

St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12, 2023

God bless our VETERANS.

Happy Veterans Day!

<u>The Memorare</u>

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.

Parish Information

Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30am (livestreamed) *please note that, going forward, we will NOT have two daily Morning Masses. There will only be an 8:30am Mass.

Saturday: 8:00am, 3:00pm (livestreamed), 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am (livestreamed), 11:00am (livestreamed), 1:00pm, and 5:00pm (Contemporary Mass)

Reconciliation Times

Monday and Wednesday after morning Mass Saturday: 8:30am and 2:00-2:45pm

OFFICE INFORMATION

Mailing Address & Contact Information

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108 Phone: 239.566.8740 Email: info@sjecc.com

Office Hours of Operation Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Religious Gift Shop Hours

Saturday: 2:30pm - 6:15pm Sunday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

Clergy

Fr. Tom Zalewski, Pastor Fr. Mark Harris, Associate Fr. Nick Thompson, Associate Fr. Len Gioeli, Retired Deacon Jim Walworth Deacon Hal Brenner, Senior Status Deacon Frank Paniccia, Senior Status

Administrative Staff

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Director of Religious Education: Natalie Campbell: natalie@sjecc.com

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Greeters & Ushers: Bill Fuller: wfuller1@comcast.net

Altar Servers: Briana Billanti : servers@sjecc.com

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo: ksanfelippo@comcast.net



Mass Intentions

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Dennis and Fran

Saturday, November 11, 2023			<u>Requested By</u>
9:00 AM	+	M. Webster and A. Pagano	Deb Marsh
Vigil Masses for Sunday	V		
3:00 PM	+	Connie Episcopo	Children
5:00 PM	+	Rich Froehlich	Sharon and Fred Singler
Sunday, Novemb	er 12,	2023	Requested By
7:00 AM	+	Maureen Luby	Charlotte and Ken Tarr
9:00 AM	+	Angelo Monticelli	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Powers
11:00 AM	+	Dr. Thomas J. O'Connor	Fred Singler
1:00 PM	SI	For Our Parishioners	
5:00 PM	+	Richard McInnis	Mattera Family
Monday, November 13, 2023			Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Renzo Lucci	Lucci Family
Tuesday, Novem	ber 14	<u>, 2023</u>	Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Robert Rilley	Gordon and Alvera Clark
Wednesday, Nov	ember	<u>· 15, 2023</u>	Requested By
8:30 AM	+	William and Cecilia Schultz	The Schultz Family
Thursday, Noven	ber 10	<u>6, 2023</u>	Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Shirley and Walter Conway	Family
Friday, November 17, 2023			Requested By
8:30 AM	+	Elizabeth Bolden	Tom and Marilyn Hanna
Saturday, November 18, 2023			<u>Requested By</u>
8:00 AM	+	Pauline Noftz	Marcia and John Verburgt
(Vigil Masses for Sund	day)		
3:00 PM	+	Elizabeth Singler	Fred Singler
5:00 PM	+	Andy Sanfelippo	Kay Sanfelippo
Sunday, November 19, 2023			<u>Requested By</u>
7:00 AM	+	Betty O'Rourke	O'Rourke Family
9:00 AM	+	Thomas Coman	Sharon and Fred Singler
11:00 AM	+	Tom Powell	Rose Marie Powell and Family
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America Needs Fatima Public Prayer Rally

+ William Powers, MD

SI For Our Parishioners

Help us pray on Saturday each month of the Apparition Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, on NE corner of US 41 & Immokalee Rd./Riverchase Plaza. You may bring a chair, umbrella, water & signs. For more info, text or call Lea Noyes: 239-246-1676

Upcoming Dates and Times: 12/16: 12-1 pm

1:00 PM

5:00 PM

Caturday, Navanshav 11, 2022



Recently Deceased / Prayer List

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

Mary Dwyer Lisa Gene Hall Barbara Carman-Koch Margaret Mudra **Tobias Terrance** *The Funeral for Leanilda Wozniak will take place on 11/18/23 at 12:00pm

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Alex Portar

Robert Pulte

Robert Redman

Mary Ann Rilley

Judith & Michael S.

Peggy O'Neil Saba

Catherine Schmacht

Lisa Sanfelippo

Karen Schrimpl

Carlos Somarribas

George Sparacino

Norma J. Spriggle

Christopher Suki

Sue and Tom Sweeney

Joan Marie Switalski

Steve Savory

Laura Sotkes

Colin Spence

Jeanne Stoll

Katie Sutton

Joan Switalski

Sarah Thewes

Marilyn Thyen

Noah Wagner

Joy Wagner

Greigh Wells

Sholle Thomson

Kathleen Trotter

Lisa Marie Turner

Raymond Vanasse

Dana, Geneva and

Olivia Whiteside

Natalie Williams

Carol Williamson

Bruce Williamson

Brynn Wilson

S. J. Zarebi

Nancy Zilavy

Jennifer Weidenbruch

George Reyes

Karen Pulte

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

- Mary A.
- Priscila Abgala •
- Noor Ahsan •
- Declan Aigner
- Antonio Amador ٠
- **Beckey Atkins** •
- Jerry B. •
- Anna and Angelo Babbo
- Florence Ballachino
- Barbara Barber •
- Jennifer Basile ٠
- Nadine Baxter
- David Bearce •
- Linda Berrv ٠
- Sara Boettcher
- Michael Brien ٠
- Ralph A. Caccia •
- Bob Capicchioni
- Frank Carillo
- Karen Cassady •
- ٠ Rita Caven
- Mr and Mrs Ciano
- Tom Collins
- Sheryl Conway •
- Lucia Cook •
- Matthew Cummings
- Tom Despres
- Donna DiMare •
- Lorraine Dolan •
- Tom Duncan •
- Elizabeth Harrington Dyer •
- Megan Ebert
- Peter Ebert •
- Paul Ebert •
- Pamela Eck •
- John Eddy
- Monica Ellis
- Ira Faber •
- **Bill Farley** •
- Brian Fay •
- Tiffany Fellenz
- Bruce Fenske •
- Lori Fenske

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Amy FitzGerald

- **Rachel Fling**
- **Bill Flowers** •
- Anna Focht •
- Ron Fongemie •
- Phyllis and Peter Foti ٠
- Tom Froh •
- Lester Fuller
- Terry Gallagher
- Kathy Gallucci
- Joanna Gasparrino •
- Jeffery Gatt •
- Veronika Gavelis •
- Marg Gheller •
- **Tamie Gibbons**
- Fr. Len Gioeli
- Amy Goodwine ٠
- Florence Gordon ٠
- Lisa Ann Granger
- **Richard Granger**
- Nancy Graves •
- Ian Greenberg ٠
- Sam Greenberg •
- Joan Griffin •
- Frank Grzesk ٠
- Gary Gwizdala
- Patricia Gynba •
- Raymond Hall •
- Fred Harkins •
- **Bob Hearson**
- Bob Hilliard
- Kathleen Cleary Hinkle
- Brian Hintz
- Jerry Hirsch •
- Patrick Howlett
- Jim Hubbard •
- Becky Huff-Cook •
- Carolyn Jansen
- **Taylor Jansen**
- Jimmy •
- Cynthia Johnson •
- Gesse Joseph •
- Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman •
- Yvonne Keenan
- Tracey Kirk

- Victoria Kramer
- Frank and Mary Lou Kreber •
- Richard C. Kruger
- Ramona Langman
- Alicia Laplant •

Drew Loggi

Michele Loggi

MaryEtta Loggi

Elaine Lopresti

Vince LoPresti

Teresa Lozano

Diane Maloney

Donna Masse

Lana McBride

Wendy Mercer

Steven Miller

Eileen Miner

Patrick Moorton

Marie Morsetti

Kimberly Mullin

Robert Murphy

Candy Nordland

JenniferO'Connor

Joseph Pandolfo

Lenard Pelletier

John Murphy

JoAnn Natale

Eleanor Nute

Patty Palmer

Eric Parker

Ann Petrillo

Carol Petrone

• Mary Lynn Podolak

Sylvia & Vinny Pierro

Pattv

• Lucille Metz

Robert McAloney Jr

Edward John Metz

Nicolas Giovanni Maggio

Bobby Lutz

Albert M.

Ruth Martin

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The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

• John Thomas Lawson Rosemary Litwin

Military Prayer List



Let Us Pray For Those Who Serve... Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Praying for Our Men and Women in Service – We give our sincere thanks and appreciation to all veterans who have served their country. We continue to pray for our loved ones who are currently serving in the armed forces, whether they are stationed overseas or in the United States.

To submit a name to add to our Military Prayer List, please contact our Main Office at 239.566.8740

Please inform us when a loved one has been discharged in order for us to keep our list current.

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

- Captain Jesse Adamson: US Army, Kuwait
- Captain Will Adamson: US Army, Anchorage AK
- Lieutenant Carson Brial US Navy
- Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary
- Gavin Cooper, Navy, EMN3
- Adam Decker
- Alexander Denha 2nd lieutenant ARMY, Ft Bragg N.C.
- Major Derek-Army National Guard
- Nick Detloff
- SGT Ashlyn Ducharme Us Army
- Capt. Stephen English US Army
- Brendan C. Finnegan-USAF
- SFC Lon Giancola
- SSG Douglas Hennessy
- Lt. Col. Scott Huber USAF
- Drew Kendall Petty Officer U.S. Navy

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- Drew Kendall Petty Officer U.S. Navy
- Sophie Koeppl
- Sgt. Nicholas LaManna
- Sgt. William McKinney
- PV2 Alexander McMickle Ft. Eustis, VA
- Connor Miller: US Navy search and rescue
- Col. Brian Murphy
- Lt. Col. Jill Murphy
- Hugh O'Donnell, SPEC 4, 75th Ranger Regiment
- Sgt. Larry Oldenburg US Army
- Cpl. Derek Perez US Marine Corps
- Daniel Petito US Army
- Matthew Popielec, PFC-Germany
- 1st Lieutenant Robert W. Raleigh IV - US Marine Corps

- Capt. Gregory Sacenti US Army
- Hunter Scalzo Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th Infantry
- Lt. Michaela Scrudato, US Navy
- Austin Spagnola
- LTJG Tanis K. Taylor US Navy, USS Sullivans
- Lt. Brendan Tourek USN
- Lance Cpl. Sisi Tyrrell US Marine Corps
- Captain Grant Ullrich, US Army in Kuwait
- Andrew Wieland US Air Force
- Kaden Winckel, Airman 1st Class, USAF
- Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino
 – USAF, Turkey
- Austin Zicht USAF

Ministries and Groups

Arimatheans. Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Please contact the Main Office 239.566.8740

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group – Every Wednesday from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. 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

Faith Chat - FAITH CHAT will resume Thursday September 7th at 9:30am. We will have a meet and greet with refreshments to meet new friends and catch up with old friends! On September 14th (at 9:30am) we will begin discussing the book "The Lamb's Supper" by Scott Hahn.

For more information contact Lee Pinto at <u>Leepinto2924@aol.com</u>

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. Contact Grand Knight, Jack Kindsvater at jack@sjecc.com.

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, baptismal blankets, prayer shawls, blankets for veterans in VITAS Hospice Program, nursing home, and elderly blankets. No experience necessary. Donations, both monetary and yarn, are welcome. Contact: Sharon Campbell 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 - Meets on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. – Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. Quilts for babies and children which are donated locally and red, white, and blue quilts for veterans in the VITAS Hospice Program. If you are a quilter, we encourage you to join us, but everyone is welcome regardless of skill level. Donations, both monetary and fabric, are welcome. Contact: Sharon Campbell 239.438.7867 or sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com

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 contact Marianne Swan 305.965. 5980, email swan11@bellsouth.net 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@SVDPnaples.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



Children & Youth Ministries

Altar Servers - Altar Servers participate with the Priest in performing various parts of the liturgy. They assist the Sacristan with preparing the altar, lighting the candles and other tasks as assigned. This ministry is open to Youth who have been Baptized and have made their First Holy Communion. Youth altar servers assist at weekend masses, at weddings, and other special liturgies. Training is conducted several times each year. Email <u>servers@sjecc.com</u> for more information.

Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist. Prepare boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meets on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. in the Alexandria Room. scoutmaster@troop-226.com

Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist. Provide families with an opportunity to raise their young boys in the way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Contact Melissa Wychocki: mwychocki@gmail.com **High School Youth Group:** Every Sunday from 6 PM to 7:30 PM after 5 PM mass. The first day is Sunday, September 17th in classrooms 7 & 8.

Middle School Youth Group: Every Friday, excluding the second Friday of each month, from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. The first day is Friday, September 22nd in classrooms 7 & 8.

We are excited to announce that we will be implementing the **Life Teen** curriculum for youth group and 5 PM Mass! Thus, we are seeking youth for various 5 PM Mass positions. Please use the link to register for all youth events/programs: https://form.jotform.com/232166624477158

Visit our website for our youth ministry calendars!

St. John the Evangelist's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Our Purpose - What is it all about?







Simply put we are an extension of your generosity inspired by the Holy Spirit, working directly with our local neighbors in distress. We do in- home, in- person visits to assess needs and deliver timely material and spiritual assistance. We help folks get back on their feet through difficult times. We help our neighbors become self-sufficient.

So, when you choose St Vincent de Paul's--St John the Evangelist Conference for your donations, you are changing the lives of your neighbors in need. You are providing food, clothing, shelter, life skills training, and hope for better tomorrows. You are literally an integral part of delivering the hope, peace, and love of Christ.

If you are so moved, come join us. There is plenty of work to do. If you are called to donate pleased do so whenever the Spirit moves you. Your donations are critical, especially in today's economic environment. We do God's work in solidarity with those in need and that is what the St Vinent de Paul Society is all about, translating our Parish's Faith into Action.

For more information please contact,

Bob Westenberg

President, SVdP-St John the Evangelist Conference <u>bwstjohn@svdpnaples.org</u>

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive



The St. Vincent de Paul Naples food pantry urgently needs your annual gift bag(s) of selected canned good. Bags and a list of items needed by our neighbors will be distributed after Masses on **November 11 and November 12**. Please bring the filled bags back for pick-up on November 18 and November 19. There will be bags and lists available in the Parish office for those unable to attend Mass on November 11 or 12.



Sacraments

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. 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.

St. John the Evangelist seeks prospective Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound

We visit residents in facilities, communities and individual homes; bringing Communion on a weekly basis, following morning Mass. If you would like further information, or to join this worthwhile ministry which reaches out to our parishioners currently unable to attend Mass, please send an email to: mlkopenspaces@aol.com.

*Safe Environment Training, and Fingerprinting are prerequisites for serving

Distribution of the Precious Blood from the Chalice

Under the guidance of Bishop Dewane, St. John the Evangelist will resume the distribution of Communion under both species. Please note that distribution of the Precious Blood will be based on the number of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at each Mass.





Readings for the Week

Saturday, November 11, 2023 Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, November 12, 2023 Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday, November 13, 2023 Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 Wis 2:23–3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, November 16, 2023 Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 17, 2023 Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 18, 2023 Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42 43/Lk 18:1-8



Business Information



Donation Reminders



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



To donate to our 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/waysto-give/cfa, or



• Scan the QR code to be directed to the Diocese of Venice CFA page

St. John the Evangelist

~at a glance

Total Households With our new families, we have 3417 Parish households.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of those baptized in October: -Jordan Alston -Hudson Langley -Shea Provost -Maisie Tarja -Vincent Zadlo

Weddings

Congratulations to the couples who were married at St. John's in October. We wish you a lifetime of love and blessings: -Lexie Legault & Brandon Janson -Christina Restrepo & Eric Handa

-Meredith Slott & Scott Nelson



Offertory

10/4/23 - 10/10/23 \$41,404.24

10/11/23 - 10/17/23 \$61,345.85

10/18/23 - 10/24/23 \$49,189.50

10/25/23 - 10/31/23 \$56,598.37

Safe Environment Training

The Diocese of Venice states that, "all employees, covered volunteers and religious brothers and sisters must be electronically fingerprinted. Eligibility for employment/ volunteer work/ministry will be contingent and conditioned upon a satisfactory background investigation. A reasonable effort shall be made to update the criminal history background information every five (5) years". The Diocese classifies a covered volunteer as "any unpaid adult person engaged or involved in a Diocesan activity in which he/she is entrusted with the care and supervision of children or allowed unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults" (e.g. when screened personnel not present).

St. John the Evangelist also requires the following volunteers to go through the background screening process (through fingerprints):

- Volunteers who handle cash, credit cards, and other financial transactions
- Volunteers who are entrusted with confidential information, such as donor records and parish registration forms
- Volunteers who serve, distribute, and administer the Holy Eucharist

Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. If Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.

Business Information / A Letter from Fr. Len



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA office of the bishop

November 2, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the national, antipoverty campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has been an immeasurable blessing for those in need over the years. CCHD supports organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people across the United States. These organizations address challenges that affect communities in both rural and urban areas by aiding and advocating for employment opportunities, education, and affordable housing.

Nearly thirty-four million Americans live below the poverty line. By supporting CCHD, you can help break the cycle of poverty through funding community programs that encourage independence. Further, you help local communities in the Diocese of Venice, and across the country, innovate and work together to solve their own unique challenges, especially those impacted by natural disasters.

The Diocese of Venice will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development the weekend of November 18 and 19, 2023. In addition to making an impact nationally, those living in poverty in rural areas of our own Diocese are empowered through the twenty-five percent share of the collection that stays here. Your support of this collection truly makes a difference for those in need. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ, and 6 + Frank / Dewane Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

"In Season" Morning Mass

Going forward, we will only have one daily Morning Mass (Monday-Friday at 8:30am) year-round.



St. John's Gift Shop

Saturdays 2:30-6:15 PM and Sundays 8:30 AM-1:00 PM

We are pleased to offer Christmas decor and gifts for everyone on your list. We carry nativity sets, ornaments, mugs, homemade gifts (crafted by one of our sewing ministry members), jewelry, books, rosaries, statues, children's gifts, St. John the Evangelist Christmas Cards, and more!

Our Gift Shop is located inside the Church entrance

We look forward to serving you!

Merry Christmas



Memorial Garden Notes



Dear Parishioners - Thank you for your patience as our landscapers prepared our Memorial Garden for new grass. I am happy to announce that this project is nearing completion. And, our electrician is currently working on repairs to our fountain.

As a reminder, please refrain from placing rocks, artificial flowers, and other non-natural items in the Garden. When the landscapers are there, these items can become projectiles and/or damage equipment. As of November 20, we will routinely remove items left in the Garden that are not natural.

Thank you

A Letter of Gratitude from Fr. Len

Thank you...

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for all your support and encouragement during the last few months while I was out of commission. Needless to say, I greatly missed being actively involved in our vibrant faith community where so many live the gospel in such a quiet, humble way.

Your prayers, Mass cards, meals, cards and notes were an important part of my healing. I am equally grateful for those who readily provided transportation for me when needed.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

God bless you! Fr. Len

Prayers

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 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

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.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls.

who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls Amen.

The Prayer of Divine Mercy

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



Reading 1 Wis 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. **R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.** Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. I will remember you upon my couch,

and through the night-watches I will meditate on you: You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Reading 2 1 Thes 4:13-18

[We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.] Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

Alleluia Mt 24:42a, 44

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."



Gospel Reflection from Fr. Tom

While the Gospel is talking about rejoicing, the Second Reading is talking about grieving. Both are part of life and can be very close to each other. Today I may be attending a wedding, tomorrow a funeral. The early Christians believed that Jesus would return soon and take them all to heaven. This made it difficult for them to accept the death of some of their members before Jesus returned in glory.

In the Second Reading we heard Paul reassuring the Thessalonians. He tells them that as surely as God raised Jesus from the dead, Jesus will raise those who have died, and present them to God in the final showing of his Kingdom. But meanwhile they are grieving. What should be their attitude to grief? He didn't tell the Thessalonians that they should not grieve. What he said to them was: "Do not grieve like those who have no hope." Grief is not an easy thing to handle. You still find people who directly or indirectly discourage it. Vincent had recently lost his wife, and was now living on his own. He was still in the early stages of a very deep grief. Her death left not only a great void in his life, but a great silence too.

To their credit, his grown children visited him regularly. However, they made sure not to bring up the one subject he desperately wanted and needed to talk about, namely, the death of his wife. They said they didn't want to upset him. So they acted as if nothing had happened, and expected him to do the same. Even though they meant well, they were not helping him. He had to do his grief-work. That grief was all the greater for not being shared.

Grief follows the loss of a loved one as surely and naturally as night follows day. Grief is one of the strongest emotions we will ever experience. Many people have a problem about expressing grief, and may try to suppress it. To suppress grief is dangerous, and can result in serious emotional problems.

To live fruitfully after the death of a loved one, people need to go through a period of mourning. The way to deal with grief is not to run away from it, or pretend it isn't there, but to face it and work through it with as much honesty and courage as one can. Those who do this will emerge enriched as persons. Grief has a great purgative value. God cannot fill the soul until it is emptied of trivial concerns. And a great grief is a tremendous bonfire in which all the trash of life is consumed.

Faith should not be used as a barrier against grief. Sometimes people say about someone who does not grieve, "What great faith he (she) has!" But even Christ grieved. To grieve over the loss of a loved one is a good and necessary thing. While faith doesn't do away with the necessity of grieving, it is a wonderful comfort and support at a time of death. Paul says, "We believe that Jesus Christ died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Christ ... Comfort one another with these thoughts." Faith doesn't dispense us from grieving. What it does do is enable us to grieve with hope.

There's no escaping the work of grief, and there can be no economizing in that work. If we suppress it now it will burst out later, when there's another death to mourn or another anniversary.

We mustn't be afraid to cry, to let ourselves go. It's part of the healing. We have tears in our eyes but hope in our hearts. If we do the work of grief, we will wake up one morning, liberated and full of energy for life. The wedding feast to which Jesus invites us will be all the more joyful for those who have walked through the dark valley of grief, and emerged with the lamp of love still burning brightly.

A Rectory for St. John the Evangelist

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, I announced a fundraising campaign to fund construction of a Rectory on our grounds for our 3 Priests and one retired Priest. Included here are depictions of the planned structure.

For some time, the question of a rectory has been raised in various parish forums. We currently own a very nice house that I occupy, an owned condominium and a rented apartment for our Priests. Maintenance and operating costs are increasing and there is inefficiency in the frequent travel back and forth to the church. Additionally,



area housing costs are high and retired Priests are increasingly priced out from being able to reside in the area and help us out.

As I have considered this, I also see the advantages of a Rectory in building cohesion in the Brotherhood of Priests. Simply getting together to share a meal is made complex by our different locations. A Rectory would enhance our priest's availability to one another and the parish. Once construction is complete we would exit and sell currently occupied residences. Our fundraising goal is \$2.5 million dollars.

I'm heartened by the support and energy of those involved to date in the planning process. Everyone has enthusiastically endorsed the concept including Bishop Dewane. I hope you too would get behind this project and consider supporting the effort with a contribution. I believe it will make us more effective, efficient and bring us closer together as we pursue our mission: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community.

Contributions should be made to Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church – Rectory Campaign. Alternatively, pledges can be made on the included form and paid by April 1, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Donnelly (Operations Manager – 228-3910), or Jim Culkar (Finance Council Chair – 254-9510).

In Christ, Father Tom

	St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111th Ave North, Naples, FL 34108 All pledges must be received by April 1, 2024		
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Opening Hymn: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63 - My Soul Is Thirsting Gifts: The King of Love My Shepherd Is Communion Hymns: The Lord Is My Light, Christ Be Our Light Closing Hymn: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



Text: 77 77 D; Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt. Music: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893.

The Gargiulo Education Center (GEC), is urgently in search of a permanent home. This 501c3 nonprofit, has been serving disadvantaged latchkey/migrant children for over 22 years in North Naples, at no cost to the families. The center is currently located south and directly behind Mediterra, off of Rail Head Blvd and Old 41. GEC requires a minimum of a 6000 sqft in a stand-alone building to expand and better serve our community. We are asking parishioners for help in finding a suitable space in North Naples close to the current location. This crucial program is out of school time, during the week, weekends and holidays. The strong academic, entrepreneurial, socially-proficient and emotional intelligence programming is essential for not only these children but for society as a whole. Please help. To learn more about how you can help, please visit <u>www.gargiuloed.org</u> and or call Mary Asta at 212-750-5894. God Bless.

Mary Asta, Executive Director, Gargiulo Education Center

Psalm 63 - My Soul Is Thirsting



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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With 3. Per - verse and fool - ish I have strayed, But 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With 5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your 6. And so through all the length of days Your
1. good-ness fails me nev - er; I noth-ing lack if 2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant 3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der 4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my 5. sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what joy and 6. good-ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep-herd, may I
1. I am his, 2. And he is mine for - ev - er. 2. pas - tures grow, 3. With heav'n - ly food he feeds me. 3. gent - ly laid, 4. And home, your cross re - joic - ing, brought me. 5. true de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing! 6. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev er.

Text: 87 87; based on Psalm 23; Matthew 18; John 10; Henry Williams Baker, 1821-1877, alt. Music: Trad. Irish Melody.

A Prayer for Veterans

God of peace, We pray that you bless all those who have served their country through service in the armed forces. Grant healing to those veterans who have been wounded, be it in body, mind or soul. We pray especially for those young men and women who come home to lives of suffering and loneliness. Offer them the solace that only You can, and may we pray for them often, especially when they feel they cannot pray. Echoing John Paul II, as a way to honor all the veterans of past wars, we ask for an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace.
Lord, have mercy. Bring peace to our hearts, the hearts of all veterans and to the regions in which they fought. Grant, we pray, the creative vision to see a world that, weary with fighting, affirms the life of every human being and so moves beyond war.

Prince of peace, hear our prayer,

Amen.



The Lord Is My Light

Christ Be Our Light Bernadette Farrell

 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
 Longing for truth, we turn to you.
 Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.Longing for hope, many despair.Your word alone has pow'r to save us.Make us your living voice.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

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Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC



Text: 15 15 15 6 with refrain; Julia W. Howe, 1819–1910. Music: trad. American Melody, attr. to William Steffe, ca. 1830–1911.



Music for the 5:00PM Sunday Mass

Opening Song: Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down, fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art; visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all Thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above; pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Preparation Song: What Wondrous Love is This

What wondrous love is this O my soul O my soul What wondrous love is this O my soul What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse For my soul for my soul To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

When I was sinking down Sinking down sinking down When I was sinking down sinking down When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown Christ laid aside His crown For my soul for my soul Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb I will sing I will sing To God and to the Lamb I will sing To God and to the Lamb Who is the Great I Am While millions join the theme I will sing I will sing While millions join the theme I will sing

Communion Song: Behold the Lamb of God

V: You are my Lord It's You I adore Nothing on earth Could ever take Your place Your might humbles ev'ry heart The highest of heavens bow For nothing on earth Could ever take Your place

Pre-Chorus: And now we see Your sacrifice The greatest gift our greatest prize

Chorus: Behold the Lamb of God Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world

Bridge: We will not forget We will stay awake We will not abandon The promise that You made

Closing Song: Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King, No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King, No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King, No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King, No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

Faith Formation

A Night in Bethlehem Returns to St. John The Evangelist!

A Night In Bethlehem — A Bible-Times Christmas Event for Families December 6th: 5:00-7:00PM ~Parish Ballroom



For tickets and registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/night-in-bethlehem-st-john-the-evangelist-catholic-church-tickets-736746086377?aff=oddtdtcreator

Families are invited to discover Jesus in Bible-times Bethlehem!

During this 2-hour Christmas program, families wander through the bustling Bethlehem marketplace and discover what life was like when Jesus was born. Everyone will create unique keepsakes as they interact with local shopkeepers who share the Christmas story. And...they'll love talking to Mary and Joseph in The Stable—and hearing about the miracle of Jesus' birth.

This Week in Faith Formation

Sunday, November 12th: K-8 Faith Formation Sessions – 9:30-10:45 AM ***Coffee in the Pulte Center Café for Parents During Faith Formation.

Sunday, November 12th: High School Confirmation Session - 3:45 - 6:00 PM ***Parent Session in the Nazareth Room of the Pulte Family Center

Wednesday, November 15th: 12:30 - 2:30 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Pre-K Atrium

Wednesday, November 15th: K-8 Faith Formation Sessions – 5:00-6:15 PM ***Refreshments in the Pulte Center Café for Parents During Faith Formation



Adult Faith Formation

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The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Adult Faith Formation



A 4-Week Scripture Study with Sue Hamilton

Advent is a special season for the Church. It is the time when the world prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ. We often lose sight of the point of this season because we get so caught up in our preparations, and we find ourselves no more transformed on Christmas Day than we were at the start of Advent.

One way our parish is seeking to prepare for Jesus' birth and experience true transformation in this powerful season is by engaging in a new program from Ascension.

This program is Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture, Year B. This year, we will explore the Sunday Mass readings through daily reflections, prayer, and journaling, with weekly prayer videos presented by Fr. Mark Toups and his friends Sr. Josephine Garrett and Fr. Josh Johnson.

We have the opportunity to walk together as a parish this Advent, opening our hearts to hear what God is saying to us in this hectic but blessed season. On four consecutive Tuesdays beginning on November 28th in the Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center, join Sue Hamilton as she facilitates this study from 12:00PM-**1:30PM.** Each participant will have the opportunity to purchase a Rejoice Journal for \$10. Rejoice! is filled with beautiful art and meaningful meditations, to use throughout the Advent season.

Rejoice! is an opportunity for our whole community to enter the season of Advent intentionally and receive the grace God is waiting to give us in this holy season. Kindly let us know you are participating with an email to AFF@sjecc.com.

This Week in Adult Faith Formation

Monday, November 13th 6:00PM- OCIA Session – Room 11 & 12 Claussen Center

Thursday, November 16th

9:30AM-11:00AM - Faith Chat - Alexandria Room of the Claussen Center 3:00PM-4:30PM - Soul Sisters - Session 6 - Claussen Center Library

Upcoming

Rejoice! Advent 4-week Scripture Study beginning Tuesday, November 28th - 12:00-1:30PM

Well Read Mom Book Study - Wednesday, November 29th 6:30-8:00PM or Thursday, November 30th 10:00-11:30AM. For more information, email Lena at aff@sjecc.com or visit wellreadmom.com





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6:30 Breakfast 7:00 Presentation 7:30 Small Groups 8:00 Mass 9:00-10:00 (optional) Free Gym Access - Weights & Cardio

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Eucharistic Revival

Bishop DeWane says of the Year of Parish Revival "It is in a precise way, in the Eucharist, the Lord is given to us, and we receive Him. We must also have the strength to spend time in front of the Eucharist. Let the strength that Jesus Christ is; let His presence in the Eucharist, fill your heart, fill your mind, fill your soul."

The four pillars for St. John the Evangelist Year of Parish Revival are: Reinvigorate Worship, Personal Encounter, Robust Faith Formation, and Missionary Sending.

Reinvigorate Worship

Attentiveness to full preparation, reverent celebration, and offering many opportunities for parishioners to experience the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist more profoundly.

Personal Encounter

Active encouragement and facilitation for increased participation in Eucharistic Adoration by our parishioners.

Robust Faith Formation

Providing opportunities in our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry for instruction about the Eucharist; and personal engagement for our children, young adults, and their families. Providing parishioners resources to learn more about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Missionary Sending

Welcoming our parishioners and their families when they are drawn to the Church for sacraments. Proactive outreach and welcome to non-Catholics to join our Church. Attentiveness to our Eucharistic Ministry to encourage ongoing learning and to engage more volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers who bring Christ to all in our Parish, both at Mass and to those who are not able to attend Mass.



Prayer asking for Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Oh Father, who has given us the ardent testimony, of the young Blessed Carlo Acutis, who made the Eucharist the core of his life and the strength of his daily commitments so that everybody may love You above all else, let him soon be counted among the Blessed and the Saints in Your Church.

Confirm my faith, nurture my hope, strengthen my charity, in the image of young Carlo who, growing in these virtues, now lives with You. Grant me the grace that I need...

I trust in You, Father, and your Beloved Son Jesus, in the Virgin Mary, our Dearest Mother, and in the intervention of Your Blessed Carlo Acutis. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

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Find Carlo!



Join us in praying for the Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Each week this year, we will hide a cartoon of Carlo somewhere in the bulletin. When you find him, say a prayer asking for his Canonization.

*In the November 5th bulletin, Carlo was on page 11 in the Gift Shop ad

Eucharistic Revival

Eucharistic Procession - Feast of Christ the King Sunday, November 26, 2023 - St. John the Evangelist

Christ the King Eucharistic Procession Route

Following a brief period of Adoration in the church at the conclusion of the 1:00pm Mass, the Monstrance is processed out and the Procession forms at 2:15pm outside of the church main entrance.

The Procession heads east and then north around the Memorial Garden for the first of two Adoration/Benediction stops. Limited seating will be available at the first Adoration/Benediction stop for those who would like to participate but prefer not to follow the entire route.



After a brief Adoration & Benediction, the Procession then continues along the boundary of the parking area around the Claussen Center to the northern boundary, and then proceeds all the way south to the 111th Street boundary for the second Adoration/Benediction stop.

After another brief Adoration & Benediction, the Procession then continues along the west parking boundary and returns to the church main entrance. The Monstrance is processed inside to the Altar for a final Benediction and Reposition of the Body of Christ in the Tabernacle.

A brief reception for Procession participants will be help in the Pulte Center immediately following final Benediction & Reposition.



For additional information, please contact Deacon Jim: deaconjim@sjecc.com

Eucharistic Revival

Miracle of the Week - BOLSENA ITALY, 1264 From The International Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit, designed by Carlo Acutis

The Eucharistic miracle of Bolsena, depicted by Raphael in a well-known fresco in the Vatican Palace, took place in 1263. A German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena while on a pilgrimage to Rome. He was pious, but he found it difficult to accept that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. While celebrating Holy Mass above the tomb of St. Christina (located in the church named for this martyr), he spoke the words of consecration and immediately Blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands and onto the altar. At first the priest tried to hide the Blood, but eventually he interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken to the neighboring city of Orvieto, where Pope Urban IV resided. The Pope sent emissaries to investigate. When the facts were ascertained, he ordered the bishop of the diocese to bring the Host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of Blood to him. He had the relics placed in the cathedral. The linen bearing the spots of Blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto.



John Paul II during the pastoral visit to Orvieto (June 17, 1990

Pope Urban IV was prompted by this miracle to commission St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Office for the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours to celebrate the Most Holy Body of the Lord (Corpus Christi). One year after the miracle, in August of, Pope Urban IV introduced the Aquinus's composition, and by means of a papal bull instituted feast of of Corpus Christi.

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Respect Life



If you heard someone you know is pregnant and considering abortion, what would you do?

Help her find the closest pregnancy help center. There is a list on the diocesan website below under *Walking with Moms in Need* or have her use the QR code below which will direct her to the list. The center will give her accurate information about her options, confirm her pregnancy and show her the child in her womb via ultrasound, all for free. They will help her with other community resources, parenting classes, baby items and other needs.

Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide program in the Catholic Church to connect pregnant women with pregnancy help centers. Join the effort to walk with her!

Parish volunteers can also coordinate efforts with the center to help her stay connected to her church or discover a faith community that cares about her.



For additional information, contact: Diccese of Venice Respect Life Office www.dicceseofvenice.org/respectlife Berdeaux@dicceseofvenice.org 941-441-1101





Prayer Vigil Join our Respect Life Team

The St. John's Respect Life team will participate in a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Naples each 1st Friday of every month 9am - 12. For info on our Prayer Vigil or to join our Respect Life team, please call Rosemary @ 239-250-0432.

"Give us the grace – When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life." – St. John Paul II

FLORIDIANS SHOULD DECLINE TO SIGN PETITION FOR DANGEROUS PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT

An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution banning regulation of abortion. Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to place a pro-abortion constitutional amendment, titled *Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion*, on the November 2024 ballot. This amendment would allow abortion up until birth, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women.

Floridians should not sign the petition.

Please spread the word to your spheres of influence and continue to pray for the protection of the unborn.



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Is the Lord calling you?

Every Catholic man should at least consider priesthood as an option.

The Melchizedek Project is a discernment group for young men (ages 16-24)* like you who love Jesus Christ and His Church, and who are willing to talk with other like-minded men about their future.

The group will use Fr. Brett Brannen's "To Save a Thousand Souls: A Guide for Discerning a Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood"

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. St. Agnes Catholic Church 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd., Naples, FL 34120

Presentation and Dinner All meetings are private and what is shared is confidential.

For more information and/or to RSVP, please contact Fr. David at dportorreal@stleocatholicchurch.org or (239) 992-0901.

*If you are a Catholic man (ages 25+) and feel the Lord is calling you to the priesthood, please contact Fr. David for information about joining a different discernment group.



to get answers to your questions:

Talk with a Knight after the weekend Masses on November 18th & 19th

REQUIREMENTS ARE FEW. REWARDS ARE MANY!

Events & Programs





Friday, December 22 7:30-9:30PM

Pulte Family Life Center St. John the Evangelist 625 111th Ave N Naples, FL 34108

Celtic Angels Christmas is a joyous celebration from start to finish, encompassing vocal and instrumental Holiday and Irish favorites. Paired with show stopping world class champion Irish dancing and a fully live band, Celtic Angels Christmas is sure to awe and entertain.

For tickets and information: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celtic-angels-</u> <u>christmas-2023-tickets-744138627667</u>







Celebrating Christ's Birth Presented by the St. John the Evangelist Church Adult Choir, Soloists & Orchestra Sunday, December 17, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 17, 2023 @ 7:00 PM St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111th Avenue N. Naples, Fl 34108

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023 @ 11:00 PM Concert with Readings St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 625 111th Avenue N. Naples, Fl 34108

Through a blend of familiar carols and original songs, you will experience the beauty of the incarnation story as if you're experiencing it for the first time. The glory of Christmas comes to life in this inspiring musical by Lloyd Larson.

Join us for a night of Adoration and Sacred Music with the St. John the Evangelist Adult Choir, featuring: Francesca LaRosa





francescalarosa.com Catholic Composer - Singer Songwriter -Author

St. John the Evangelist Church 625 111th Ave N Naples, FL 34108 January 5, 2024

6:30 pm in the Church

Free of charge. Goodwill offering appreciated.

Eucharistic Revival

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Events & Programs



The jungle is jumpin' with jazz in this exciting Disney classic! Young actors will love performing in this exciting, action- packed musical with colorful characters and toe-tapping jungle rhythm. Some of Disney's favorite tunes



SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 12

Knights of Columbus Country Life Fest @ St. John the Evangelist



The Ladies of Charity Annual Christmas Sneaker Drive to benefit Children in our Community It's that time of the year! Time to share in the joy of giving. Help us reach this year's goal of 600 new pairs of sneakers.

- Take a tag from the LOC table outside the front of the Church during the following weekends: 11/18 & 11/19, 11/25 & 11/26, 12/2 & 12/3
- Each gift tag contains a child's name, grade or age, gender, and shoe size
- Take one or more tag and generously donate NEW sneakers
- Wrap your package, with the tag secured to the outside, and bring it back to either the LOC table during the weekend Masses or to the wrapped box in the Narthex during the week
- There will also be a collection box in the Main Office
- All sneakers must be returned by December 10
- Your sneaker donation benefits the children at Guadelupe Social Services and Redlands Christian Migrant Association



Pulte Family Life Center

Parish breakfast Wednesdays after Morning Mass Pulte Family Life Center



Recreational Bocce Ball

*NEW*NEW*NEW*NEW* Join us for Bocce

Ladies: Tuesdays at 9:30am Gentlemen: Thursdays at 9:30 am

Meet at the Pulte Life Center Patio Courts



Mondays @ 6:00 PM Pulte Life Center Cafe 'light snacks and beverages

NOVEMBER 17 SNACKS. MUSIC. FUN. KARAOKE NIGHT & HAPPY HOUR

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Pulte Family Life Center is looking for volunteers to help at our Front Desk. Duties include: checking in members, customer service, data entry, and assisting with programs.





Around the Diocese



A Walk with Jesus for **Grieving** Parents



WEEKEND RETREAT Friday, Dec. 1-Sunday, Dec. 3 **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Retreat Center, 3989 S. Moon **Drive**, Venice

Cost: \$150/person double occupancy \$250/person single occupancy. Financial assistance available.

This Catholic (faith-based) retreat offers a safe place to seek peace and comfort, and will be led by Deacon Henry de Mena and a team of parents who have walked this path.



TO REGISTER, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT HTTPS://DIOCESEOFVENICE.REGFOX.COM/GRIEVING-PARENTS-RETREAT

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT CARRIE HARKEY, FAMILY LIFE COORDINATOR, AT HARKEY@DIOCESEOFVENICE.ORG OR 941-484-9543

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LOCATIONS/TIMES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH 3pm-4:30pm, Parish Center 5265 Placida Road, Grove City, FL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 ST. WILLIAM PARISH 3pm-4:30pm, <u>Church Hall</u> 601 Seagate Drive, Naples, FL



A workshop focusing on surviving the holidays without your loved one with Deacon Henry deMena.

No cost, no registration needed. For more information, please contact Carrie Harkey at: <u>Harkey@dioceseofvenice.org</u> or call (941) 484-9543

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BEGINNING JANUARY 25 FROM 6:30 P.M.- 8:00 P.M.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH, 1301 CENTER ROAD, **VENICE, FL**

CONTACT: BOB OR CHRIS SMIALEK AT BOBANDCHRISSMIALEK@ICLOUD.COM

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Fall Festival

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish,

207 S. 9th St., Immokalee, is hosting a Fall Festival from Thursday, November 22 to Sunday, November 26. The Festival will feature a modern midway with rides, games food and fun. Advance sale tickets are available at the Parish office. For more information, call 239-657-2666.