

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church



The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2023

SURGE OF THE Heart

PARISH MISSION

featuring international Catholic speaker
and author Jon Leonetti!



FOR OUR PARISH MISSION



Who is God and Why That Matters

Monday, April 3rd from 6:30-8:00pm

God's Dream For Your Life

Tuesday, April 4th from 6:30-8:00pm

*"One of the most inspiring parish missions
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-Matthew Kelly, Founder of Dynamic Catholic

"Engaging, entertaining, and hilarious!"

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missions we have ever experienced."*

-Fr. Winston Bath, NY.



The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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.

Catholic Faith Appeal - 2023

Dear Parishioners,

In 2022, you contributed \$786,583 toward our Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) goal of \$603,000! We can't thank you enough for your generosity and support. And, because we surpassed our goal, \$167,166 will come back to the parish to further support our programs and ministries.

Now, once again, we have been called to work together toward our 2023 goal. The needs in our communities are more pressing than ever, and your support will directly help those in Southwest Florida. St. John the Evangelist has been assigned a goal of \$603,000 for 2023.

Throughout the CFA campaign, we will highlight both personal stories about CFA as well as the programs and communities it supports. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to the CFA. If you need assistance, please contact Colleen Donnelly, our Operations Manager, at: colleen@sjecc.com. Thank you, as always for your support and generosity.

To donate to the Catholic Faith Appeal:

- Use a contribution envelope from the CFA table in the Narthex,
- Give directly on the Diocese of Venice website at dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa, or
- Scan the QR code to be directed to the Diocese of Venice CFA page



Buy your tickets for the 2023 CFA Cash Raffle!

Tickets are available in the Main
Office during normal business hours

\$20 donation for 1 ticket or 6 tickets for a \$100 donation



1st Prize: \$25,000
2nd Prize: \$5,000
3rd Prize: \$1,000



To purchase tickets over the phone, please call our
Main Office: 239.566.8740
or email: info@sjecc.com. Please make checks
payable to "St. John the Evangelist"

Drawing Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at
10:15 AM in the Pulte Family Life Center



Donation Reminders 2023



Thank you for your continued generosity.
Please note our updated guidelines below:

-**Offertory:** please use your envelopes and put
your envelope number on the memo line of all
checks

-For donations to **St. Vincent dePaul**, please make
all checks payable to:
St. Vincent dePaul

-For donations to **Jamaica Outreach**, please make
all checks payable to:
Jamaica Outreach

-For donations to the **Catholic Faith Appeal**, please
make all checks payable to:
Catholic Faith Appeal

-If you would like to give online, please call Karen
Beebe at 239.566.8740



CFA SUPPORTS:

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catholic Schools provide children with the opportunity to expand their knowledge, explore their passions, create community, strengthen their sense of self, and come to know God.

Our local Catholic Schools are blessed with great teachers, administrators, staff, and students. Catholic School enrollment is at an all-time high, with families seeking educational experiences focused on family, strong values, and community. Due to these increased numbers, financial support to Catholic Schools is needed more than ever. Classroom spaces are full, and many facilities need updating to meet the demand. Fifteen percent of the money donated to CFA goes directly toward Catholic Education.

We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to our 2023 CFA
To donate: <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/>



SCAN TO GIVE

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING:

My education at St. John Neumann has been nothing short of wonderful. Each day I meet with renowned teachers and work with kind friends. This year I have challenged myself and taken all AP courses. Every day I am forced to push myself and learn more. I've especially taken a liking to the STEM fields, and plan to major in Biomedical Engineering. It is due to your support that I have learned more about myself, grown closer to God, and am beginning to plan my future.

Throughout my three years at Neumann I have participated in baseball and this year I am participating in the National Honors Society and the House Council program. I take special interest in this program. It is great to meet with the new classmen and give direction for the school. I am engaged in the National Honors Society and attend all meetings. Athletically, I am devoted to baseball and am excited for the upcoming season. Recently, I became involved in the Scholar Bowl as well. I am excited to become a part of Scholar Bowl and attend some meets.

This year, I've obviously been swamped with college admission. I have completed applications for many schools and am excited to hear responses. As I mentioned earlier, I intend to major in Biomedical Engineering. This major will give me many opportunities. I could either traditionally take the MCAT and attend medical school, follow a research-oriented route, or startup a medical engineering company. All of this is possible to me due to your support. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity you have given me to obtain this wonderful education at St. John Neumann.

Michael



Parish Information

Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. (livestreamed) and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. (livestreamed), 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (livestreamed), 11:00 a.m. (livestreamed), 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Hours of Operation

Main Office: Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. John's Religious Gift Shop : Saturday 2:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint John the Evangelist offers the healing sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the Church confessionals on Monday and Wednesday after morning Mass and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 2:00-2:45 p.m.

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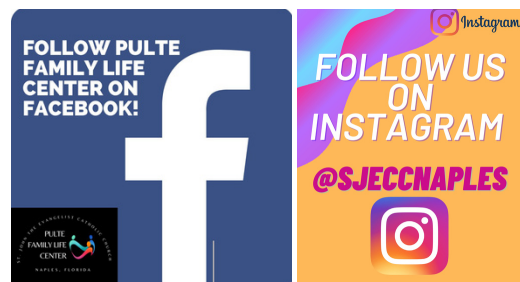
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Mass Intentions

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Saturday, February 18, 2023

8:00 AM + Dolores Kamrass

Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D'Addario

5:00 PM + Andy Sanfelippo

Sunday, February 19, 2023

7:00 AM + John Boyle

9:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners

11:00 AM + Daniella Elizabeth Egas Bejar

1:00 PM + Thomas J. Maguire

5:00 PM + John Michael Joyce

Monday, February 20, 2023

8:00 AM + Anna Colonna and Elena Cosentino

9:00 AM + Stephen and Megan Makula

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

8:00 AM + Loretta and Frank Guilbert

9:00 AM + Susan Fitzpatrick

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

8:00 AM + Tom Roettele

10:00 AM + James Hooper

12:00 PM + Claudia Waller

5:00 PM + Dorothy Metzger

7:00 PM + Teresa Dep Pham

Thursday, February 23, 2023

8:00 AM + Tracy Frillici Skeffington

9:00 AM + Lorna McGrory

5:30 PM + John Bove

Friday, February 24, 2023

8:00 AM + Arthur Jackson

9:00 AM + David and Jo Marr

5:30 PM + Gay Ann Lydon

Saturday, February 25, 2023

8:00 AM + Harry Witt

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM + Grace and Dominic Corbino

5:00 PM + Lambert and Louise Abell

Sunday, February 26, 2023

7:00 AM + Ed Somma

9:00 AM + Robert Claussen

11:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners

1:00 PM + Gertrude and Robert Frei

5:00 PM + John Fetter

Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Inten:

Requested By

William and Mary Peppiatt

Janet D'Addario

Kay Sanfelippo

Requested By

Noreen Price

The Campbell Family

John and Carolyn Klimek

Doug and Katie Neuman

Requested By

Anna Nardulli and Family

Eileen Miner

Requested By

Denise Guilbert

Mary Eisman

Requested By

Carol Roettele and Family

Tom and Eileen Hooper

John Waller and Family

Karen Bell

Chanh Hoang

Requested By

Mom and Dad

Family

Bob and Nancy Comeriato

Requested By

Denise Guilbert

Naples Lamp Shop

Richard Lydon

Requested By

Harry and Patricia Witt

Family

Kathy and Bob Sims

Requested By

St. John Pinocle Club

Norma Claussen

Carolyn and John Klimek

Charlie and Arlene Fetter

Watch our livestream Masses at: <https://sjecc.org/mass-livestream/> or scan this QR code



Sacraments



January Baptisms

Addison Hussey



Leila Perry



Reese Slater



Bianca Teet



Sacraments of the Church

Baptism: The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, please call the office at (239) 566-8740.

Matrimony: Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice. Tricia Hoffman: 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.

Readings for the Week

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Mt 5:38-48

Monday, February 20, 2023

Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Jl 2:12-18/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Friday, February 24, 2023

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Ash Wednesday Schedule



8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:00 PM
5:00 PM
7:00 PM

From Bishop Frank Dewane

"I will be granting a one-day dispensation from the requirement to abstain from eating meat on Friday, March 17, 2023. It is encouraged that the Faithful select another day in the week to abstain from meat and select another form of penance or charity to perform on March 17."

Thursday, Feb 23, 2023 - Wednesday, Apr 5, 2023

Daily Masses through Lent:

8:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM

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Ministries and Groups

Arimatheans. Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Please contact Ann Petrillo: 239.248.2189

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

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group – Rosemary Erickson: 239.250.0432

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina – Mondays at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. Kathleen Dunne: kadunne61@aol.com, 901.574.2947

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 6:00 p.m. Contact Melissa Wychocki: mwychocki@gmail.com

Faith Chat - We will begin studying the book of Matthew on January 6th at 9:30am. We will meet on January 29th at 9:30am for coffee and conversation. Come and get to know us! We will start the study of the Gospel of St. Matthew on January 5th, 9:30am-11am. For more information contact Lee Pinto at 239-821-6195 or LeePinto2924@aol.com.

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 information, contact Jeanne Stamant Pittman: 239.248.3248 or info@jamaicaoutreach.org

Knights of Columbus. At St. John the Evangelist, Knights serve parish ministries, sponsor parish events and help with special projects. They support our clergy, fund parish equipment, assist in events for our youth and help the less fortunate. You can learn more about the parish K of C Council on our website <https://11281.knights.church> or contact us, at info@koccouncil11281.org or leave a message at 239.228.3938, and we'll respond promptly. Fourth degree Knights can find information about our Assembly at <https://3308.patriotic.degree>.

Knitting & Crocheting. Meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. - Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. Knits and crochets baby and children's items, prayer shawls, nursing home and elderly blankets. No experience necessary. Donations, both monetary and yarn are welcome. Contact: Sharon Camp 239.438.7867 or sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com

Ladies of Charity. Our motto is to serve rather than to be served in humility, simplicity, and charity. We strive to serve the poor, sick, and marginalized in our community. Membership is open to any Catholic woman. For more information, please contact Karen Kaspar at kcmk77@aol.com or 216.496.7414.

Pray the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena - Every Saturday at 7:50 a.m. before Mass on the 1st Saturday and immediately after Mass on the other Saturdays of the month. Allan Degnan:, 239-919-4465

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. Barbara Hardebeck: 765-714-6589

Quilting Ministry - The Quilting Ministry meets on Wednesdays from 10 AM – noon in rooms 3/4 in the Parish Activity Center. We work on quilts for babies and children which we donate locally. Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. There's something for everyone to do, from cutting to assembling to quilting to hand sewing bindings. For more information, call Sharon Campbell at sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com 239.438.7867 or Eileen Fuller at 239.280.7585

Sewing Ministry. Sewing Ministry meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Parish Activity Center, rooms 1 and 2. Donations, both monetary and of fabrics and supplies are welcome. If you like to sew we encourage you to come and see what we are all about. Please call either Barbara Arthur at 239.250.4162, email Bka1678@hotmail.com or Phyllis Crivelli 973.710.6347, email jandpcrivelli@gmail.com before coming to make sure we are meeting that day.

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul. We give glory to God by offering direct/in-home help to anyone in need within the boundaries of our parish. Our work spans fighting food insecurity, keeping families in their homes, and a wide variety of special projects and programs focused on helping our neighbors address difficult challenges. We meet the FIRST and THIRD Tuesdays of every month at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be in classroom 1, in the Parish Life Center. Contact Bob Westenberg: bwstjohn@SVDNpales.org.

AA Brian R. 732-735-7037

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



Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to
pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of
good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify
you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have
mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our
prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have
mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of
God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light
from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were
made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the
Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to
judge the living, and the dead and his kingdom will have no
end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who
with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

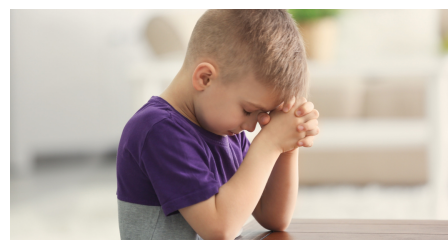
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be
Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.

Communion Prayer

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Ukraine Prayer

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide
their choices.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
Amen



Pray

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

- Adam Decker
- Lieutenant Carson Brial – US Navy
- Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary
- Nick Detloff
- SSG Douglas Hennessy
- Lt. Col. Scott Huber – USAF
- PV2 Alexander McMickle – Ft. Eustis, VA
- Hunter Scalzo – Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th Infantry
- Captain Jesse Adamson: US Army, Kuwait
- Col. Brian Murphy
- PFC John Dyer - US Army Germany
- Drew Kendall – Petty Officer U.S. Navy
- Capt. Stephen English – US Army



- SPC Nicholas LaManna
- PFC Sisi Tyrrell US Marine Corps
- Hugh O'Donnell, SPEC 4, 75th Ranger Regiment
- Lt. Brendan Tourek – USN
- Capt. Gregory Sacenti - US Army
- Connor Miller: US Navy search and rescue
- Daniel Petito – US Army
- Matthew Popielec, CMR

- LTJG Tanis K. Taylor – US Navy, USS Sullivans
- Sophie Koeppl
- Austin Zicht – USAF
- Brendan C. Finnegan-USAF
- Alexander L Denha, second lieutenant in the army (infantry division)
- Captain Will Adamson: US Army, Anchorage AK
- Lt. Col. Jill Murphy
- Sgt. Larry Oldenburg – US Army
- Cpl. Derek Perez - US Marine Corps
- Austin Spagnola
- Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey

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

Martin Sullivan, Charles Janes, Nicholas Costanza and Helen Perry

Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the office at 239-566-8740

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| • Declan Aigner | • Sandra Geffert | • Yvonne Keenan | • Carol Petrone |
| • Beckey Atkins | • Marg Gheller | • Karen Kellington | • Dennis Powers |
| • Jennifer Basile | • Amy Goodwine | • Carey Kendall | • Jim Rankin |
| • Linda Berry | • Florence Gordon | • Delores Kernochan | • Judith & Michael S. |
| • Sara Boettcher | • Lisa Ann Grainger | • Tracey Kirk | • Peggy O'Neil Saba |
| • Mr and Mrs Ciano | • Richard Grainger | • Judy Kruzich | • Lisa Sanfelippo |
| • Lorraine Dolan | • Peter Greenberg | • Ramona Langan | • Carlos Somarribas |
| • Lhara Echeverria | • Kathleen Greenberg | • Teresa Lozano | • Norma J. Spriggle |
| • Monica Ellis | • Gary Gwizdala | • M. E. M. | • Sarah Thewes |
| • Bill Farley | • Raymond Hall | • Ruth Martin | • Noah Wagner |
| • Amy FitzGerald | • Fred Harkins | • Eileen Miner | • Dana, Geneva and Greigh Wells |
| • Anna Focht | • Brian Hintz | • Jennifer O'Connor | • S. J. Zarebi |
| • Tom Froh | • Walter Howell | • Ric Parker | • Mike Zewalk |
| • Lester Fuller | • Jim Hubbard | • Patty | |
| • Terry Gallagher | • Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman | • Ann Petrillo | |



Gospel Reflection with Fr. Tom

If the light becomes darkness, what hope is there for the world? Oskar Schindler was a German industrialist. During the Second World War he set up a factory in Poland. He saved over a thousand Jews by giving them work in his factory. When the Germans surrendered at the end of the war, Schindler abandoned the factory and escaped westwards to avoid the Russians who were approaching from the east. Meanwhile the liberated workers waited in the factory for the arrival of the Russians. While they waited, they found a German officer by the name of Amon bunkered inside the factory. Amon had been responsible for several brutal killings. A group of men dragged him out and enthusiastically and mercilessly hanged him. Some inmates tried to intervene, but the executioners were in such a rage that they could not be stopped.

This was the first homicide of the peace. It was an event which would be abhorred forever by those who witnessed it. The hanging of Amon sickened them as profoundly as any of the executions Amon himself had carried out. After all, Amon was a Nazi, and beyond altering. But these hangmen were their own brothers. Instead of reaping satisfaction from it, all it did was sadden and depress them.

Our pain and hurt can so easily turn into rage, with the result that we inflict on others the injuries inflicted to us. Hatred is a very dangerous thing. It burns up a hundred times more energy than love. It drives out everything else and corrodes and warps the soul. "Love your enemies" - this is one of the most revolutionary things ever said. All the revolutionaries said the enemy must be destroyed.

Love our enemies? Most of us find it hard enough to love our friends. How then can we be expected to love our enemies? All of us have some enemies, or at least some people we positively dislike. Why is that we dislike these particular people? It may be because of something they said or did to us. But there is a deeper reason. It is because they bring out the worst in us. Enemies expose a side of us which we usually manage to keep hidden from our friends, a dark side of our nature which we would rather not know about. The enemy stirs up ugly things inside us. This is the real reason why we hate him.

To love one's enemy is not in the first place to do him good. Rather it is to allow him to be different, to be himself, and not try to turn him into a copy of ourselves so that we may be able to love him.

We are not expected to feel love for our enemy. Love is not a feeling; it is an act of the will. We can make a decision to love someone even though we do not have feelings of love for that person.

To love an enemy goes clean contrary to human nature. Only God can help us to love in the way Christ asks of us. When Christ asks us to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect, the perfection he is talking about is the perfection of love. God loves his children unconditionally. He loves them not because they are good but because he is good.

Safe Environment Training

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and complete online training in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. For further information, please visit: <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/>. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-

Helping People Impacted by Hurricane Ian



St. John's, along with the St. Vincent DePaul Society, have joined together to help those impacted by IAN. Because of the overwhelmingly generous donations from our parishioners, we have the ability to help you or any individuals or families needing help getting back on their feet. Please let us know where we can help!

For information or help, e-mail Bob at disaster@svidpnasles.org or call the parish office at (239) 566-8740



Readings for The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

The LORD said to Moses,
"Speak to the whole Israelite community and
tell them:
Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or
sister in your heart.
Though you may have to reprove your fellow
citizen,
do not incur sin because of him.
Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against
any of your people.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
I am the LORD."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R. (8a) The Lord is kind and merciful.
Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.
R. The Lord is kind and merciful.
He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.
R. The Lord is kind and merciful.
Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.
R. The Lord is kind and merciful.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reading 2

1 Cor 3:16-23

Brothers and sisters:
Do you not know that you are the temple of God,
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy
that person;
for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Let no one deceive himself.
If any one among you considers himself wise in
this age,
let him become a fool, so as to become wise.
For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the
eyes of God,
for it is written:
God catches the wise in their own ruses,
and again:
The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,
that they are vain.

So let no one boast about human beings, for
everything belongs to you,
Paul or Apollos or Cephas,
or the world or life or death,
or the present or the future:
all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to
God.

Alleluia

1 Jn 2:5

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
the love of God is truly perfected in him.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Readings for The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel

Mt 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You have heard that it was said,

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil.

When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well.

If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic,

hand over your cloak as well.

Should anyone press you into service for one mile,

go for two miles.

Give to the one who asks of you,

and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said,

You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.

But I say to you, love your enemies

and pray for those who persecute you,

that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?

Do not the tax collectors do the same?

And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that?

Do not the pagans do the same?

So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD."
Jeremiah 17:7

SATURDAY, MARCH 4



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
PULTE CENTER, NAZARETH ROOM

LED BY FATHER NICK & DEACON JIM



Men, please take this opportunity to prepare yourself for the Lenten Season, to temporarily leave behind the daily distractions of life, and to enjoy fellowship with other men of our parish.

8:00 am – 8:45 am: First Saturday Mass & Benediction
8:45 am – 2:45 pm: Men's Lenten Retreat
(continental breakfast & lunch provided)
3:00 pm: Mass



TO REGISTER, CONTACT PAUL CURTI AT 612-616-5535 OR PLANCURTI@GMAIL.COM

Music for 7 AM and 1 PM Masses

Gathering Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King

Psalm 103: The Lord is kind and merciful

Gifts: Where Charity and Love Prevail

Communion Songs: Loving and Forgiving, You Alone

Closing Songs: America, God Bless America

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All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

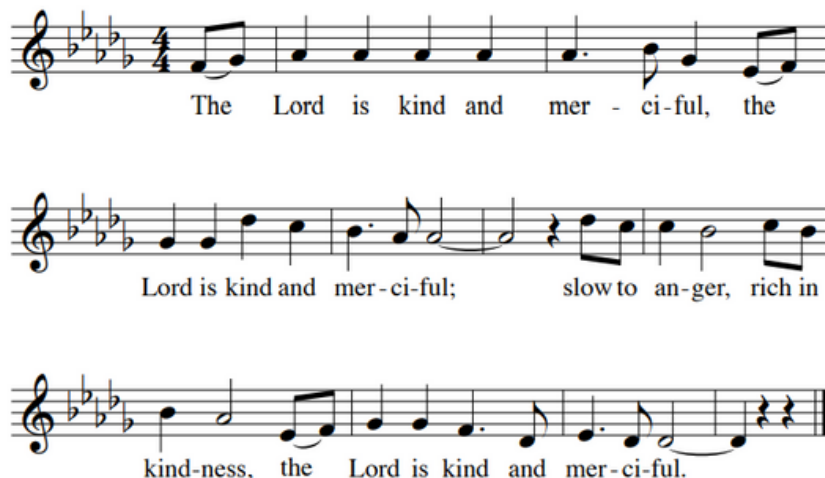
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| 1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
Soft silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! | 2. Great rushing winds who are so strong,
You clouds above that sail along,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;
Stars nightly shining, find a voice,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! |
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Text: LM with additions; St. Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; Laudato sia Dio mio Signore; tr. by William H. Draper, 1855–1933, alt.
Music: Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623.

The Lord is Kind and Merciful

Psalm 103

Jeanne Cotter



Music for 7 AM and 1 PM Masses

Where Charity And Love Prevail

CHRISTIAN LOVE



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, There God is ev - er found;
2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear God's char - i - ty we learn;
3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults As we our faults con - fess;
4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known, Let all con - ten - tion cease;
5. Let us re - call that in our midst Dwells God's be - got - ten Son;
6. No race nor creed can love ex - clude, If hon - ored be God's name;

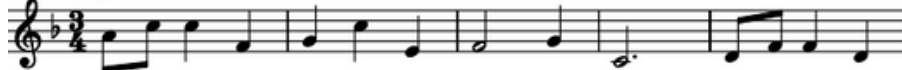


1. Brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, By love are we thus bound.
2. Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love God in re - turn.
3. And let us love each oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
4. Be God's the glo - ry that we seek, Be ours God's ho - ly peace.
5. As mem - bers of his bod - y joined, We are in Christ made one.
6. Our fam - i - ly em - brac - es all Whose Fa - ther is the same.

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Psalm 103: Loving and Forgiving

Refrain



Lov - ing and for - giv - ing are you, O Lord; slow to an - ger,



rich in kind - ness, lov - ing and for - giv - ing are you.

Verses



1. All my be - ing, bless the Lord, — bless the ho - ly
2. God for - gives us all our sins, — heal - ing those who
3. Good and gra - cious is the Lord, — slow to an - ger,
4. As heav - en soars a - bove the earth, so great the love of



1. name of God. — All my be - ing, bless the Lord, re -
2. live in pain, — sav - ing us from fi - nal death. God
3. rich in love. — God re - mem - bers not our sins; for -
4. God for us. As far as east is from the west, the



1. mem - b'ring the good - ness of God.
2. fills us with good - ness and love.
3. giv - ing and lov - ing is God.
4. Lord takes our sins — from us.

to Refrain

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Music for 7 AM and 1 PM Masses

You Alone

Sarah Hart and Dwight Liles

Refrain

You a-lone are ho-ly, you a-lone are Lord. You a-lone are
wor-thy to be hon-ored and a-dored. Mer-cy you have
giv-en, kind-ness you have shown. Love is you a-lone.

Verses

1. Who of us is sin-less in this place? Who of us de-
2. What is there to do but thank you, then, for the gift that

1. serves your sav-ing grace? Who of us is good
2. we might call you friend? Great-er love has not

1. at all with-out your bless-ed love that falls up-
2. been known than that for which you gave your on-ly

2 to Refrain

1. on our hearts to heal our bro-ken-ness?
2. son, that you might see us, pure and blessed.

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FIGHT CLUB

YOUNG ADULT MEN
GATHERING

Tuesday
6 - Adoration
6:30 - Confession
7 - Recreation

For more
information please
email
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*Join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings for
SJ ECC Young Catholic Woman's Group!*

Meet other young Catholic women as we journey through
"Courageous Women: A Study on the Heroines of Biblical
History" with group reflection, and discussion, ending with
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confession.



Meetings take place in Pulte Center, with
refreshments provided we are excited to see
you there!



Music for 7 AM and 1 PM Masses

America

AMERICA

1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,
3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
4. Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,

1. Of thee I sing; Land where my fa - thers died,
2. Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills,
3. Sweet free - dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake;
4. To thee we sing; Long may our land be bright

1. Land of the pil - grims' pride, From ev - 'ry
2. Thy woods and tem - pled hills; My heart with
3. Let all that breathe par - take; Let rocks their
4. With free - dom's ho - ly light; Pro - tect us

1. moun - tain - side Let free - dom ring!
2. rap - ture thrills, Like that a - bove.
3. si - lence break, The sound pro - long.
4. by thy might, Great God, our King.

Text: 66 4 666 4; Samuel F. Smith, 1808–1895. Music: *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1744.

God Bless America!

God bless America!
Land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her.
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.



Jamaican Choir Music 3 PM and 5 PM Vigil, 9 AM and 11 AM

Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103 - The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gifts: Prayer of Saint Francis

Communion Songs: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord, Now Lord (Choir)

Closing Song: The Spirit Lives To Set Us Free

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
 Ever blessing, ever blest,
 Well-spring of the joy of living,
 Ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
 All who live in love are thine;
 Teach us how to love each other,
 Lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sun-ward,
In the triumph song of life.

Text: 87 87 D; Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933, alt. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867.

Prayer of St. Francis/Oración de San Francisco

Sebastian Temple

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring
hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.

3. O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled, as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Text: Based on the prayer traditionally ascr. to St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1182–1226. Text and music © 1967, 2003. OCP. All rights reserved. Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy.



Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -
No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

The Spirit Lives To Set Us Free

The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.

*Refrain: ///Walk in the light,///
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light,
The dead were wakened by His call,
walk, walk in the light.

He died in pain on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light.
To save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.

We know His death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light.
He gave His spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light.

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
walk, walk in the light.
The Father's kindness is revealed,
walk, walk in the light.

The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.

5 PM Contemporary Mass Music

Opening Song: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

One day every tongue will confess
You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

Preparation Song: Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All
How can I love thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift,
So far surpassing hope or thought?

Chorus: Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;
Oh, make us love thee more and more.
Oh, make us love thee more and more.

Had I but Mary's sinless heart
To love thee with, my dearest King,
Oh, with what bursts of fervant praise
Thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing.

Thy Body, Soul, and Godhead, all,
O mystery of love divine.
I cannot compass all I have,
For all thou hast and art are mine.

Communion Song: No One Beside

Within my heart
Is a melody that was not taught
In the darkest night, it still goes on
The anthem of my God
Within my heart is a treasure that cannot be bought
When all else is faded it will not
The presence of my God

Chorus: Oh magnify the Lord
Let us exalt His name together
No one beside You, Lord
Honor and praise are Yours forever

Before Your throne in the mystery that can't be known
Lives the majesty that's Yours alone
How glorious You are
You are the one who redeems the wrongs that I have done
Reigning over all the days to come
How glorious You are

Bridge: Holy, holy is the Lord God almighty
Holy, holy is the Lord God almighty

Closing Song: O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay,
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you
and wait up on your word.
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior;
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our king,
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.



Adult Faith Formation

The Grand Adventure. . . .A New Call to Grandparenting **An Empowering Program for Today's Grandparents**

6 Fridays during Lent beginning February 24 at 3:30pm~ Alexandria Room

Facilitators: Sue and Wayne Hamilton

Fifty-four percent of people over 50 are grandparents. They are a sizable number of parishioners and a valuable part of parish life. They are strong anchors for their families and faith community. The Grand Adventure is a *six-session program* designed for small groups of grandparents. This program helps participants realize their true grandparent potential as they explore new ways to enhance the grandparent-grandchild relationship. They assess their many gifts and talents and discover ways to use them to benefit their grandchildren. This program will interest new, seasoned and prospective grandparents, grandparent singles and grandparent couples. It will help grandparents take a more active role by consciously sharing their talent, faith and wisdom with their grandchildren. Each meeting provides an opening prayer, scripture reflection, discussion material and action suggestions that challenge grandparents to do something that will make a difference in their grand child's life.

To register for this group, please email AFF@sjecc.com

Join a Bible Study that dives into the story of how Christ Established his Kingdom

The First 8 Sessions Beginning February 28th at 6:00PM-7:30PM~Alexandria Room

Facilitator: Jack Kindsvater

The gospel of Matthew, which is the evangelist we are reading this current liturgical year, year A, shows how Jesus fulfills God's promises to Israel and established his kingdom on earth. Matthew provides the key to understanding the rest of the New Testament and Christ as the fulfillment of God's plan. This program will feature Jeff Cavins, creator of *The Bible Timeline* program and group discussion facilitated by Jack Kindsvater.

Preregistration is appreciated but not required. If you would like to purchase a Study Guide, send an email to jack@sjecc.com. They are \$38 plus shipping.



Join the Catechist Team at St. John the Evangelist

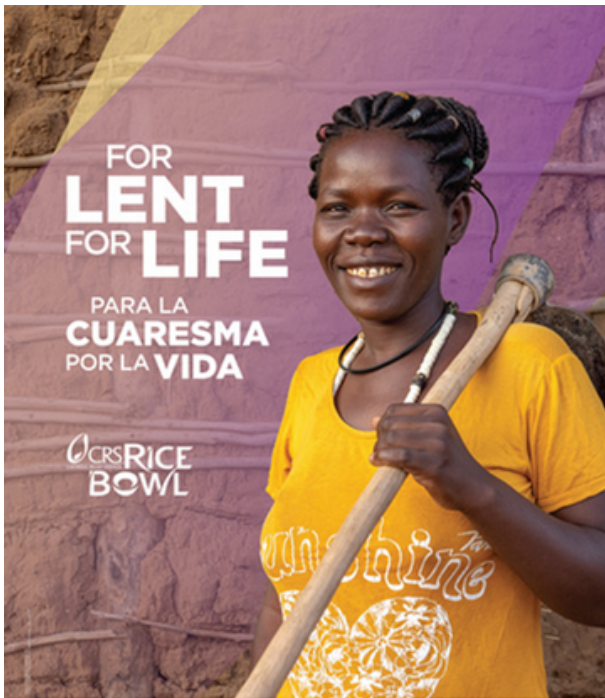
Online Learning Sessions for Basic Catechist Certification

Are you interested in serving as a Catechist or Assistant Catechist in grades Pre-K-12 for the 2023-2024 School year? Our Faith Formation program serves over 400 youth currently and is in need of disciples willing to answer the call to serve and help our youth encounter Jesus. Volunteers are introduced to the *Basic Catechist Certification program* through Franciscan University at Home and can begin online learning right away. Five mini online courses lead to Basic Catechist Certification at no cost to you. Volunteers may also begin the *Volunteer Clearance Process* with further information located at our website. If you are interested in becoming a part of an amazing team of people, please contact Natalie Campbell at natalie@sjecc.com to get started.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation

Monday, February 20 th	OCIA- 6:00PM - Library
Tuesday, February 21 st	Lenten Spiritual Pilgrimage – 9:30AM-11:00AM – Library
Wednesday, February 22 nd	Discover the Mass Bible Study: 11:30AM -1:00PM -Alexandria Room
Thursday, February 23 rd	Women's Faith Chat- Thursday at 9:45AM-11:00AM - Alexandria Room
Friday, February 24 th	A New Call to Grandparenting – 3:30-5:00PM -Alexandria Room

Faith Formation Lenten Mission Project: CRS Rice Bowl



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CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in dioceses throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year. Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million.

www.crsricebowl.org

Please join us in this Lenten Service Project by taking a cardboard Rice Bowl box today. Your treasure may be returned during Holy Week or after Easter! Thank you for your generosity! Additional boxes may be picked up in the Parish Office or in the Faith Formation Office. Thank you!



This hardcover children's book encourages children to prepare for Lent and understand that it is not just sacrifices of candy or toys, but of ourselves that can please God.

On Sale now at the St. John Gift Boutique while supplies last.

This weekend we do not have Sunday Faith Formation Sessions in observance of the President's Day holiday. On Ash Wednesday, we will not have our regular Wednesday Faith Formation sessions so that families may attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass together. Our Mass times on Ash Wednesday are 8AM, 10AM, 12NOON, 5PM and 7PM.

REVEALED

2023 YOUTH CONFERENCE

AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY JULY 14th-16th

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FELLOWSHIP & MORE

Grades 9 - 12

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& FOR MORE INFORMATION!




St. Patrick's Day Celebration

March 12th

Crafts
Candy
Food

Rome Room
2:30pm - 5pm

Grades K-8

To register and for more information, scan the QR code or visit our website!
Wearing green is encouraged



Contact Juliana at Juliana@sjecc.com for more information.

YOUTH RALLY

LUMINARY HOTEL
FORT MYERS

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH, 2023
5 P.M. - 10 P.M.

Grades 9-12

Transportation is included!

\$20.00
High School Confirmation

\$50.00
Youth Group Members & Students in High School

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***PAYMENT DUE 3/05/2023**




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Saint John the Evangelist YOUTH GROUP

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MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

IGNITE
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY


GRADES 6-8
FRIDAY'S
6:00PM - 7:30PM

GRADES 9-12
WEDNESDAY'S
6:30PM - 8:00PM

FEBRUARY - MAY

MISSION WORK
BIBLE STUDY
FUN ACTIVITIES
& MORE!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER & TO COMPLETE THE MANDATORY FORMS.





40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Pray with the St. John the Evangelist Respect Life Team led by Father Mark at the Planned Parenthood facility in Ft. Myers.

March 1st and March 14th from 12 noon to 5pm

Say a prayer Save a life.

Contact us at relife@aol.com or call Mary Thompson at 239.273.6472 Need transportation? let us know.

FT. MYERS

PRAYER Walk



Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023

8:00 a.m. Mass, Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Celebrant
St. John XXIII Church, 13060 Palomino Lane, Ft. Myers

Rosary after mass in front of
Planned Parenthood, 6418 Commerce Park Drive
Approximately 9:30 a.m.

A free shuttle bus will be provided from the church as parking
is limited. Only parking on grass is permitted.
(All tires must be off pavement. No parking permitted
in business parking lots.)



The Prayer Walk marks the opening of *40 Days for Life*
which runs from February 22 to April 2.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2023

MASS *for* SANCTITY *of* LIFE

12 PM HOLY MASS



For more information:
941-374-1068 or Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org
Sponsored by the Diocese of Venice Respect Life Office
www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife



Upcoming Events



St. John the Evangelist 32nd Annual
FEAST of ST. JOSEPH
Saturday, March 18th

Still only \$40!

Feast Celebration Includes:

Traditional Altar Table in Church Narthex
Evening Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner/Dance - 6:00pm to 9:30pm in PLC Ballroom

Traditional St. Joseph Feast Meatless Italian Dinner

Cash Bar. Dress Attire: Smart Casual

Great Musical Entertainment by
Dave DeLuca



"Perfectly Frank... The music of Frank Sinatra!"
 Come fly away with Dave DeLuca as he pays tribute to Frank Sinatra! "Perfectly Frank" celebrates the man and his music as well as the great composers, lyricists, and musical arrangers who put their indelible stamp on an incredible period in American musical history.

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www.eventbrite.com
 and after masses
 beginning
 Feb. 25th.



For more info,
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Saint John the Evangelist
 Lenten

Fish FEST

"And He took 2 fish and 5 loaves and fed 5,000"

**Begins Ash Wednesday
 and every Friday
 through Lent**

**February 22nd through March 31st
 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Seating in the Parish Activity Center Ballroom
 Drive Up Take Out Menu Available!**

OVEN BAKED COD

Includes:

Clam Chowder Soup, Rice Pilaf
 Green Beans Almandine
 Stewed Tomatoes, Mac & Cheese
 Cole Slaw, Roll/Butter
 Ice Cream Cup

\$20

DEEP FRIED COD

Includes:

Clam Chowder Soup, French Fries
 Green Beans Almandine
 Stewed Tomatoes, Mac & Cheese
 Cole Slaw, Roll/Butter
 Ice Cream Cup

Child's Meal (under 7 yrs) \$7.00

One piece of Fried Cod, French Fries, Mac & Cheese

Complimentary
 Bottled Water, Lemomade,
 Iced Tea, Coffee
Soda, \$2.00 each
 Beer & Wine, for purchase

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Proceeds to benefit numerous charities in and around Naples/Collier



Upcoming Events



Naples Woman's Club

Presents

What's Cooking?

A NEW Culinary Adventure

March 22, 2023

Exploring the Flavors of Naples

WHAT: Multiple noted chefs and food experts will provide delicious signature dishes plus present gastronomic demonstrations that will delight! All under one roof!

WHEN: MARCH 22, 2023, 11 AM - 2 PM

WHERE: The Ballroom at St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church, North Naples

WHY: Net proceeds will support a grant for agencies addressing food insecurity, a growing need in our community. Your help is needed now more than ever.

HOW: Tickets on sale NOW at CulinaryAdventureNaples.org.
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February 17, 2023 -
May 20, 2023

Open to children ages 6-17

Held at The Pulte Family Life Center

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Tish Poorman, Program Director-tpoorman@childrenforthearts.com

239-571-3305

Participation Fee Required

February 19, 2023



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

PULTE FAMILY LIFE
CENTER

NAPLES, FLORIDA



COCKTAILS & CANVAS PAINT NIGHT

Wednesday, February 22nd

6pm

\$30 includes wine and lite bites

Pulte Center Cafe

Follow QR code for tickets:



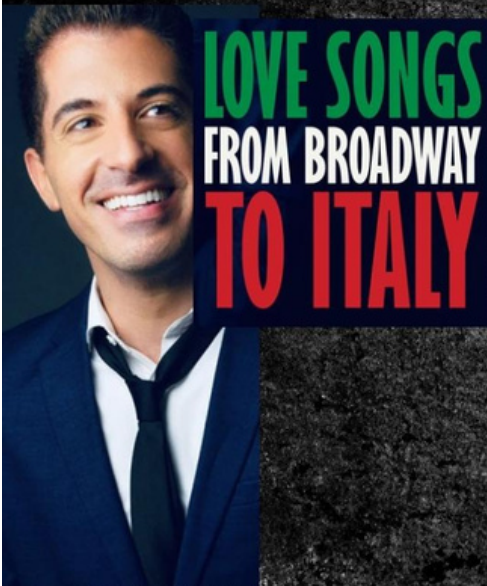
HAPPY HOUR KARAOKE

Friday, February 24th

6pm

Free Event

Pulte Center Cafe



ANTHONY NUNZIATA IN CONCERT

Sunday, March 5th 3pm

World-renowned jazz/pop singer and entertainer, Nunziata is often compared to Buble, Bocelli, and Michael Bolton. a "World-Class Singer" (The Wall Street Journal). \$25 Adult tickets / Student: \$10

Follow QR code for tickets:



Please note there will be no Parish breakfast on
Ash Wednesday, February 22.

Jamaica Outreach Program

OUR MISSION:

"Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) public charity whose mission is to help the poor in Jamaica. JOP provides love, respect, funds, goods and services for health care, education and basic support to improve the lives of the poor in Jamaica without regard to religious affiliation, personal history, gender, age or race."

Fall – 2022 Newsletter

Since 1997

25 Years and Still Going Strong

It's hard to believe that our mission to help the poor in Jamaica began in 1997, 25 years ago! Our founders Father Tom Glackin, Wally Kasputis and Bishop Burchell McPherson would be very proud of their legacy. The poor in Jamaica were in great need during the pandemic and they are slowly recovering. Food security, housing security and education are the key areas where we focused JOP's support during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. See the articles in this annual newsletter for more detail. We are extremely grateful to St John the Evangelist parishioners who continued to be generous during these difficult times. Thank you for your loyal support of our ministry.

February 18-19, 2023 Jamaican Choir singing and 2nd Collection for JOP



Fall 2022 Medical Mission

See page 33 for choir schedule

- Cash or checks payable to **Jamaica Outreach** can be dropped in the JOP volunteer's basket outside the church on Feb 18 & 19 or;
- Online at JamaicaOutreach.org/give or;
- Mail to JOP PO Box 110581 Naples FL 34108



Students waiting for dental screening

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Oct.1, 2021 - Sept.30, 2022 Highlights

- \$34,500 in food support fed the hungry in Montego Bay and Kingston
- 421 Students received aid for tablets, internet cards, online learning aids, tuition, supplies, books, or uniforms
- 17 Housing units were built for the poor
- \$725 Was funded for medicine and medical supplies
- 684 Patients received dental care
- 188 Patients received health screenings
- ... see inside for details.



Volunteers are Essential in Our Service to Jamaica

The need for volunteers is always ongoing. In Naples, we need and depend on host families willing to welcome Jamaicans who visit Naples for medical treatment or JOP events. Our greatest needs are people in leadership roles who can chair fundraising events, mission trips, and administrative tasks.

To staff mission trips, we need optometrists, opticians, dentists, dental hygienists/ assistants, doctors, and nurses from any part of the USA!

New volunteers are always welcomed. Anyone interested in becoming an active volunteer is invited to contact any Board member (see box below for contact info).



Vision Care Report

The eye care division continued to support ophthalmic services to the people of Kingston despite being unable to travel to Jamaica due to covid-19 restrictions. Several eye surgeries performed in Jamaica were funded by the JOP and parishioners of St. John the Evangelist. Funds and supplies were sent to our affiliate surgery center in Kingston and four eye surgeries (corneal transplants or cataract or Laser) operations were performed in Naples on JOP patients. The eye care team plans to visit the clinic at St. Pius before the end of the year and intends to reinstate eye clinics and surgical procedures in Kingston before the end of the first quarter of 2023.

Dr. Jeffrey Zimm is JOP's Eye Care Coordinator, he has been going to Jamaica for 18 years and is part of the JOP Advisory Board. There are many patients still waiting for eye surgery and vision care. For more information contact: Dr. Jeffrey Zimm 239-592-5511

Interested in learning more? Gen. Info: Ray Shawcross, President 401-862-0590 Medical: Dr. Joseph Vento 917-561-5499 Vision Care: Dr. Jeff Zimm 592-5511

Dental: Roger Plante: 239-948-2145 Education & Housing: Ray Shawcross 401-862-0590 Donations & Events: Jeanne Pittman 239-248-3248

Optical Equipment : Paul Connor 330-784-6623 Food and Goods : Jeff Meyerson 239-592-5781 Website & Publications: Jeff Meyerson 239-592-5781

Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended 9-30-22 — Jamaica Outreach Program

Statement of Activities

Support and revenues	
Contributions & Grants	\$ 374,528
Special events, net	\$ 2,530
Donated food, goods & services	\$ 69,666
Investments & Other Income*	\$ 561
Total Revenues	\$ 447,285
Expenses	
Program services (97%)	\$ 375,381
General & administrative (2%)**	\$ 8,531
Fundraising (1%)	\$ 2,834
Total expenses	\$ 386,746
Increase (decr) in net assets	\$ 60,539
Net assets - beginning of year	\$ 226,372
Net assets - end of year	\$ 286,911
Unrestricted net assets	\$ 249,963
Temporarily restricted net assets***	\$ 36,948

97 % Spent on Programs for the Poor

Fortunately, our fixed expenses are minimal because we have no rent and no paid staff. Expenses were lower for many programs due to the cancellation of mission trips and associated in-kind goods and services donations. Periodic audits of the records of our grant-ees help to confirm that grants were used as intended. We also have an annual internal audit to verify that JOP's policies on checks and balances have been followed. Our books are open to anyone who wants a more detailed view of our finances.

THANK YOU for your faithful support of our mission.

* Other Income and Other Program Services include mission trip expenses contributed by trip volunteers.

** General/admin expenses are largely CPA financial services & insurance.

*** Temporarily Restricted Net Assets include donations restricted for distribution after the close of our fiscal year: \$29,354 Eye Surgery, \$5,000 Medical Equipment, \$1,120 Other Optical, and \$1,474 Medical.

Sean Nolan, CPA, of RWHSJ prepares JOP's reviewed financial statements, but the final product was not available at press time. A copy of their complete report will be available on our website or by calling Jeanne Pittman 239-248-3248

Housing Report - 17 NEW HOMES FOR NEEDY JAMAICAN FAMILIES

Even with the COVID pandemic raging in Jamaica, JOP had a banner year in building houses for the poor. Through the generosity of our faithful sponsors, we constructed 17 new homes throughout the island. This was a 40% increase from the previous year.

The houses although small, come equipped with sanitation, cooking area, sink, lighting, and water. In addition, basic furnishings are also supplied. The dwellings are built with sturdy walls and water proof roofs. These units are built with structural elements to withstand bad storms.

Previously, many of the families lived in shacks with tarps and metal sheets, they now have real floors that don't turn to mud when it rains. It is heartwarming to see the look on the faces of the children when they first see the JOP houses. The houses not only provide a secure home but also a new sense of dignity and hope for the future.



Even with inflation we were able to maintain the cost of a houses at \$9800. The price includes beds, mattresses and other furniture which are provided prior to the family moving in. Understanding that this price point is more than one donor can provide we are able to match donors with each providing \$4900.

Donors truly transform the lives of desperate families struggling to survive.

For further information regarding donating a house contact Ray Shawcross at reshaw1@verizon.net or 401-862-0590



Education Report

Marcus Garvey School



In the aftermath of the COVID 19 pandemic, the schools in Jamaica are slowly getting back to operation. Many Jamaican students have missed in person learning for nearly 30 months. This was a huge setback for both students and teachers. During this period the educational, social and spiritual guidance that the schools provide has been missing.

This year, JOP financially supported many schools in order for them to meet COVID protocols enacted by the government. Air exchange systems, water filtration and medical supplies were purchased by schools with JOP funds.

At the St Mary Basic School, the Msgr. Wilson School and Marcus Garvey School, we subsidize the cost of teacher salaries and utilities. During the pandemic, job losses were catastrophic; parents were unable to pay tuition and JOP assistance kept schools open and operating.

In the Archdiocese of Kingston, we sponsored scholarships at four different parishes for students. In total, over 50 students attend high school with the help of JOP funding. In Jamaica, student fees for books and transportation are not funded by the government and, due to the poverty level, these fees can be a major obstacle to have these youngsters furthering their education.

In the Diocese of Montego Bay, under the direction of Bishop Burchell, JOP provided \$35,000 for educational funding. The funds were used to subsidize salaries and costs of overall operation, all in an effort to make Catholic education affordable for the needy.

We firmly believe that education is the key to transforming the Jamaican society.

For further information contact Ray Shawcross at reshaw1@verizon.net or 401-862-0590



Marcus Garvey Toddlers Camp

Medical Report

Fall 2022 Mission



Our medical director, Dr. Joseph Vento, led the first post COVID medical mission to Jamaica on September 29, 2022 - the day after Ian hit Naples. The team also included 2 nurse practitioners and an assistant. Local volunteers also assisted. They saw 188 patients, many with hypertension, diabetes, asthma, STDs, skin rashes, arthritis, depression. The clinicians checked blood pressure, pulse oxygen, vision and more. Physical exams were performed and when needed mobile EKGs, finger stick glucose test and urine analysis test were performed.

At the board's request, the team visited the Village of Antonio Gabriele where a group of elderly Jamaicans are cared for and housed. It is an inspirational and effective community in the midst of a dangerous area of Kingston.

In Kingston, the team went to St. Pius and Immaculate Conception in Kingston. This was the first time a team visited Immaculate Conception Church in Stoney Hill area of Kingston. The reception by the community was overwhelming. Patients waited cheerfully to be seen under an outdoor tent - even in the rain. The trip from Kingston to Montego Bay was long and rainy - but well worth it. One day was spent in Seaford Town. It was wonderful to finally be back at Sacred Heart Parish.

The last day of the mission, the team went to St. Mary's Church in the town of Revival about 2 hours from Montego Bay.

Franciscans - Father Colin King and Brother John were our hosts. We were happy to be there on the feast of St. Francis. It was a very meaningful mission, and the team is anxiously awaiting the moment when they can head out on their next mission.

For more information contact: Dr. Joseph Vento 917-561-5499 / jtvmd@yahoo.com.

In Memoriam.... Wally Kasputis Feb, 1947-Aug. 22, 2022

Wally Kasputis was the spark and visionary who created the Jamaica Outreach Program in 1997, together with Father Tom Glackin and then-Father (now Bishop) Burchell McPherson at St Pius X in Kingston. Wally was president for many years until his debilitating stroke about 15 years ago. He had a big heart and much love for the poor. He was passionate about this ministry and recruited many volunteers to get it started and keep it going.

Wally's family wrote: "We are so happy our dad was able to make the trip [to Naples] to see everyone at the 20th Anniversary Celebration in 2018."



Founders: Fr. Tom Glackin, Bishop Burchell McPherson, Wally Kasputis

Dental Clinic Report

We finally did a mission trip to Jamaica this past fiscal year! The first one since Covid disrupted prior dental services. From September 26 to September 28, 2022, our team worked at the VanDomelen Dental Clinic on the grounds of St Pius X. They included 6 dental assistants, 4 hygienists and 3 dentists. They treated 189 patients in the clinic. with cleanings, fillings, extractions, and referrals. In addition, 495 students at the DuPont School were given oral education, screening for cavities and fluoride varnish treatments.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we are able to provide some financial reimbursement for our missionaries although they do bear some of the cost in addition to the generous donation of their lost wages at home plus their valuable time and energy.

We are annually in need of some 2,000 toothbrushes, (sample size) paste and floss and about the same amount of fluoride varnish applications.... donations of which are always appreciated.

For more information, please contact Roger Plante at rogerplante10@gmail.com



Dental Mission Fall 2022



Message from Most Rev. Burchell A. McPherson

MESSAGE to the JAMAICA OUTREACH PROGRAM

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow" 1 Cor. 3 :6,7

It is with distinct pleasure and pride that I offer heartiest congratulations on behalf of the People of God in the Diocese of Montego Bay, to yet another edition of the Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP) newsletter.

JOP and the Diocese of Venice are very dear to my heart and my association with this organisation from inception, coupled with the dynamic leadership of my dear friend and visionary of blessed memory Fr Tom Glackin and so many others, has been a source of strength in my personal ministry and role as a Bishop.

The Body of Jesus Christ is discerning anew its relationships with its members and the society at large in this ever-changing world after such an unprecedented pandemic. It is working towards redefining its place and identity in the reality of an increasingly anti church population, and a myriad of other issues which neglects to see the plight of the poor and marginalised, who barely eke out a meagre existence on the fringes of society and are only consoled by the compassion and merciful intervention of organisations like JOP.

God has chosen you as true witnesses and evangelisers to Christ in your respective professions, by the corporal acts of mercy which are manifested in your programmes. In this role, your stewardship and tangible support in alleviating the plight of the impoverished will be consistently called upon to proclaim the Christian vision, of how we are called to live in community and of the centrality of God for a flourishing society.

I am assured that based on your spirit of volunteerism and giving throughout the length and breadth of Jamaica, your sojourn will continue to be enriched.

I implore you to continue with enthusiasm and joy, to plant those seeds of effective social outreach in the educational support of our youth, the elderly, the sick and the homeless. Your triumphs and challenges through your ministry over the past 25 years gives Jamaica hope; hope that there is a bright future to be realized by labouring in the vineyard and in establishing fundamental Catholic Christian values and principles, that will have permanent worth and will make a positive difference in transforming our world.

May our Lord Jesus endow you with wisdom and ever deepening holiness, as your esteemed Board of Directors continues in work to the glory of God.

Keep building on the solid foundation laid by those who have served before you and prepare the way for those yet to come!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Burchell A. McPherson, D.D.

Bishop of Montego Bay

Events

At press time, in the fall of 2022, we are not planning any events in 2023. Watch our website or the St John the Evangelist church bulletin for any updates.

Food, Goods and Other Programs

Because of cost of shipping, we have changed how JOP provides food and goods for Jamaica. We will no longer collect items or have a food drive. Our assistance will be in the form of grants and working with other agencies to provide food, goods and other services to the poor in Jamaica.

One of our grants this year was for the Antonino Gabriele Village. This project was started in 2009 with donors from St. John the Evangelist. It was designed to serve the impoverished elderly people near St. Anne's Catholic Church in Kingston.

Beyond this initial JOP grant in early 2022, their future needs include support for food, utilities and repairs. JOP hopes to be a major donor to this project.

Antonino Gabriele Village



Antonino Gabriele Village

For information on Foods and Goods you may contact Jeff Meyerson at 239-592-5781 or jeff@meyerson.net

Jamaican Choir is scheduled to sing at St John's 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 and 11:00 masses February 18-19, 2023.



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