

SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

the **EAGLE**

Annie Jr. Huge Success!

It may have been a Hard Knock Life for our cast of the inaugural CYO Children’s Theater here at Saint John, but it was more than worth it. Over 400 members of our Parish Family and Friends joined them on two nights of production of Annie Jr., the musical. From the first Maybe to the last Tomorrow, everyone was joyously entertained by our junior thespians. We cannot wait for further upcoming shows, including our Passion Play during Holy Week.

Theatrical Youth
Showcase Their
Talents for Our
Whole Parish Family



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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

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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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FOR OUR RECORDS

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

or email: info@sjecc.com.

Thank you!

PARISH REGISTRATION

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



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smartphone to view our
mobile website.

Mass Intentions



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

Altar Flowers for the week of 12/1/19 - 12/7/19
In Memory of James Amont, requested by wife, Marie Amont

Saturday, November 30, 2019

8:00 a.m. + Peter Xep Tran

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

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

5:00 p.m. + John Putalik

Sunday, December 1, 2019

7:00 a.m. SI Gail Lotz

9:00 a.m. + Patricia Sullivan

11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

1:00 p.m. + Antonio Faga

5:00 p.m. + Ann Mullally

Monday, December 2, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Pete Gioeli

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Michael Paul Zewalk

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

8:30 a.m. + William Seymour

Thursday, December 5, 2019

9:00 a.m. + Andy Sanfelippo

Friday, December 6, 2019

8:30 a.m. SI David Pagano

Saturday, December 7, 2019

8:00 a.m. SI Olivia Webster

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + Joan Scariati

5:00 p.m. + Linnae Fedeli-Eddy

Sunday, December 8, 2019

7:00 a.m. + Thomas S. Riley, Jr.

9:00 a.m. + Thoman & Horey Families

11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

1:00 p.m. + Stephen Losi

5:00 p.m. + Pete Gioeli

Requested By

Lan Tran

Rick & Leslie VanderHorst

Maureen Reed

Honey & Bob Hotz

Dick Sullivan

Vincent LaSprogata

Henrietta & Tom Reynolds

Dolores Donnelly

Tammy & Bill Warvel

Judy Seymour

Kay Sanfelippo

Deb Marsh

Deb Marsh

Chrys Fisher

Parents

Georgianna Rota

Iris Horey

Janet Losi

John & Maureen Wurtz

Readings for the Week

Saturday, November 30, 2019

[Saint Andrew]

Feast

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22 (684) Pss Prop

Sunday, December 1, 2019

The First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44 (1) Pss I

Monday, December 2, 2019

Is 4:2-6 (second choice)/Mt 8:5-11 (175)

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

[Saint Francis Xavier]

Memorial

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 (176)

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

[Saint John Damascene]

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 (177)

Thursday, December 5, 2019

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)

Friday, December 6, 2019

[Saint Nicholas, Bishop]

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 (179)

Saturday, December 7, 2019

[Saint Ambrose]

Memorial

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)

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: Jim Culkar: jrculkar@aol.com*

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 in the church). Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays after morning Mass; Saturdays 2:00-5:00 p.m. and Sundays 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We are in need of volunteers! If you are interested, please contact *Holly: holly@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. *Gerilyn 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. Meets year-round on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Classrooms 3 & 4 in the Parish Activity Center. No experience necessary. Make baby and children's items, prayer shawls, nursing home and elderly blankets. *Sharon Camp: 239-438-7867 or sharon@naples.net. https://*

stjohnknitandcrochet.wordpress.com/

Ladies of Charity. Volunteer in Imnokalee 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 McPherson Faithful Navigator: 443-807-3436 or pmcp77@gmail.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. Kouloheras:nick@hfhcollier.com

Mahjongg. Wednesday Play. Lanelle Bishop: 239.352.1860

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

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

Lt. Stephen English – Iraq

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

Daniel Joseph DeSantis, Joan Gaetano, Tom McDonagh, Dorothy Quirk, and Jane Sama

PRAYER LIST

Baby Declan Aigner
Theresa Allingham
Di Di Arpaia
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
Sue Boyle
Kent Brase
Steve Brase
Lori Breyman
Kyle Brune
Elaine Buscemi
Connie Cahill
Ed Carsky
Rosalie Castro
Corinne & Children
Lauren Carr
Frank Christopher
August Cimmino
Merlyn Comeriato
Monica Connors
Tony Corvelo
Lizabeth Cuenya
Marge Cullen
Brad Cunningham
Cutler Family

Mark DaBronzo
Eileen DaSilva
Donald Demski
Florence Demski
Sally Detloff
Melissa Diamantini
Julie Dieter
Dee Donnelly
Donovan Family
Leon Doughty
Robyn Hyland Doyle
Peter Durso
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
Carol Gaskill
Jeff Gatt
Julia Giblin
Marie Gleason
George Gonsler Jr.
Phyllis Gryskiewicz
Randy Harrison
Rosie Heyen
Amy Hilliard
Ashleigh Hodges
Mary Ann Holt
Edward Hommel

Judy Howe
D. K.
Yvonne Keenan
Theresa Keller
Elyse Kristinik
Rene Lacoste
Lorraine Leclerc
Carrie Lehmann
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Laurie Lind
Mel Lisser
Pat Lozano
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 Mastrotrillo
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 Oraziotti
Patricia Orris
Sean Osterman
David P.
Eric Parker
Ronald J. Parker
Francesca Pearo
Anne Perrino
Ann Petrillo
Timothy Pollard
Rachel Polt-Holmes
Olivia Prawiradilaga
Carolyn Pulte
Lee Redman
Gil and Renee Rake
Pete Renner
Henrietta Reynolds
Tom Riley
Ellen Roberts
Katie Roberts
Joanne Roddy
Racheal Romine
Terre Rozin
Sterling C. Rutherford
Peggy O'Neil Saba
Lloyd Sample
Lisa Sanfelippo
Shelia Scaduto

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



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Capital Campaign



Support Finish the Church and the CFA at the Same Time with One Donation



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Charity may be a very short word, but with its tremendous meaning of pure love, it sums up man's entire relation to God and to his neighbor. – *St. Aelred of Rievaulx*

We are incredibly blessed as a Parish Family to have the opportunity to serve so many in need through our good works, with our time, our talent, and our treasure. As we come to the end of the year, we look to complete one of our Diocesan responsibilities, the Catholic Faith Appeal, or CFA. The CFA is a Diocesan contribution in which all the members of the churches in Southwest Florida work together to support the central services we all rely on as Catholics and active community members. There are several essential efforts that rely on the CFA:

- **Catholic Charities:** As a leading provider of social services, Catholic Charities supports over 40,000 people with programs like direct assistance to pay their utility bills, emergency intake programs for those that have become homeless, ending human trafficking in our backyard, citizenship assistance, and veteran housing.
- **Catholic Schools:** It costs a tremendous amount to provide a high-quality education, and the CFA supports the Catholic Schools in the area to ensure members of our community can have access to this faith-based education system through high school.
- **Vocations:** From the Seminarian programs that instruct our future priests and deacons to providing support for the 35 different women's religious orders and 26 different communities of brothers and priests within the Diocese, the CFA ensures we provide for the education and well-being for those who have dedicated their lives in service to us and our faith.

Every year, the Diocese of Venice places a goal for each parish to provide a certain amount toward an overall need the Diocese has. For 2019, we have been asked to contribute \$575,000. We are nearly at our goal this year, currently at \$464,459.30, or just slightly over 80%. We need your assistance to reach, and hopefully exceed, this goal.

Every dollar that our Parish goes over our CFA Goal will come back to the church as income that is not assessed for the next year's goal. We will use all the excess directly to the Finish the Church loan principal, assisting us in shortening the time it will take us to fulfill this obligation. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to the CFA for your end-of-the-year contribution to help us both meet our goal and Finish the Church at the same time! Please contact Jean-Paul Boucher, our Business Manager, if you need assistance with a CFA gift. A check should be made out to the Catholic Faith Appeal with the memo line: Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Finish the Church Goal: \$1.8 Million

Gifts from 11/17/19: \$42,126.00

Total Gifts as of 11/18/19: \$498,709.40

Percentage of Goal Achieved Already: 27.7%

Ministry Spotlight



Second Collection Dec 7 - 8 for Jamaica Outreach

Next weekend, we will be blessed by the presence of Bishop Burchell McPherson of Montego Bay, Jamaica. Bishop Burchell will preach at several Masses and thank our parishioners for their support of Jamaica Outreach Program. Your donations have supported programs in that diocese including Good Shepherd Medical Clinic, Love in Action Soup Kitchen, and St. Mary Basic School.

In addition, JOP-sponsored medical, dental, and optical missions have treated hundreds of poor adults and children in very rural parts of the Diocese. In October, medical and dental professionals, including some of our fellow parishioners, traveled to Seaford Town, a remote rural area of Jamaica. These dedicated doctors and nurses examined and treated 200 patients over a four-day period.

Love in Action Soup Kitchen, staffed by missionary nuns, serves hot meals to the indigent. In addition, food packages are distributed to street people and homebound persons in the inner city neighborhoods of Montego Bay, where people struggle with violence and poverty.

JOP provided partial scholarships to 500 students. This financial assistance allows these youngsters to enroll in schools which they would otherwise be unable to attend. We also provided funding for St. Mary Basic School, a newly-established preschool in a rural area. This school provides early childhood education in a faith-based setting.

JOP is grateful for the continued support of St. John the Evangelist. Without your contributions, we would not be able to finance these missions and programs. Thanks for your generosity in next week's 2nd collection.





Gospel Reflections with Father Tom

Today's liturgy addresses a wake-up call to us: "The time has come, you must wake up now." St. Paul tells us that we must wake up now. But there is more at stake than just being awake. We could be awake and yet be only half alive, because we have no awareness, no understanding, no vision.

Each day summons us to awake from sleep. Sometimes we can't wait for the morning to come. We wake up in joyful anticipation. We feel good to be alive. We are thankful to God for the gift of a new day. It is a chance to carry on some task we have started, or to begin something we have been postponing, or to repair some damage or neglect in our lives.

Other times we are apathetic about waking up. We greet the new day without enthusiasm. Life may be monotonous or empty for us. Perhaps we are unemployed or retired, perhaps we lost a loved one and there is nothing to look forward to.

And most of us know or have known days, hopefully not too many, when we dread the approach of morning. We wake up fearfully, and get up reluctantly. Life is dark and burdensome for us. Perhaps we are older or sickly or alone.

How we greet each morning is very important. If we greet the day with joy and thankfulness, we will bring energy and enthusiasm to its tasks. But if we greet it with apathy or dread, we will face its tasks in a half-hearted manner. No one has a perfect life. All of us have to face difficulties. It is what we make of these difficulties that matters. Difficulties can be challenges. If we don't like something we should try to change it. If we can't change it, then we should try to change the way we think about it. Complaining won't do us any good. Circumstances are beyond our control, but our conduct is in our own power. What makes the difference is how we respond to our particular situation.

Advent issues a spiritual wake-up call to us, and has an awakening power. Unless we are spiritually awake we are only half living. In this respect some people are little better than sleepwalkers. They have eyes but do not see, and ears but do not hear. Their minds are narrow and closed. Their hearts have become hardened. To be awake spiritually means to be open and receptive, vigilant, and active.

Spirituality is about waking up. It is about understanding things, seeing things, hearing things. It is necessary to reflect, to have the will, and to be wide awake. To be spiritually awake means to be attentive to God and to others. It means to be living in love.



We have two options: we can be a watcher or a sleeper. It is easy to be a sleeper. But sleepers waste their lives. It's harder but very much more rewarding to be a watcher. To watch means to be awake, to be alert, to be concerned, to be active, to be interested, to care. In a word, to be a watcher is to be responsible.

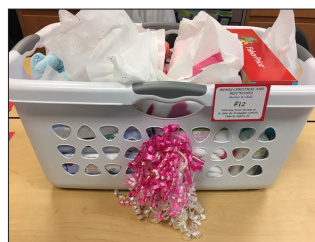
Jesus urges us to stay awake, to be on our guard, to be on the watch.

We have nothing to fear and everything to gain from answering Advent's wake-up call.



Catechists Enjoy a Day of Retreat

On Saturday, November 16th, Catechists around the Diocese got together for a day of reflection and retreat. We were blessed to have Fr. Mark Yavarone, OMV, from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center in Venice, FL, lead us in this full-day Ignation Spiritual experience. For more information on future retreat opportunities in the Diocese of Venice, please visit olph-retreat.org.



We are still collecting new items for babies for teenage moms in our community for Christmas. Items may be dropped off at the Parish Office or Faith Formation Office. Diapers, wipes, new clothes, small toys are welcome! Thank you!

This Week in Faith Formation ~ December 1-7, 2019

Sunday, December 1

No Faith Formation Today

Wednesday, December 4

5:45-7:00 pm
Faith Formation Class Sessions
Adult Faith Formation- Rome Room

Adult Faith Formation



Only 24 Days Until Christmas... and Only Three Sundays Left in Advent

Here are the Adult Faith Formation programs offered for you in December.

Do It Yourself or Do It Together



Spend just a few minutes each day preparing to welcome Jesus into your heart this Christmas. Your personal copy of *Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph* is your guide. Pick up your copy in the Divine Gift Boutique today after Mass. It's only \$5.

Then each day:

- Focus on a single word to draw out the details, the specifics of who Joseph is.
- Learn more about the culture in which he was raised, and the world in which he lived.
- Pray a Psalm (just as Joseph himself would have prayed) to help you enter into prayer. – Walk beside Joseph in a Scripture reading; enter into the story of the first Advent.
- Record how the Lord is speaking to you this Advent.

Then come together, if you can, on Tuesday, December 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the Claussen Center Library for a mission video with Fr. Toups, Sister Miriam Heidland, and Fr. Josh Johnson. The Women of the Word will also view that video on Thursday, December 5, at 9:30 a.m. in the Alexandria Room of the Claussen Family Center.

Meet the Most Recent Pivotal Players



In this recent release, Bishop Barron has stepped into the 20th Century to highlight two amazing spokespersons for Catholicism.

Flannery O'Connor: The Storyteller

One of the quirkiest and most intriguing of all the Pivotal Players was a twentieth-century Catholic writer of fiction from the American South, a woman whose macabre, puzzling, and luminous stories have had a transformative impact on both the Church and the wider culture. O'Connor radically changed our idea of what religious fiction can be.

View this author on **Wednesday, December 4, at 5:45 p.m. in the Rome Room** or on **Sunday, December 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Nazareth Room.**

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: The Communicator

Long before the Internet and social media, Fulton Sheen pioneered Catholic evangelization through the media. He had the courage and the imagination to use the new media in the mid-twentieth century to engage a world growing increasingly skeptical of Christianity. He had a gift for spreading the faith clearly and persuasively, and he paved the path for today's media evangelists.

Meet Sheen on **Wednesday, December 11, at 5:45 p.m. in the Rome Room** or on **Sunday, December 15, at 9:30 a.m. in the Nazareth Room.**

Sunday Mornings for Men Kicks Off on December 8th, at 7:30 a.m.



Joining other men of all ages on Sunday mornings. Meet in the 5 Saints Café for a lite breakfast, bottomless coffee, and good fellowship.

At 7:30, the day's program will begin. It will be participant driven to be responsive to the issues we face today and generally under 30 minutes to allow for dialogue and discussion. The meeting ends at 8:45 in time to attend 9:00 Mass.

Two Programs Will Resume and Finish

- The final fall sessions of the **Bible Timeline** will be on **Thursday, December 5, 12, & 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rome Room.**
- **The Mass** will conclude on **Sunday, December 8 & 15, at 6:15 p.m. in the Nazareth Room of Pulte Family Life Center.**

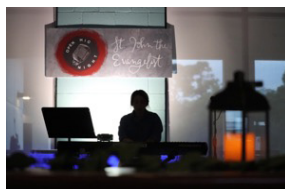


Information on Upcoming Music and Arts Events

Events

Open Mic Night – December 5, 2019! Special Christmas Edition! – 7:00 p.m. at the 5 Saints Cafe!

Our Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass Band members, Rise, will perform their favorite Christmas songs and then open the stage for anyone else wanting to perform their Christmas favorites! Adults and youth welcome! Music, comedy, poetry all welcome! Come out and support our local musicians!



2019-2020 Concert Series – St. John's Annual Christmas Concert – Dec. 12, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – FREE

Join our parish family for a night of Christmas cheer with our adult choir and our cantor soloists singing beautiful Christmas music to help you get into the spirit of the season. Bring your friends and family for this amazing experience and for some caroling! Please register online so we know how many people to expect.



**Bring your family and friends and enjoy!
Register online at sjecc.com/concertseries**

Saint John's Children's Choir Updates:

Children's Choir will be singing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on December 15. Children are always welcome to join at anytime throughout the year! December 11th, the Children's Choir will be Christmas Caroling at Landmark Hospital.



Audition Notice: The Passion Play – December 11, 2019 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Please email Jennine Burkwit at jennine@sjecc.com to schedule your appointment time on December 11th or for more information. This is an incredible experience not to be missed. We hope to welcome back previous cast members from last year's play. Past cast members will not need to audition but will need to email Jennine Burkwit that you would like to participate again.



Calling all Shepherds and Angels!

It's that time of year again where we need all the children of the parish to come together again for our Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass Nativity! Email Jennine Burkwit at jennine@sjecc.com with your child's name, age, and role they are interested in.



Classes

CYO February 2020 Classes begin February 22nd! Register by Wednesday, February 19th, to ensure your class is offered! (see CAO Newsletter for Adult 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 @ 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

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

Private lessons available for guitar, piano, and voice!

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



Catholic **Adult** Organization

CAO News

December 2019

December Highlights

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedules

Christmas Eve: Tues., Dec. 24, 2019

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

12:00 a.m. –
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: Wed., Dec. 25, 2019

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

Noel: *An Advent Christmas Concert*

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
Pulte Family Life Center

Thursday, December 12, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy an evening of the reason for the season as the Saint John the Evangelist music ministries present an ensemble of beautiful musical pieces!

Please register at our website: saintjohntheevangelist.com
Click CYO or CAO tab – click Register for Concert Series
info@sjecc.com • (239) 566-8740 (church office)



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
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8	9 9:00 a.m. – We Served: Veteran Get Together in 5 Saints Cafe 6:00 p.m. – Soulcore in PFLC	10 9:00 a.m. – Zumba in the Gym 6:00 p.m. – Soulcore in PFLC 7:00 p.m. – Pick-up Basketball in Gym	 9:30 a.m. – Golden Fit Gym 5:30 p.m. – Passion PL the 5 Saints Cafe 6:00 p.m. – Bootcamp 7:00 p.m. – Pick Up V
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29	30 6:00 p.m. – Soulcore in PFLC	31 9:00 a.m. – Zumba in the Gym 6:00 p.m. – Soulcore in PFLC 7:00 p.m. – Pick-up Basketball in Gym	
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Wednesday *Thursday* *Friday* *Saturday*

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4 Fitness in the Gym Bocce in Boneyard Volleyball	5 9:00 a.m. – Zumba in the Gym 9:00 a.m. – Bocce in Bocce Court 7:00 p.m. – Open Mic Night Christmas Special Edition in 5 Saints Cafe	6 9:30 a.m. – Soulcore in PFLC 6:00 p.m. – Happy Hour in 5 Saints Cafe	7 9:00 a.m. – Bootcamp in Boneyard 9:00 a.m. – Bocce in Bocce Court
11 Fitness in the Gym Auditions in Boneyard Volleyball	12 9:00 a.m. – Zumba in the Gym 9:00 a.m. – Bocce in Bocce Court 7:00 p.m. – Concert Series: Christmas Concert in the PFLC	13 9:30 a.m. – Soulcore in PFLC 6:00 p.m. – Happy Hour in 5 Saints Cafe	14 9:00 a.m. – Bootcamp in Boneyard 9:00 a.m. – Bocce in Bocce Court
18 Fitness in the Gym Bocce in Boneyard Volleyball	19 9:00 a.m. – Zumba in the Gym 9:00 a.m. – Bocce in Bocce Court 6:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Children’s Nativity Rehearsal	20 9:30 a.m. – Soulcore in PFLC 6:00 p.m. – Happy Hour in 5 Saints Cafe	21 9:00 a.m. – Bootcamp in Boneyard 9:00 a.m. – Bocce in Bocce Court
25 Christmas!	26 9:00 a.m. – Zumba in the Gym 9:00 a.m. – Bocce in Bocce Court	27 9:30 a.m. – Soulcore in PFLC 6:00 p.m. – Happy Hour in 5 Saints Cafe	28 9:00 a.m. – Bootcamp in Boneyard 9:00 a.m. – Bocce in Bocce Court



Program Highlights

Friday Night Out Happy Hour – Join us each Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for Happy Hour in the 5 Saints Cafe. Free snacks, BOGO on drinks.

Bingo – There will be no Bingo on November 28th or December 26th due to the holiday scheduling recess.

Arts and Music – Programs listed on the calendar and front page may be of interest if you ever wanted to learn to play a musical instrument or to further improve your singing with voice lessons. The painting classes and evening get togethers have been great! Contact Jennine for additional information – Jennine@sjecc.com.

Wellness and Sports – Programs are in place for all ages. Light workout activities such as Soulcore is attracting Parishioners for wellness and faith. Aerobic exercise can be conducted at your own pace and schedule in the fitness center in the Pulte Family Life Center. Pickup programs of basketball are also on the calendar. Contact Kyle at kyle@sjecc.com.

Bocce Play – Parishioner play returns in November in the new bocce sports court on Thursday and Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Form teams or challenge your friends. Supervised play is available.

Golden Fitness – A Balance class involving music and movement with upbeat classical music.

Zumba – A fitness program where dancing burns calories in a fun upbeat musical environment.

Bootcamp – A high intensity fitness program that combines movement, bodyweight exercise, and lightweight circuit training in a group setting.

Soulcore – Praying the Rosary while engaging in core strengthening and stretching.

Upcoming Music and Arts Classes

Adult Piano Class – Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m. – Nazareth North Room – \$100 8-week session – Begins February 22

Guitar Class – Saturdays @ 1:00 p.m. – Nazareth North Room – \$100 – 8-week session – Begins February 22

Painting Class – Mondays @ 6:00 p.m. – Nazareth North Room – \$150 – 8-week session – Begins February 24

Voice/Cantor Class – Fridays @ 5:30 p.m. – Music Room – \$100 – 8-week session – Begins February 28

Private Voice Lessons – Weekday Evenings – Music Room – \$240 for 8 weeks

Register online at sjecc.com/CAO or email Jennine at jennine@sjecc.com for more information.



Hymns for the First Sunday of Advent November 30 and December 1, 2019

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Preparation Hymns:	385	City of God
Communion Hymns:	71	Creator of the Stars of Night
	45	The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns
Closing Hymn:	577	Soon and Very Soon

Choral Anthems at 9:00 a.m. Mass

Communion: Prepare the Way of the Lord (Larson)

Our Adult Choir Will Sing Next Sunday, December 8th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Please mark your calendars for our **CHRISTMAS CONCERT "NOEL:"**
Thursday night, December 12th, 7:00 p.m., Pulte Family Life Center!

2019 Advent Penance Service Schedule Southern Deanery

Day	Date	Parish	Time
Thursday	December 5	St. Elizabeth Seton	6:30 p.m.
Monday	December 9	St. Finbarr	2:00 p.m.
Monday	December 9	St. Agnes	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 11	Our Lady of Guadalupe	5:00 p.m.
Monday	December 16	St. William	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 17	St. John the Evangelist	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 18	San Marco	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 11	St. Ann (School)	12:00 p.m.

Advent/Christmas Music Worship Aid

Mass of Divine Promise



Kyrie eleison (Lord Have Mercy)

Based on 'Conditior Alme Siderum' (Creator of the Stars of Night)

Gary Prettyman

Cantor Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Lord - have mer - cy.

Cong. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Lord - have mer - cy.

Cantor Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Christ - have mer - cy.

Cong. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Christ - have mer - cy.

Cantor Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Lord - have mer - cy.

Cong. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Lord - have mer - cy.

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Sanctus (Holy)

Based on 'Veni, Veni Emmanuel' (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

Gary Prettyman

1 Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Hea - ven and earth are

4 full of Your glo - ry. Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho -

7 san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

11 Bless - ed is He - who comes, who comes - in the name of the Lord. Ho -

15 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -

17 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na

20 in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Mass of Divine Promise



Mystery of Faith #2

When We Eat This Bread and Drink this Cup

Based on 'Conditor Alme Siderum' (Creator of the Stars of Night)

Gary & Terri Prettyman

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim - Your
death, O Lord, un - til You come a - gain.

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Amen

Based on 'Veni, Veni Emmanuel' (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

Gary Prettyman

A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men!

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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.





Communion Song

Enough

Chris Tomlin

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All of You _____ is more than e - nough _____ for _____ all of me, _____
_____ for ev - 'ry thirst _____ and _____ ev - 'ry need. _____ You _____ sat - is - fy _____
_____ me _____ with Your love, _____ and all I have _____ in You _____ is more than e-nough. _____

Verse 1)

You're my supply, my breath of life
Still more awesome than I know
You're my reward, worth living for
Still more awesome than I know, and (to Chorus)

Verse 2)

You're my sacrifice of greatest price
Still more awesome than I know
You're my coming King, you are ev'rything
Still more awesome than I know, and (to Chorus)

Bridge)

More than all I want, more than all I need
You are more than enough for me
More than all I know, more than all I can say
You are more than enough (to Chorus)

Communion Song

Holiness (Take My Life)

Scott Underwood

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Verse 1)

Holiness, holiness is what I long for
Holiness is what I need
Holiness, holiness is what you want from me
[to Verse 2]

Chorus)

So take my heart and form it;
Take my mind, transform it
Take my will conform it
To yours, to yours, oh Lord. [repeat last line]

Verse 2)

Faithfulness... [etc., then to Chorus]

Verse 3)

Righteousness... [to Verse 4]

Verse 4)

Purity... [to chorus]

Closing Song

528

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Sy Miller / Jill Jackson

Weekly Calendar: December 1-8



Sunday, December 1

No Events

Monday, December 2

6:00 p.m. – SoulCore in the PFLC

Tuesday, December 3

9:00 a.m. – Zumba in the Gym

6:00 p.m. – SoulCore in the PFLC

6:00 p.m. – AFF – Rejoice! in the Claussen Center Library

6:30 p.m. – Becoming Catholic in Antioch

7:00 p.m. – Pick-Up Basketball in the Gym

Wednesday, December 4

9:30 a.m. – Golden Fitness in the Gym

5:45 p.m. – Faith Formation Sessions

5:45 p.m. – Flannery O'Connor in the Rome Room

6:00 p.m. – Bootcamp in the PFLC Boneyard

7:00 p.m. – Pick-Up Volleyball in the Gym

Thursday, December 5

9:30 a.m. – Women of the Word in the Alexandria Room

6:30 p.m. – Bible Timeline in the Claussen Center Library

7:00 p.m. – Open Mic Night Special Christmas Edition in 5 Saints Cafe

Friday, December 6

9:30 a.m. – SoulCore in the PFLC

6:00 p.m. – Happy Hour in the 5 Saints Cafe

Saturday, December 7

9:00 a.m. – Bootcamp in the PFLC Boneyard

9:00 a.m. – Bocce in the Bocce Courts

Sunday, December 8

7:30 a.m. – Mornings for Men in the 5 Saints Cafe

9:30 a.m. – Flannery O'Connor in Nazareth North

6:15 p.m. – *The Mass* in Nazareth North

Continuing to Enhance the Safety of Our Parish Family

Development of Committee to Evaluate Current and Future Security Initiatives

PROMISE TO PROTECT



The renewal of our church went far beyond new paint and flooring. The leadership of Saint John the Evangelist evaluated every facet of our campus to determine how to best balance the welcoming community of our Parish Family with the realities of protecting ourselves and others while here in our safe place. From on-duty law enforcement to surveillance cameras, new campus lighting to new access control systems, we have embedded safety into our environment without impacting the openness and joy that comes from participating in our Masses and activities.

We are establishing a new Safety Committee for our Parish Family. It will be responsible for understanding the equilibrium of our open Catholic Church that welcomes the stranger and our responsibilities to ensure the safety of all on our campus. If you have experience in public safety, emergency management, or operational security, please reach out to our Business Manager, Jean-Paul Boucher at jp@sjecc.com or (239) 566-8740 to see if you would be a candidate for our Safety Committee.