle Bishop: 239.352.1860

#### SUPPORT GROUPS

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 FOR THE MILITARY

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

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

PRAYER GROUPS

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 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.

Baby Declan Aigner Di Di Arpaia Paschal Arpaia Paul Arpaia Aurise Bain Florence Ballachio Jean Balliro Agatha Barczvnski 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 Lizabeth Cuenya 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 Familty Scott Fewell Tiffany Fiedler & Family Don Fitzgerald Sandy Flaig Tara Follese & Family Sandy Frania Debbie Fritts Patty Gahan Jeff Gatt Iulia Giblin Marie Gleason George Gonser Jr. Keri Grasso Phyllis Gryskiewicz Randy Harrison Gerard Heyen Rosie Heyen Ashleigh Hodges Mary Ann Holt Edward Hommel Judy Howe John Jureidini

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Theresa Keller Elyse Kristinik 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 Cvntia Mendelzon Patrick Metro Eileen Miner John Montana Lorrie Morrison

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#### Finish the Church: Bringing Activities to Our Campus for All



The elderly and the young, together. This is the sign that a people cherishes life, that there is a culture of hope: the care of the young and the elderly. #SantaMarta

6:17 AM · Sep 30, 2019 · TweetDeck

3.2K Retweets 18.3K Likes

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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.

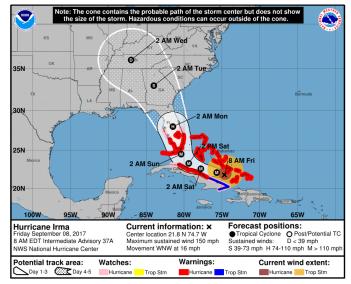
The Parish Family of Saint John truly believed in the Mission of our Capital Campaign: **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past**. Our vision was to become a beacon of community and faith here in

Naples, renewed with our Life Center and campus as a "new wineskin" of Catholic engagement for decades to come. We were following the mindset of Pope Francis, clearly showcased in the above Tweet: "The elderly and the young together. This is the sign that a people cherishes life..." As such, we defined a strategy of incremental improvements to Saint John that could be achieved based on the success of the campaign.

By the numbers, our Parish responded to this vision with substantial support. When we finally closed the initial campaign on March 8, 2018, (the three-year window allowed by the Diocese at the time), we had collected an impressive \$11 million. And not just a small fraction of our Parish gave to this campaign. We had over 2,000 individuals and families participate, which is well over half of our Parish Family. The normal Catholic Church campaign currently has 27% participation in the U.S. We shattered that statistic, and we easily gathered enough for the construction of the Pulte Family Life Center, and much more to shape the future of the campus:



We were just about to identify the additional partial campus improvements we could move forward with the success of our campaign in September of 2017, when we had a visitor... Hurricane Irma.



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.

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#### **Gospel Reflections with Father Tom**

There are very fortunate people who are born into a religious faith, and who, with the passage of the years, find this faith increasingly strong and sustaining. To possess a confident faith is a tremendous blessing. Only faith can answer the most profound questions of life.

Without faith, there is no reason for anything, and nothing is in its proper place. Life is unintelligible and unbearable without God. Faith gives meaning to life. Faith also gives vision. A life without vision is like a night without stars.

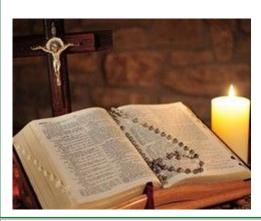
Faith adds the buoyancy of hope to life. We need hope as much as we need food. But we can't have hope without faith. And faith results in joy. Happy are those who discover the joy of believing, the rapture of faith in God, the ecstasy of heeding the divine invitation and clasping God's outstretched hand.

But we shouldn't expect faith to clear everything up. We live in a world where many desperately seek to know all the answers. Just because we believe doesn't mean we know everything. But we don't need to know all the answers. People don't have to understand a work of art to be inspired by it. Faith is trust, not certainty.

Rationalists approach God and religion as something that can be understood and explained; mystics approach God as something mysterious which can neither be understood nor explained but only experienced. Logic cannot tell us everything. However, faith doesn't contradict reason; it goes beyond it, it transcends it. Faith is a gift of God, but God does not force himself on anyone.

Faith is not a thing, but a relationship with God. The expression to lose your faith, as one might lose a key or a purse, is really rather silly. Faith is not a thing which one loses; we merely cease to shape our lives by it.

All of us should make our own the prayer of the apostles: "Lord, increase our faith," because it is not enough to keep the faith; we have to grow in it. Faith is not acquired fully grown at the start. Faith has to grow, and as it grows it changes. Faith does not remain stationary, no more than any of our relationships remain stationary.



Faith grows when exercised. Faith also grows through regular nourishment. Those beliefs that we don't nourish become less solid. How do we nourish the faith? By prayer and contact with the believing community.

Faith is the greatest power in the world. That is what Jesus meant when he said, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." This is a striking way of saying that, with faith, what looks impossible becomes possible. Gandhi once said "Those with a grain of faith never lose hope, because they believe in the ultimate triumph of truth."



#### National Catholic Youth Conference Our Youth Need Your Assistance

Our CYO high schoolers will be joining 20,000+ Catholic teens in prayer, praise, excitement, and expression next month. NCYC is best described as a pilgrimage, with its preparation, journey, experience, and return all important aspects.

Here's what a few of our students have to say about NCYC and your assistance:



The reason I want to participate in NCYC is to dig deeper into my faith. I think it will be an amazing experience for me and for many. I'm truly blessed to have this opportunity. I hope I get to meet more people who have the same view on the faith as I do. And get some tools to grow a closer relationship with God.

I am thrilled to be attending NCYC this year. It is such an amazing opportunity to help me flourish in my faith and to meet people who are ecstatic about Jesus. I am beyond grateful for everyone's support financially and prayerfully as we embark on this incredible journey.





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I am very excited and grateful for the opportunity to go to Indiana for the National Catholic Youth Conference. I cannot wait to grow in my faith with my friends in November. Thank you to everyone for all of the support to make this trip possible!

**Our CYO pilgrims will be accepting your financial help this weekend after Masses.** Your donation will help us travel to Indianapolis November 21-24 to experience this impactful Catholic retreat. Please stop and talk with them more outside of the church about what they hope to experience on their journey.

Donations can be made in person, online, at sjecc.com under "Ways to Give" or given to the office (with NCYC in the memo line of your check). Thank you for your prayers and financial assistance!





#### Sunday, October 6

9:30 a.m. – AFF – *Catholicism* in Nazareth North 9:30 a.m. – Faith Formation Classes 11:00 a.m. – First Communion Enrollment Mass

#### Monday, October 7

9:00 a.m. – We Seved: Veteran Get Together in the 5 Saints Cafe 6:00 p.m. – SoulCore in the PFLC 6:00 p.m. – AFF – Follow Me: The Gospel of John in the Room Room

#### Tuesday, October 8

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. – SoulCore in the PFLC
6:30 p.m. – AFF – Becoming Catholic in Antioch
7:00 p.m. – Pick-Up Basketball in the Gym

#### Wednesday, October 9

8:30 a.m. – Holy Grounds after Daily Mass 9:30 a.m. – Golden Fitness in the Gym 12:00 p.m. – AFF – Epic, Church History in Nazareth North 12:00 p.m. – FF – Atrium Pre-K 6:00 p.m. – Bootcamp in the PFLC Boneyard 6:00 p.m. – High School Youth Group 7:00 p.m. – Pick-Up Volleyball in the Gym in the Gym

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 November 2019.

#### Thursday, October 10

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 12:00 p.m. – AFF – The Bible and the Virgin Mary in Nazareth North 6:30 p.m. – AFF – Bible Timeline in the Rome Room 7:00 p.m. – Concert Series: Smokin' Tribute Band in the PFLC

#### Friday, October 11

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

#### Saturday, October 12

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, October 13

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

- 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation Classes
- 9:30 a.m. High School Morning Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m. High School Evening Confirmation
- 6:30 p.m. AFF The Mass in Nazareth North



#### Middle School Youth Spend Some Social Time Together Before Faith Formation

We are very blessed to have been able to weave in some social time for our Middle School Youth here at St. John's. On the Wednesday evenings of Faith Formation, Middle School Youth may come to the Pulte Life Center Gym and spend time with Kyle VanDuser, our CYO Social and Spiritual Director, as well as their friends. Kyle has opportunities for them to play volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, and spike ball. After a long day at school, this is a nice option for our kids. At 5:45 p.m., the kids head over to their Faith Formation Classes for the evening. Youth that attend Middle School Faith Formation on Sundays are welcome to attend this social time, as well, and may stay for Faith Formation or be picked up by 6:00 p.m. We are excited to provide this time for our youth and continue to develop activities that interest them.









#### Faith Formation Confirmation Reminders

- Confirmation Class sessions begin Sunday, October, 13th, 2019.
- Morning Confirmation sessions are 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- Evening Sessions are 6:15-7:30 p.m.

#### This Week in Faith Formation ~ October 6-12, 2019

#### October 6th

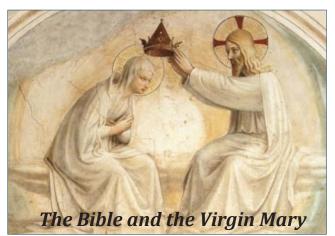
9:30-10:45 a.m. – Faith Formation Classes 9:30 a.m. – Adult Faith Formation *Catholicism* in Nazareth 11:00 a.m. – First Communion Enrollment Mass *October 9th* 12:00-2:00 p.m. – Pre-K Atrium

\*No Faith Formation, choir, or Adult Faith Formation

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#### This NEW Program Begins This Thursday at Noon



Unveil the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. The visually stunning lessons convey the beauty of the doctrine and devotions surrounding Mary, bringing them to life in a powerful, new way.

The Bible and the Virgin Mary is based on Hail, Holy Queen, the work of Scott Hahn. Dr. Hahn, an exceptionally popular speaker and teacher, has delivered hundreds of talks nationally and internationally on a wide variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith and is the bestselling author of numerous books.

Matthew Leonard, the presenter, is an internationally known speaker and author.

This study has something for everyone from the newly confirmed to the fully engaged cradle Catholic.

Come to the Nazareth North Room in the Pulte Family Life Center this Thursday, October 10th, at 12:00 noon. You are invited to bring your lunch; beverages will be provided.

There are six weekly sessions ending November 14th; they will be facilitated by Liz Koplitz.

#### Sunday Morning is CATHOLICISM Time!

#### You Are Invited to drop in October 13th for Lesson 5: Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure.

Bishop Barron calls Peter and Paul "two indispensable men, the ones without whom the Church would never have emerged and survived." In telling each man's story, he shows how the Holy Spirit worked through apostles and disciples to build the Church.

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE FOR YOU TO JOIN THIS JOURNEY; each lesson stands on its own so just drop in when you can.

Remember you are invited to come to any one of the sessions on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Nazareth Room of the Pulte Family Life Center. It's over at 10:45, in time for you to attend 11:00 Mass. Coffee is on the house.



#### Sunday Evening is Time for "The Mass"!

#### Pause and reflect on the question... Why do I go to Mass?

This fall, walk through the Liturgy of the Mass with Bishop Robert Barron, and you'll focus on answering that question; be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

The first session is October 13 in the Nazareth Room of the Pulte Family Life Center.

This six-session program meets from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. only on the evenings that youth Confirmation program meets so this schedule is especially convenient for parents.

The other sessions are October 27, November 17, December 8, December 15, and January 12.

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

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# CAO/CYO Music and Arts

#### Information on Upcoming Music and Arts Events

#### **Events**

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#### Open Mic Night - November 7, 2019! Free Beverage for All Participants!

Adults and youth welcome. Music, comedy, poetry all welcome. Come out and support our local musicians!

#### 7:00 p.m. at the 5 Saints Cafe!

New cafe ambiance! We need an audience! Come out and support our local musicians!

#### 2019-2020 Concert Series Kick Off – Smokin': A Tribute to Boston, Eagles, Styx, and Journey – October 10, 2019

Also featuring Caluha and Cream!

7:00 p.m. in the PFLC - \$30 per person

Come out for an incredible concert and support our CYO/CAO Scholarship all in one! Bring your family and friends and enjoy! Register online at sjecc.com/cao before this sells out!



#### 2019-2020 Concert Series Complete Series Package is Open for Registration!

Now is the time to register online at sjecc.com/ cao and receive for ALL concert series concerts for an incredibly low price of \$150. Concerts this season include: Eagles/Boston/Styx Tribute band (open for registration), Paul Todd, Bryl



Cream, Paradise Coastman Barbershop, Angela Massey Flute and harp, Jazz, Ave Maria Choir, and more!

#### Classes

Beginner Piano Class – Saturdays @ 11:00 a.m. – Nazareth North – \$100 – eight-week session

Intermediate Piano Class – Saturdays @ 10:00 a.m. – Nazareth North – \$100 – eight-week session

Guitar Class – Saturdays @ Noon – Nazareth North – \$100 – eight-week session

Voice/Cantor Class – Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. or Fridays @ 4:30 p.m. – Music Room – \$100 – eight-week session

Acting/Theatre Class – Saturdays @ 10:00 a.m. – Alexandria Room – \$100 – eight-week session

Strings Class (instrument included) – Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. – Private Music Room – \$100 – eight-week session

Painting Class – Mondays @ 5:00 p.m. – Nazareth North – \$150 – eight-week session

Private lessons available for guitar, piano, and voice!

CYO November 2019 Classes begin November 16! Register by November 13th to ensure your class is offered! (see CAO Newsletter for Adult classes)

Email Jennine at jennine@sjecc.com for more information about any of our Music and Arts programs.

# **CYO Volleyball Camp**

Come learn the introductory, and fundamental skills of volleyball in an exciting and encouraging environment.

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We are looking for sponsors and parent volunteers with this event. Interested? Please contact St. Ann School (239) 262-4110 or email: <u>volunteerfallfest@hotmail.com</u>

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#### Hymns for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 5 and 6, 2019

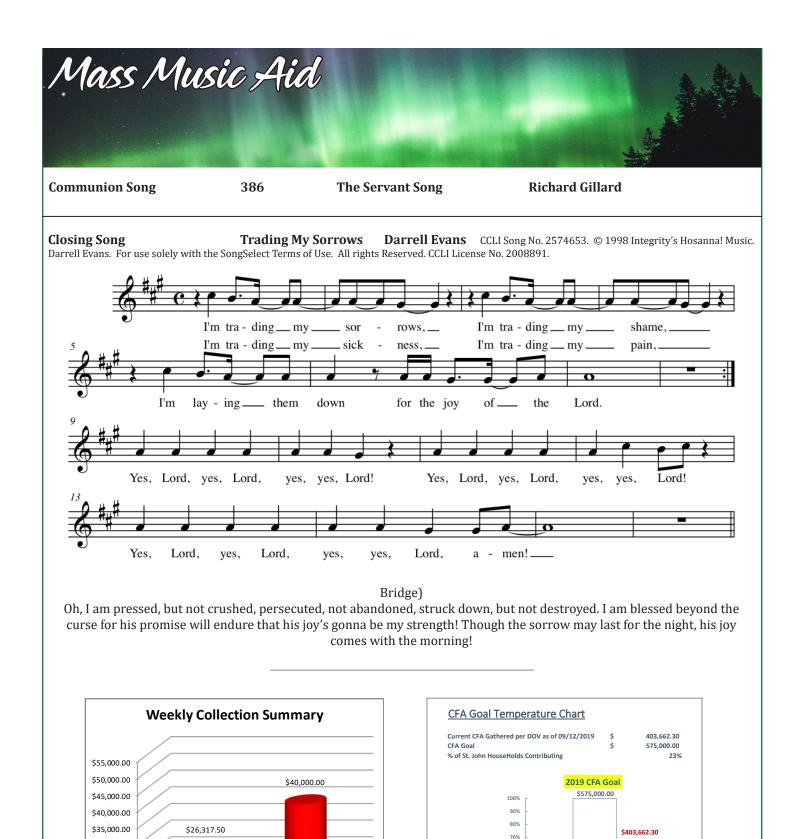
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#### Hymn for Sanctity of Life (January 2019) Music: Hymn to Joy

1. At the dawning of creation, God divided light from shade	Genesis 1
And He made us, male and female. In His image we were made.	Genesis 1
Refrain: And the life that God created we will honor and defend From conception to the heavens; from beginning to the end.	
2. God has breathed this life into us, loving us before our birth.	Various
He has made us wonderful and stewards to protect the earth.	Psalm 139
Refrain: And the life that God created we will honor and defend From conception to the heavens; from beginning to the end.	
3. In Your book is written all the days that You have formed for me.	Psalm 139
You discern my thoughts before the first one ever comes to be.	Psalm 139
Lord, You know our inmost being; knit us in our mother's womb.	Psalm 139
Young and old each one is precious to our God in splendor bloom.	Psalm 116
4. Temples of The Holy Spirit, God has called us through His grace.	Various
We are set apart to live the Gospel to the human race.	Various
Refrain: And the life that God created we will honor and defend From conception to the heavens; from beginning to the end.	

Text: 87 87 D; Verse 1 & Refrain: Kathleen Pluth (Hymn for the Innocents), Verses 2-4: Gary Prettyman, 2019.





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Weekly Budget

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Weekly Collection

September 15, 2019

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# Events and Information

#### 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
St. Peter the Apostle	Thursday, October 10	6:00 p.m.
Naples, FL	Saturday, October 12	9:30 a.m.
St. Leo the Great	Thursday, November 7	6:00 p.m.
Bonita Springs, FL	Saturday, November 9	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. Our next Encounter will be on November 21, 2019. 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. Please come to our open house on September 11, 2019, at 5:15 p.m. in the choir room.
- 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.

#### Welcome Back to Bocce

We are planning to begin an active adult Bocce season on Thursdays and Saturdays beginning Saturday, October 19, 2019. Play will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue through 11:30 a.m. No experience needed. Lunch and refreshments available in the Cafe at at a low cost.

