# SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



#### 2019 Year in Review: Renewal

When looking around this beautiful church or working out in our Boneyard in the Pulte Family Life Center, or seeing the smiling faces at LifeFest, playing bocce, or watching our youth in Children's Theater, my heart is full of gratitude for every single member of our Parish Family. It is extraordinary to think back on this past year. It is only through all our dedication and devotion to our Mission: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community, that we have achieved such amazing accomplishments in such a short timeframe. We started in a fractured environment, duplicating Masses and Services. Programs and Ministries were limited due to space and facilities constraints. Our patience and flexibility were tested to their limit. However, as it would seem every single year, our Parish Family rose to the occasion yet again. God Bless You All!





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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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# 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)

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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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#### **Education Staff**

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#### FOR OUR RECORDS

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

or email: info@sjecc.com.

Thank you!

#### PARISH REGISTRATION

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



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# Mass Intentions

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

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8:00 a.m. + Deacon Virgil & Pat & John McGuire Marguerite Glocheski

#### Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. + Donald E. Devine Diane Mascianica 5:00 p.m. SI Linnae Family Dick & Helen Fedeli

#### Sunday, December 29, 2019

7:00 a.m. + Rev. Al Petersen Chrys Fisher
9:00 a.m. + Laura Endres SJE Adult Choir
11:00 a.m. + John Wozniak Robert Rup

1:00 p.m. + Wilbur & Bernadine Siebert John & Marilyn Thyen 5:00 p.m. + Helen Kirschner Nancy & Arthur Goldstein

#### Monday, December 30, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Antonio Faga Vincent Lasprogata

#### Tuesday, December 31, 2019

8:30 a.m. + Joe Gray Mike & Maureen Reed 5:00 p.m. + Rod Scheele, Sr. Vincent Lasprogata

#### Wednesday, January 1, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Catherine Golden Betty & Frank Burkitt
10:00 a.m. + Fr. Al McPartland Dennis & Fran Powers
12:00 p.m. + Gerard and (SI) Rosie Heyen Rosie Heyen

#### Thursday, January 2, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Diane & Vito Breenan Rosie Heyen

9:00 a.m. + Santo (Sam) Rizzo Pat \* Kathy Monachino

#### Friday, January 3, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Pedro Nolasco Mark & Colleen Wernig 9:00 a.m. + Jack Dikens Pattie & Paul Dentrone

#### Saturday, January 4, 2020

8:00 a.m. + Robert Reins Mark & Colleen Wernig

#### Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 p.m. For Our Parishioners 5:00 p.m. + Mary & Joseph Montello Kathryn & Vincent Corbino

#### Sunday, January 5, 2020

7:00 a.m. + James Harrison Ginger & Mac
9:00 a.m. + Denise J. Burke Daniel Schaefer &
Mary Lynn Estep
11:00 a.m. + Sara Hill Bob Hill
1:00 p.m. + John H. & Appe Kelsch Pat & Kathy Monachine

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#### Readings for the Week

#### Saturday, December 28, 2019 The Holy Innocents

Feast

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 (698) Pss Prop**Sunday**,

December 29, 2019

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Feast

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-

15, 19-23 (17) Pss Prop

#### Monday, December 30, 2019

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 (203) Pss Prop

#### Tuesday, December 31, 2019

[Saint Sylvester I]

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 (204) Pss Prop

#### Wednesday, January 1, 2020

#### Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Solemnity [Holyday of Obligation]

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 (18) Pss Prop

#### Thursday, January 2, 2020

[Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen]

Memorial

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 (205) Pss I

#### Friday, January 3, 2020

[The Most Holy Name of Jesus] 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34 (206)

#### Saturday, January 4, 2020

[Saint Elizabeth Ann Setion]

Memorial

1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42 (207)

#### 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 exists to assist the Pastor by providing advice in regards to financial matters of the parish. It supports decision-making and serves to assist in the prudent administration of Parish resources. Council Chairman: Jim Culkar: jrculkar@aol.com or 239.254.9510

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. *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. 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 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 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 Adult Children of Alcoholics Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195 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

Mahjongg. Wednesday Play. Lanelle Bishop: 239.352.1860

#### SUPPORT GROUPS

**AA** Robert: 239.287.2442

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

Lloyd Sample

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

#### PRAYER LIST

Baby Declan Aigner Theresa Allingham Di Di Arpaia Paschal Arpaia Paul Arpaia Aurise Bain Florence Ballachio Iean Balliro Agatha Barczynski Iennifer Basile Beagan Family Lynn Becker Mark Benson Paul Bishon 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 Cuenva Brad Cunningham Cutler Family Mark DaBronzo

Danielle Eileen DaSilva Donald Demski Florence Demski Sally Detloff Melissa Diamantini Julie Dieter Dee Donnelly Donovan Family Leon Doughty Robyn Hyland Doyle Peter Durso Kevin Enger Katy Esquivel Carolyn Felner Feroce Familty Scott Fewell Tiffany Fiedler & Family Don Fitzgerald Sandy Flaig Tara Follese & Family Sandy Frania Debbie Fritts Patty Gahan Carol Gaskill **Ieff Gatt** Iulia Giblin Fr. Tom Glackin Marie Gleason George Gonser Jr. Phyllis Gryskiewicz Randy Harrison Rosie Heyen

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Carlos Mendelzon

Mary Ann Holt

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There are so many examples of our actions showcasing our faith and our community, but here are few highlights that stuck out in a year of exceptional moments:

#### To Know

#### Renewed Church



While 2018 focused on the demolition and planning of the renewal of our church building due to the damage incurred during Hurricane Irma, 2019 saw the Eagle soar with the completion and re-dedication of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church on Saturday, June 29. From the blessing of the new Sanctuary by Bishop Dewane, to the tours of the awestruck Parish Family who were witnessing the vision of an open, warm, comforting, and faith-enlivening environment come to life, years of effort were realized. We hope this inviting space, with significantly more seating and more special needs access, will serve our Parish Family for another 30 years!

One challenge that we have undertaken this year due to the renewal of the church is an additional financial responsibility. Instead of simply repairing the hurricane damage, we took this opportunity to completely renovate the church. From plumbing to security measures to sound systems, every facet of the church has been transformed. The Diocese has assisted us with this process, and we will be focusing on how to complete this loan as quickly as possible. More information will be provided in future bulletins about how you can assist us to **Finish the Church**.

Finish the Church Goal: \$1.8 Million Gifts from 12/15/19: \$55,888.90 Total Gifts as of 12/15/19: \$608,502.78 Percentage of Goal Achieved Already: 33.8%

#### Supporting Easter in Five Locations

Before we had these over 1700 seats in our new church, we were blessed across our campus to have enough seats for our regular seasonal population by duplicating Masses in both our Ballroom and in our Life Center Gym. I joked that we were the only church in the area that literally had Jesus (the name of one of our wonderful Facilities Team Staff) tearing down the temple and raising it again in three days every single week. We would use the Gym for basketball on Friday evenings, and then we would set it with 500 chairs for the Saturday 3:00 p.m. Mass.

This was nothing compared to the technological and logistical feat that was pulled off for Easter. As you know, there is roughly triple the amount of visitors to our campus to joyously proclaim the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday. In order to accommodate this influx, we were able to simultaneously simulcast the Ballroom Mass to our Rome Room and the Courtyard, at the exact same time simulcasting the Gym Mass to the entirety of the Life Center, the 5 Saints Café, the Nazareth Room, and the Bocce Courts. Everyone was able to find a seat and enjoy the Mass, with a spectacular distribution of Eucharist from Ministers and

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support from a massive set of Ushers and Greeters. God Bless all those involved in this special day!

#### Reboot: Moment of Alive Faith

We are so blessed to have been able to provide this unique opportunity for the Naples Community to see internationally recognized speaker Chris Stefanick and his Real Life Catholic program, REBOOT. Dozens of volunteers and staff members of Saint John devoted a tremendous amount of energy to ensure one of the largest crowds (over 700 participants) in our new Pulte Family Life Center had a great time!

#### To Love

#### Theater at Saint John: Passion Play and Annie Jr.



When we first developed the concept of the Life Center, we wanted it to become a center of the arts for North Naples, as well as for sports and wellness activities. The stage was specifically designed to be multipurpose, with a production dance floor, sound system for concerts, and a projection system that can be seen throughout the Gym. One way to utilize all these functions is with a theatrical production, and we started with two this year.

Nothing engages all the senses like Theater, an artistic expression for the eyes, ears, and heart. Our first production was a unique take on the Lord's *Passion*. Simply structured and performed with music and relatable accompaniment, it was tremendously well received. People left with tears in their eyes. Our second production was the first CYO Children's

Theater event: Annie Jr. The entire Parish Family came to see the musical and were overjoyed at the singing, dancing, and acting of our young thespians. With these successes as a starting point, the sky is the limit for theater at Saint John!

#### Catholic Adult Organization Starts New Programs

One of the newest concepts we developed over the past years is our Catholic Adult Organization. The CAO is a set of persistent activities and programs for all ages of adults, from 18 to 118. We have sports and wellness activities, like pick-up basketball, boot camps, bocce, and Golden Fitness. The Arts are alive for adults with our music concert series and classes, including painting, guitar, and vocal lessons. And we want to provide fun, social activities as well, like our Friday Happy Hour, Open Mic Night, and Bingo. All these activities have begun in the Life Center and will continue to bring adults of our church and the larger community to our campus, including a new indoor Pickleball program beginning in 2020.



#### CYO Shapes Youth's Lives

In 2019, Our Catholic Youth Organization has finally had the opportunity to stretch its legs and grow in the Life Center. Summer Camps of Futsol and Flag Football have grown to include volleyball, fencing and basketball programs for youth sports. The artistic program has expanded as well, with the Children's Theater and Youth Choir. Social activities like game nights, hangout times, and open gym allow the youth of the area to have a safe, welcoming environment that they can be themselves. The youth are the future of our Parish Family and our larger community, so these programs will help form them for years to come.

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#### To Serve

#### Thanksgiving Fills Hearts and Tummies



We had a record-breaking Thanksgiving Service program in 2019. Not only did we serve over 2200 people in Immokalee for Thanksgiving in the Park, our Parish Family single-handedly filled the entire Saint Vincent DePaul Naples Food Pantry with our food donations. From the brown bags of groceries to the over 200 turkeys brought to Mass for Take Your Turkey to Church Weekend, the generosity of our Parish Family was on full display. We then had hundreds of volunteers support the preparations and service of the meals at the Park, an army of love that included games for the children of Immokalee, enlivening Thanksgiving Day for those in need.

#### Building the Future of the Church: Christus Vivit

With the release of his most recent Exhortation, "Christus Vivit," we have been given the direction from Our Holy Father that mirrors our programs and efforts exactly. From the renewal of our Parish Mission through to the engagement of the various age groups with each other, to the specific emphasis on programs that integrate our faith into our daily lives, the message from the Pope is clear: the Parish Family of Saint John is focused on the future of the Church:

[W]e must dare to be different, to point to ideals other than those of this world, testifying to the beauty of generosity, service, purity, perseverance, forgiveness, fidelity to our personal vocation, prayer, the pursuit of justice and the common good, love for the poor, and social friendship.

If we journey together, young and old, we can be firmly rooted in the present, and from here, revisit the past and look to the future. To revisit the past in order to learn from history and heal old wounds that at times still trouble us. To look to the future in order to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophecies and enable hope to blossom. Together, we can learn from one another, warm hearts, inspire minds with the light of the Gospel, and lend new strength to our hands.

Along these lines, our institutions should provide young people with places they can make their own, where they can come and go freely, feel welcome and readily meet other young people, whether at times of difficulty and frustration, or of joy and celebration. Some of this is already happening in oratories and other youth centres, which in many cases offer a friendly and relaxed setting where friendships can grow, where young men and women can meet one another, where they can share music, games, sports, but also reflection and prayer. In such places, much can be offered, without great expenditure of funds. Then too, the person-to-person contact indispensable for passing on the message can happen, something whose place cannot be taken by any pastoral resource or strategy. – Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit* 

2019 saw the formation of the Saint John Strategic Plan, our roadmap of who we want to be and how we will get there together as a Parish Family, led by Pope Francis' message of the future of the Catholic Church. 2020 will see its implementation, and I am so blessed to be able to share in this journey with all of you. God Bless You and All You Love!

by Jean-Paul Boucher Business Manager jp@sjecc.com





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

If you plant a tree in an exposed place, it becomes very vulnerable. It is at the mercy of every wind that blows. If it survives at all, it will be in a twisted and stunted form, a poor specimen of what it could be. If you want a tree to grow to its full potential, you must plant it in a more sheltered place. And you must not plant it on its own. You must plant some other trees with it.

It is of vital importance to get the space between those trees right. They must be close enough to be able to provide shelter and protection for one another. Yet they must not be so close that they will stifle one another. They must be planted far enough apart to ensure that they each have room to grow to their full potential.

It's not good for a tree to be alone. Nor is it good for us to be alone. For our wholeness, and for our mental health, we need ties of love and friendship with other human beings. God made us not for isolation but for community. We are not complete in ourselves. We need other people in order to become what God intended us to be.

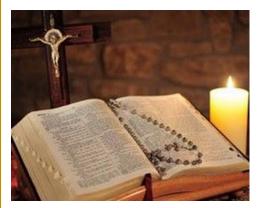
This is where the family comes in. Trees planted in the form of a little grove is a good image of the family. In the ideal family there is both closeness and space. The closeness means the members are able to provide support for one another. The space ensures that they do not stifle one another. Each member has the closeness, intimacy, and warmth that he/ she needs, yet also has the space to grow to his/her full potential. This is a great challenge: how to achieve closeness without stifling or dominating one another.

In the family, we learn to form relationships with others, something that is vitally important for us. Inability to relate is a great handicap and a great sadness. Without close relationships, we are at the mercy of the cold winds of anguish and loneliness.

In the little community of the family, we learn to bond with others. Here we make room for others in our lives. Here we learn to share with one another and become responsible to and for one another. It is within the family that a child learns to use the word 'we' for the first time. Without the word 'we' there would be no community, no sharing, no togetherness.

Of course, being so close involves risk. We have the possibility of helping and healing one another. But we also have the possibility of hindering and hurting one another. Sometimes people keep their best behavior for outside the home and their worst for inside the home. They are 'angels' outside it and 'devils' inside it.

Harmony in the family can be achieved only by the practice of the virtues St. Paul talks about: kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, mutual forgiveness, and above all, love. These are the virtues which build and foster community. But they are not easy virtues to practice with consistency.



In our society, the family is under a lot of pressure. It is not that we no longer value the family. It is that we are not prepared for the disciplines that make it work. The family is built on bonds of commitment, fidelity, and self-sacrifice. It was by living in a small community of love with Mary and Joseph at Nazareth that Jesus was able to grow in wisdom and in favor with God and people.

In the little community of family, we have a place, we have bonds, we have an identity, we have roots. Even if the family knows hardship this is not necessarily a bad thing. Hardship can be a grace. Trees that grow on hard ground have firmer roots, and thus are better equipped to meet the inevitable storms.

# Faith Farmation





#### **Merry Christmas!**

We wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas! Thank you for entrusting your children to our care and for all of your support! Our Faith Formation Office will reopen from the Christmas Holiday on January 2nd, 2020. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year and hope you enjoy this time with family and friends.

#### **Collier County Teen Moms Get Baskets of Joy!**

This past week, our team at Saint John the Evangelist, along with parish volunteers, delivered 21 gift baskets to the Naples Teenage Parenting Program at Golden Gate High School. Thanks to the generosity of so many parishioners and families, teen moms and dads received baskets for Christmas full of diapers, wipes, clothes, books, blankets, and toys! Baskets also included a few personal items for the moms and dads, as well. What a blessing for us all to be able to support those youth at this challenging time in their lives as they raise their children and work to complete high school!











This Week in Faith Formation ~ December 29, 2019 - January 4, 2020

We will not have Faith Formation Classes this week.
We wish you all our Faith Formation Families a very
Blessed and Merry Christmas!

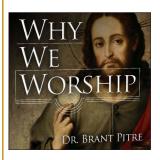
# Adult Falih Formalian

#### What you put into life is what you get out of it. ~ Clint Eastwood

#### The same can be said about the Mass.

This Winter the Adult Faith Formation schedule includes two *new* programs that will address some of the most frequent comments about the Mass:

- It's boring; I don't get anything out of it.
- I know what to do, but I don't know why I do it.
- Catholic worship doesn't look like worship in other Christian Churches; where does it come from?
- I hear the words, Real Presence, but what do they really mean?



Why We Worship is a 6-week, lunchtime program on Tuesdays, beginning January 14th, that addresses these comments, head on.

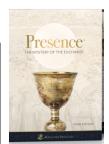
Christians today have lots of different opinions about what "worship" should look like. Some think it should be all preaching,

others think it should be 'entertaining,' still others think it's all about the music.

Many non-Catholics are confused by the rituals and words of the Mass. Some even think that most of the Mass is just 'made up' – a tradition of men. Nothing could be further from the truth.

But what does *the Bible* say about worship? And why do Catholics do what they do at Mass? Why all the standing, sitting, kneeling, and repetition? Where does it all come from? Dr. Brant Pitre takes you on a scriptural tour where you will understand:

- Who determines how we worship? God or us?
- Why did God demand animal sacrifice in the Old Testament? Does it play any role in Christian worship today?
- What did worship look like in the Old Testament? How does it parallel the Mass today?
- What does worship look like in Heaven? How does Revelation reveal the Mass?
- What was Passover worship like at the time of Jesus and how does it parallel Catholic worship today?
- Why did Jesus choose to die during the Passover? How did his death fulfill the Jewish sacrifices in the Temple?
- How does the Bible unlock the mysteries behind the words and actions in the Mass?



**Presence:** The Mystery of the Eucharist is a 3-week Monday evening program beginning February 24th that explores the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members.

"We live in an age that does not orient the heart toward mystery. As a consequence, too many Catholics approach the Holy Eucharist with—let's be honest—indifference. Presence is a perfect blend of storytelling to fire the imagination, personal testimony to stir the soul, and theological instruction to inform the intellect. This lively and compelling series on the central reality of the Catholic religion is ideal for ... anyone who finds himself longing to love Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament more but not knowing where to begin." *Chris Check, President of Catholic Answers*.

We hope this preview of two Winter program offerings has sparked your interest. The complete schedule of programs and details of days and times will be in a four-page pull out section of next week's Bulletin – watch for it!

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

# CAO/CYO Music and Arts

#### Information on Upcoming Music and Arts Events

#### **Events**

#### Open Mic Night – January 2, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. at the 5 Saints Cafe!

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! Free beverage for all performers!



#### 2019-2020 Concert Series – An Evening of Pop, Rock, and Disco – Jan. 9, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. – \$30

Join our parish family for a night of pop, rock, and disco with The Gypsy Lane Band and guests, Johnny Tarangelo, and Marie Rotunda! The Gyspy Lane Band



boasts former band members of The Village People, the O'Jays the Richie Family and Patti La Belle. They will rock the house, best group you will ever hear! **Register online at sjecc.com/concertseries** 

#### Saint John's Children's Choir Updates:

Any child interested in joining this wonderful group is welcome! Rehearsals are in the choir room at 5:15 p.m. (before Faith Formation). Email jennine@sjecc.com for more information.



#### Paint and Wine Night - Jan. 30, 2020 - 6:30 p.m. - \$20

Register online now for our next Paint and Wine night! \$20 includes all your supplies and a beverage. 6:30 p.m. at the 5 Saints Cafe!

#### Join us for our next Encounter on the Mountain: A Holy Hour of Praise and Adoration

Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Our 5:00 p.m. Mass band, Rise, will play beautiful worship music during this powerful holy hour with confessions available throughout the night and a reflection.



#### A/V Ministry Workshop January 16, 2020, at 6:00~p.m. at the Pulte Family Life Center Gym.

We are currently in need for volunteers interested in helping us with our sound and light during our concert series and theatrical productions. Our sound and light technician will be hosting a workshop for anyone interested in learning to use our equipment. Please register online at sjecc.com or email jennine@sjecc.com so that we know how many people will be attending.

#### 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.



# Weekly Calendar: Dec. 29 - Jan.5

#### Sunday, December 29

No Activities

#### Monday, December 30

No Activities

#### Tuesday, December 31

9:00 a.m. – Zumba in the Gym 7:00 p.m. – Pick Up Basketball in the Gym

#### Wednesday, January 1

9:30 a.m. – Golden Fitness in the Gym 6:00 p.m. – Bootcamp in the Boneyard 7:00 p.m. – Pick Up Volleyball in the Gym

#### Thursday, January 2

9:00 a.m. – Zumba in the Gym 9:00 a.m. – Bocce in the Bocce Court 7:00 p.m. – Open Mic Night in 5 Saints Cafe

#### Friday, January 3

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

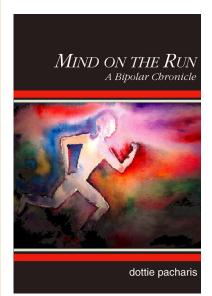
#### Saturday, January 4

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

#### Sunday, January 5

No Activities

#### Mind on the Run



Please join us for a special lunch and learn seminar at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, in Rome, with Dottie Pacharis, author of *Mind on the Run – A Bipolar Chronicle*, a book about her son's 13-year struggle with bipolar disorder and her family's efforts to help him obtain treatment. As a result of her personal experience, she has become a mental health advocate working to eliminate barriers to treatment and improve the care for individuals suffering from severe mental illness. She has been a speaker at many mental health and community organizations and churches, and has written numerous editorials about mental illness that have been published in major newspapers in this country and in the UK.

Dottie will talk about her personal experience dealing with her son, the Florida Baker Act for involuntary treatment of individuals with serious mental illness, the new Florida laws restricting gun purchases following the tragic mass shooting at Parkland High School, support groups available for families and individuals dealing with mental illness, and

important resources for assisting mentally ill individuals in crisis.

# Audition Notice for:

# The Saint John's Passion Play



## Calling all performers and volunteers! Adults and Older Youth!

Your parish needs YOU to once again bring our incredibly moving Passion Play to life! Our Passion Play this year will be our parish's Good Friday service. This is a powerful way to spend your Lent as you partake in bringing to life The Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please email our Artistic Director, Jennine Burkwit at jennine@sjecc.com to schedule your 10 minute audition. All of last year's cast members are encouraged to participate again and will not be required to audition. Simply send an email stating your interest.

**Date: January 15, 2020** 

**Time: By Appointment** 

Where: Pulte Family Life
Center Music Room

#### Donahue Academy

#### 10th Annual Sunshine Steak Cook-Off Saturday, January 25, 2020

#### **Grill Team Registration is Open!**

Register Online at: www.sunshinesteakcookoff.com

Deadline for registration – December 15th

Grand Champion – Sunshine State Trophy & \$2000

1st Runner Up – Trophy & \$1000 2nd Runner Up – Trophy & \$500 3rd Runner Up – Trophy & \$300 4th Runner Up – Trophy & \$150







Open House – January 26 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Grades Pk3-8 Enrollment Fees Waived Today

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# 2020 Futsal Season

**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 15TH!** BOYS AND GIRLS 5-15 \$50 FOR THE 8 WEEK SEASON **BEGINS FEBRUARY 25TH - MAY 2ND** 

TUESDAY NIGHT & FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES



kyle@siecc.com for more information



# Hymns for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 28 and 29, 2019

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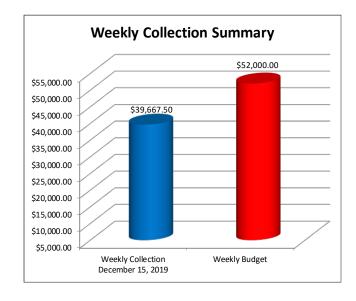
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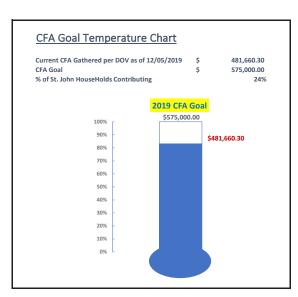
**Closing Hymn:** 98 Angels We Have Heard on High

Our Adult Choir will sing next Sunday, January 5th, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

**Attention ALL musicians!** We have wonderful opportunities for singers and instrumentalists to join our dynamic music ministry! In the following weekends, we will highlight one of our exciting music ministries! But, please do not wait for the bulletin invitation to join one of our fine choirs! This is our very warm invitation to join us NOW! Whether already well established or conceptual, our ministries are always in development and growth. St. John's has been very blessed to have had a history of terrific music. With your participation, we can ensure that this legacy will continue and thrive!

Sincerely in His service, Gary Prettyman (gary@sjecc.com), Jennine Burkwit (Jennine@sjecc.com).

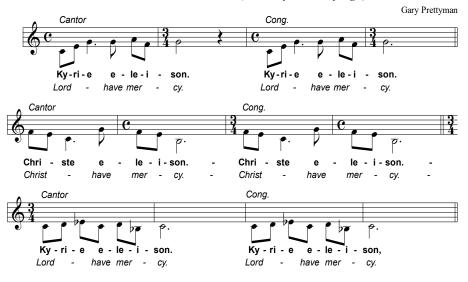




# Advent/Christmas Music Worship Aid Mass of Divine Promise

#### **Kyrie eleison (Lord Have Mercy)**

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#### Sanctus (Holy)



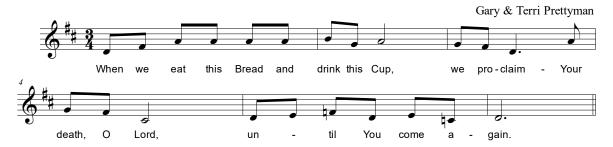
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# Advent/Christmas Music Worship Aid Mass of Divine Promise

#### **Mystery of Faith #2**

#### When We Eat This Bread and Drink this Cup

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#### Amen

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



#### 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.



# Mass Music Aid

#### 5:00 p.m. Mass Music Worship Aid – Sunday, December 29, 2019 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

**Opening Song** 

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

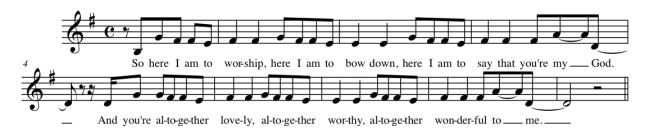
Felix Mendelssohn

Preparation Song Here I Am To Worship Tim Hughes CCLI Song No. 3266032. © 2000 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) Tim Hughes. All rights Reserved. CCLI License #2008891.

Verse 1)

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with you: [to chorus]

Verse 2)
King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor [to chorus]



Bridge)
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sins upon that cross. (repeat, then chorus:)

**Communion Song** The Cup of Life Outpoured Jim Cowan CCLI Song # 1419723 Jim Cowan © 1987 International Liturgy Publications For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 2008891

Chorus)
Who am I that I should receive
The Cup of Life outpoured
The Bread of Life
The blood of Christ
The body of my Lord

Verse 2)
Too great for me
This wisdom of the Lord
To hold the Savior in my hand
And greater still the gift of God
That I should be one with Him

Verse 1)
Lord I believe
Help my unbelief
Cause me to see You as You are
The King of glory
The Lord of love
The Shepherd of my heart

Ending)
Lamb of God (Lamb of God)
Holy God (Holy God)
Lamb of God (Lamb of God)
Holy God (Holy God)
Lamb of God

Bridge)
Lamb of God (Lamb of God)
Holy God (Holy God)
I come to receive You now
Come into my heart
Fill my life with Your very presence
Lord

# Mass Music Aid

**Communion Song**Better Is One Day
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Verse 1)
How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty,
For my soul longs and even faints for you.
For here my heart is satisfied within your Presence
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings (to chorus)

Verse 2)
One thing I ask and I would seek:
to see your beauty,
to find you in the place your glory dwells
(repeat, then to chorus)

**Closing Song** 

98 Angels We Have Heard On High

**Traditional** 



High School Youth Group Wednesday 6-7p

Pizza, Fellowship and Bible study

"ABLAZE" - Praise and Worship afterwards

# Events and Information

#### Mass Times - Christmas 2019 and New Year 2020

#### Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon

#### **Help Wanted**

- Our CYO/CAO program is in great need of volunteers to work the reception desk of the Pulte Family Life Center. Responsibilities include welcoming people, answering the phone, registering people for our events and activities, as well as taking memberships for the Pulte Family Life Center. Please email kyle@ sjecc.com if you are able to work a shift.
- Our theater program is in great need of volunteers to help with our children's theater productions and our annual Passion Play production. We need back stage help, costume and set help, light and sound, and so much more. Please email Jennine Burkwit at jennine@sjecc.com to add you to our volunteer list!
- Our Music and Arts program is looking for volunteers to help with checking in people for the concert series (second Thursday of the month). Please email jennine@sjecc.com to be added to our volunteer list.
- 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 Burkwit at jennine@sjecc.com to be added to our volunteer list.
- We are in need of children to partake and serve in our Children's Choir Ministry. Please come to our rehearsals at 5:15 p.m. in the choir room.
- Calling all performers! We need musicians, comedians, and poetry readers for our open mic nights. Performers all receive a free drink ticket. Open mic nights occur every first Thursday of the month from August-May at 7:00 p.m. at the Pulte Family Life Center 5 Saints Cafe.