

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church-Naples

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 29, 2024



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 Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, 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.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Mass Responses and Prayers

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting:

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you. (*or another greeting*)

People: **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act (Confiteor and/or Kyrie):

A) All: **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.**

B) Priest: Lord, have mercy. People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Christ, have mercy. People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord, have mercy. People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria (an ancient hymn of praise):

All: **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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Response after the First and Second Readings:

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Dialogue before the Gospel Proclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia! (*sung*) People: **Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to _____.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel Proclamation:

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed; or the Apostles Creed may also be recited):

**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.**

Universal Prayer / Prayer of the Faithful:

Lector: ...let us pray to the Lord. People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Table / Presentation of the Gifts (first part may be done silently):

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness... (2x)

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Acclamations during the Eucharistic Prayer:

Preface Dialogue:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. People: **It is right and just.**

Sanctus:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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Mystery of Faith:

Priest: The mystery of faith:

People: A – **We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**
B – **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.**
C – **Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.**

Great Amen:

Priest: Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.** (*may be sung more than once*)

COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer:

All: **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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,...

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Sign of Peace:

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. All: **And with your spirit.**

Breaking of the Bread:

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Preparation for Communion:

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

Reception of Communion:

Minister: The Body of Christ. Communicant: **Amen.**

Minister: The Blood of Christ. Communicant: **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing & Dismissal:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace. (*or another longer formulation*)

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Readings for The Feast of the Holy Family

Reading I

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins — a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Reading II

Col 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters:
Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all

these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Alleluia

Cf. Acts 16:14b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him,

"Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."

And he said to them,

"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Music for The Feast of the Holy Family

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Verses



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
3. Righ - teous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an -
2. God - head see! Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to



1. gel - ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain




Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; adapt. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.


Psalm 128: Blessed are Those Who Fear the Lord

(Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5)

Francesca LaRosa



Bless-ed are those who fear the Lord




and walk in his ways, and walk in his ways.

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God Rest You Merry, Gentleman

GOD REST YOU MERRY

Verses



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may;
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came,
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this place,

Music for The Feast of the Holy Family



1. Re-mem-ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christ-mas Day
2. And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid-ings of the same,
3. This day is born a Sav - ior Of Vir - gin pure and bright,
4. And with true love and char-i - ty Each oth - er now em-brace;



1. To save us all from Sa-tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.
2. How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
3. To free all those who trust in him From Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
4. This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas Is filled with heav'n - ly grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, Com-fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

Text: 86 86 86 with refrain; Trad. English Carol, 18th cent.
 Music: Trad. English Carol; melody fr. *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1846.

Lamb of God

THE FIRST NOWELL, English Carol
 Originally adapt.
 Carroll Thomas Andrews, 1918–2014
 Adapt. John T. Kyler

From the Ordinary of the Mass



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to



1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

Music for The Feast of the Holy Family

Refrain

1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the
 2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 3. lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,
 haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; William C. Dix, 1827-1898. Music: English melody, 16th cent.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;

1. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 2. While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
 3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
 4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:
 2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
 4. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
 3. Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

1. Angels we have heard on high
 Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
 And the mountains in reply
 Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!
 Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
 Why your joyous strains prolong?
 Say what may the tidings be
 Which inspire you heav'nly song.

Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. Crown of Jesus Music, II, London, 1862; English tr. by James Chadwick, 1813-1882; Spanish tr., anon.
 Music: Trad. French carol.

Fr. Tom's Gospel Reflection

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parish Information

Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 8:30am (livestreamed)

Saturday: 8:30am, 3:00pm (livestreamed), 5:00 pm

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

Reconciliation Times

Monday and Wednesday after morning

Mass Saturday: 9:00am and 2:00-2:45pm

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Sacraments

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

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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 in the Church confessionals on Monday and Wednesday after morning Mass and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00-2:45 p.m.

November Baptisms



Kinsley Miller & Savannah Van Deventer



James Hogan



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Savannah Van Deventer

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126.54% to Goal

14.17% of households contributing



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OFFERTORY

11/27/24-12/3/24
\$77,525.15

12/4/24-12/10/24
\$87,017.70

Total Households
3486



Calendar and Weekly Readings

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 29

7:00am Mass (Church)
9:00am Mass (Church)
11:00am Mass (Church)
1:00pm Mass (Church)
5:00pm Mass (Church)

Monday, December 30

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
6:00pm Trivia (Pulte Cafe)

Tuesday, December 31

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
5:00pm Mass (Church)

Wednesday, January 1

8:30am Mass (Church)
12:00pm Mass (Church)
7:00pm Mass (Church)

Thursday, January 2

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
9:00am Faith Chat (Alexandria)
10:00am Well Read Moms (Library)
6:00pm Mary's Mantle (Library)
6:30pm C.Y.A.N. Small Group 21-35 (Claussen)

Friday, January 3

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)

Saturday, January 4

8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
3:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)
5:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 29, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Wed: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

DIOCESE OF VENICE

SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

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: 941-416-6114.

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary

December 31: Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

*January 1: Mass at 8:30am, 12:00pm,
7:00pm*



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 28, 2024

8:30 AM + Deceased Members of the Kegaly Family
Vigil Masses for Sunday
3:00 PM + Dolores Kernochan
5:00 PM + Peyton Stewart

Requested By

Jack Kegaly
Pauline Cataldo
Janet and Marc Gerber

Sunday, December 29, 2024

7:00 AM + Norbert Loesing
9:00 AM + Barbara D. Elefante
11:00 AM + Mary Beth Shane
1:00 PM SI For Our Parishioners
5:00 PM + Rocco and Cora Gambatesa
Wine and Host + Rosalie and Nicholas Senatore

Requested By

Laurie and George Pfothenauer
Her Husband
Mary Sanders

Don and Linda Gambatesa
Daughters

Monday, December 30, 2024

8:30 AM + Richie Twiefel

Requested By

Ingrid Twiefel

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

8:30 AM + Annette Carlier
5:00 PM + John P. Hickey

Requested By

Family
Connie Hickey

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

8:30 AM + Fr. Al McPartland
12:00 PM + Nina Butler
7:00 PM + Andrew Gattuso Jr

Requested By

Dennis and Fran Powers
Jennifer Duffy
Tim and Nan Mooney

Thursday, January 2, 2025

8:30 AM + Carolyn E. Mangioni

Requested By

Annette and Ted Torla

Friday, January 3, 2025

8:30 AM + Rose Palumbo

Requested By

Janet D'Addario

Saturday, January 4, 2025

8:30 AM + Charles Pickron

Requested By

Rosemary and Philip Erickson

(Vigil Masses for Sunday)

3:00 PM + Jane Russo
5:00 PM + Harry Nell

Alina

Rosemary and Philip Erickson

Sunday, January 5, 2025

7:00 AM SI For Our Parishioners
9:00 AM + Patricia Haughey
11:00 AM + Katherine Carey
1:00 PM + Kreszenz and Anton Podest
5:00 PM + Rosalie Senatore
Wine and Host + Patricia Kaplow

Karen Carew

Peter and Mary Ellen Heaney
John C. and Carolyn Klimek
Daughters, Deborah and Jodie
Kathy Komar

FIND CHIARA

This year, our Faith Formation Students are learning about Blessed Chiara. Each week in the bulletin, the illustrated version of Blessed Chiara is hidden. When you locate her, say a prayer for her canonization. Learn more about her selfless life; she is an amazing example for all of us.

In last week's bulletin, she was on pg. 20 in the CFA ad.



Prayer List

We pray that those on our prayer list find hope, healing, and health

Mary A.	Mary Ann Dowd	Cynthia Johnson	Susie Romanovich
Antoinette Acquaviva	John Doyle	Brad Johnson	Peggy O'Neil Saba
Angelo Babbo	Megan Ebert	Joseph Julian	Lisa Sanfelippo
John (Ben) Bailey	Baby Bennett Edington	James Kadavy	Lee Schilling
Sharon (Sherry) Bailey	Tom Endres	Baby Bayli Rose Kaufman	John Schloendorn
Barbara Barber	Tiffany Fellenz	Robyne Keane	Catherine Schmach
Anthony Barzycz	Henry Ferris	Carol Kelley	Bernard and Martina Sherman
Jennifer Basile	Anna Focht	Fran King	Joe Sherman
Andrea Becker	Raymond Foley	Hannah K & Kathleen Kotscher	Joanne Smyth
Richard & Elaine Beebe	Ronald Fongemie	Jean Kowalski	Brian Smyth
David Behle	Phyllis and Peter Foti	Valeri Landi	Norma June Spriggle
Gerry Beronja	Lester & Barbara Fuller	Alicia LaPlant	Ila Stienly
Edwin Betancourt	Bruce Gaker	Myles Levy-Vixler	Jeanne Stoll
Patty Bleicher	Steven Gillis	Baby Hudson Matthew Lopes	Sally Stookey
Sara Boettcher	William Gilmartin	Charles Lucas	Christopher Suki
Torey Botti	Fr. Len Gioeli	Bob Lutz	Joan Marie Switalski
Al Brown	Norma Golia	Ruth Martin	David Tague
Charlotte Byron	Julian Gomez	Mary A.	John Thyen
Josefino Cabaltica	Patty Grafstron	Anthony Masse	Anna Tran
Rodrigo Cadena	Sam Greenberg	Pat Matre	David Trott
Candace	Peter Greenberg	Eileen Miner	Ronald Trybus
Frank Carillo	Frank Grzesk	Tom Mullen	Elaine Tryjankowski
Al and Lorraine Clano	Thomas Gunn	Meg Mullen	Josephine Mable Tucker
Norma & Tom Collins	Gary Gwizdala	Andy Murphy	Lisa Turner
Nicholas Costanza	Terry Hansberry	Kathy O'Loughlin	Raymond Vanasse
Francine Crawford	Becky Hansberry	Margo O'Malley	Maria Elena Vassolotti
John Cullen	Dana Harrell	John and Michelina Oteri	Gina Vitale
Edie Joan Daker	Keri Hemrick	Eric Parker	Terry Wagner
Kyle DeMartino	Elizabeth Hetnarski	Ann Petrillo	Adam Wais
George Deauchan	Elaine Hill	Sebastian Pica	Chelsea Watson
Jack Dilorio	Evzen Hlavalcek	Frances Powers	John Wholihan
Theresa DiLella	Kelly Honsberger	Ludmila Pridalova	Harry Witt
Donna DiMare	Andrew & Lisa Humphrey	Bill Redmond	Michael Wolfe
Jodi Divjak	Deanne Hutchinson Pinto	Maureen Reed	Carl Yasharian
Linda Donaldson	John Jartz	John Repice	
Thomas Donlan	Deacon John	Dave Roberts	



ADD A NAME TO OUR PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add a name to either of our prayer lists or delete a name, please contact our Main Office 239.566.8740. Names will stay on our prayer list for a period of six months.

RECENTLY DECEASED We remember those who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace.
Lisa Bianca, Anthony Tumbarello, Santo Pino, Joan Mariani

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.

Captain Jesse Adamson: US Army, Kuwait	Hugh O'Donnell, SPEC 4, 75th Ranger Regiment
Captain Will Adamson: US Army, Anchorage AK	Sgt. Larry Oldenburg – US Army
Cadet Samantha Bocis, West Point	1st Lieutenant Deanna Ogrinc, US Army
Sam Bradley, Marines	Cpl. Derek Perez - US Marine Corps
Mark Burger, US Army	Daniel Petito – US Army
Stephen Burger, US Army	Matthew Popielec, PFC-Germany
Lieutenant Carson Brial – US Navy	Captain Anthony James Raguso, US Marines
Private 1st Class Joseph Albert Cary	1st Lieutenant Robert W. Raleigh IV - US Marine Corps
Private David Clark	Lt. Jill Rice, Commander in the US Navy
Gavin Cooper, Navy, EMN3	Lt. Joseph Rice, Commander in the US Navy
Dante Dalmaso- US Army	Duke Roach- US Navy
Captain Quentin Danyov, US Army	Clayton Rutz, US Army
Adam Decker	Capt. Gregory Sacenti - US Army
Alexander Denha 1st Lt. Army Ranger, Ft. Bragg N.C.	Hunter Scalzo – Army Ranger with 1st Division & 75th
Major Derek-Army National Guard	Infantry
Nick Detloff	Ben Sekutera, First Lieutenant, US Army
LT Andrew Douglas, United States Navy	Luke Sekutera, First Lieutenant, US Army
SGT Ashlyn Ducharme Us Army	Sophie Sekutera (Koepl) – First Lieutenant, US Army
Capt. Stephen English – US Army	Lieutenant Jane Shelley- US Navy
Brendan C. Finnegan-USAF	Charlie Sjostrom-Martinez
SFC Lon Giancola	Austin Spagnola
Matthew Gordon, US Navy	Captain Fox Stevens- US Army, South Korea
SSG Douglas Hennessy	First Lieutenant Matthew Stevenson, USMC
1st Lieutenant Brock Hinkle- US Army, Germany	LTJG Tanis K. Taylor – US Navy, USS Sullivans
Zachary Horwitch	Lt. Brendan Tourek – USN
2nd Lieutenant Daniel Huber, US Marines	Corporal Sisi Tyrrell US Marine Corps
Cadet Sloane Janopoulos, USAF Academy	Captain Grant Ullrich, US Army in Kuwait
Drew Kendall – Petty Officer U.S. Navy	Lance Corporal, Christopher Vandyck- US Marine
Capt. Ashlyn M. Kennedy, USMC Quantico	Corps
Senior Airman Jack Kirk, US Airforce	1st Lieutenant Mackenzie Warren- Space Force
Max Koepl- Plebe Candidate at the US Merchant	1st Lieutenant Hollis Webster- Space Force
Marine Academy, Kings Point NY	Petty Officer 3rd Class, Logan Wehrheim- US Navy
Sgt. Nicholas LaManna	Andrew Wieland US Air Force
Sgt. William McKinney	SFC Eugene Williams-US Army in Poland
PV2 Alexander McMickle – Ft. Eustis, VA	Kaden Winckel, Airman 1st Class, USAF
Connor Miller: US Navy search and rescue	Michael Wolfe- US Marines
Col. Brian Murphy	Master Sgt. Andrew Zecchino – USAF, Turkey
Lt. Col. Jill Murphy	Tech. Sgt. Kaitlin Zecchino
2nd Lieutenant, Samantha Naples, US Marine Corps	Austin Zicht – USAF

Eucharistic Revival

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.

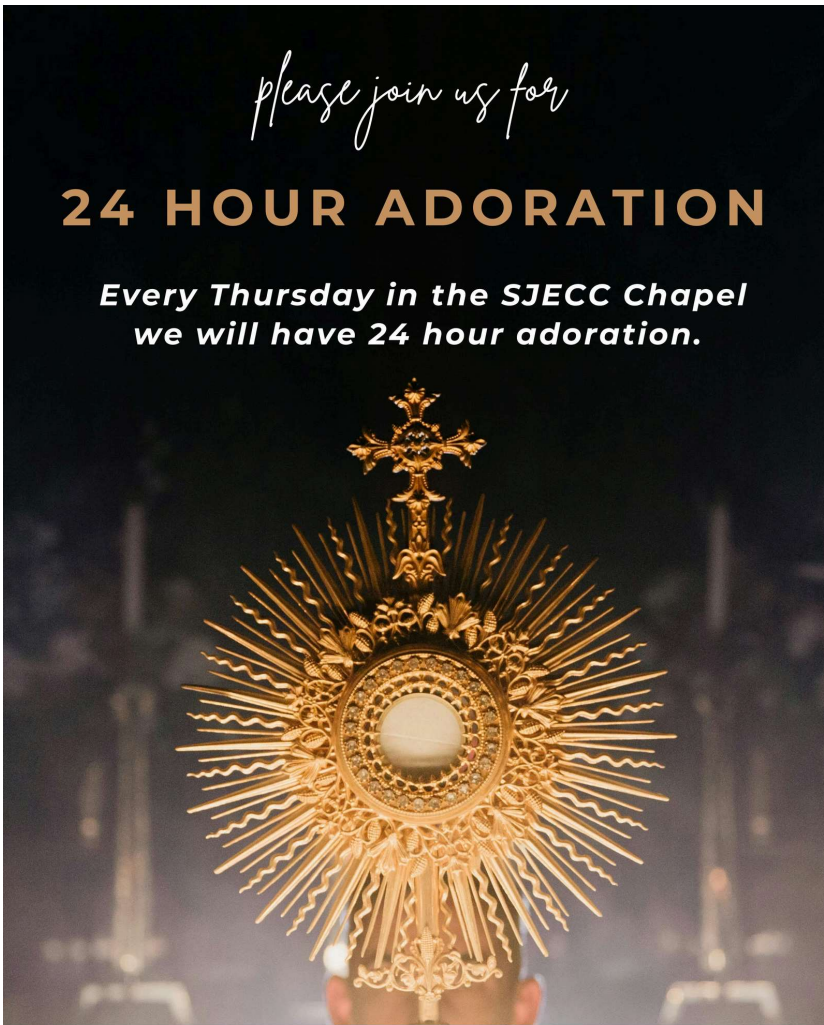
Missionary Sending

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.

please join us for

24 HOUR ADORATION

**Every Thursday in the SJ ECC Chapel
we will have 24 hour adoration.**



**TO SIGN UP GO TO
www.adorationpro.org/SJ ECC**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

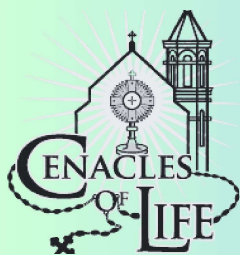
Join us for adoration with benediction on the First Friday of every month at 6:00pm and on the First Saturday of every month after the 8:30am Mass in the Church.

Visit our Adoration Chapel on the left side of the Church. For more information, please contact the Main Office

Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.

~Mother Teresa

Respect Life



Join us in prayer

The Cenacle is an opportunity to pray for the conversion of our American family in support of protecting the human rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

We do this as a community in the presence of our Lord, present in the Tabernacle, with the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and other traditional Catholic prayers. The Cenacle meets Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm in the Main Sanctuary. For additional information, contact us at 239.250.0432 or relife@aol.com

"The first and most fundamental of all human rights is the right to life, and when this right is denied all other rights are threatened ... A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying."
- Pope John Paul II



Support Moms & Save Babies

You are invited

TO THIS ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENT

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Naples Grande Beach Resort

475 Seagate Drive, Naples, Florida 34103

\$250/person

(includes a bingo card for all games plus food and drinks)

REGISTER ONLINE AT

LuxuryBingoNaples.com

or text "NaplesBingo"
to 41444



In just 4 months we've
seen 260 women!

210+

Babies Saved



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Respect Life

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, please call Rosemary @ 239-250-0432.

Join our Respect Life team at our next meeting, the 1st Monday of the month at 10:30am in the Pulte Center.

PREGNANT?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Explore your options and find the help you need here.



These are the closest pregnancy help centers:

Community Pregnancy Clinic
239-689-1543 Fort Myers
239-262-6381 Naples
www.communitypregnancyclinic.com

Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Florida
239-990-8186 Fort Myers
239-280-5523 Naples – www.prcnaples.org

Verity Pregnancy & Medical Resource Center,
Fort Myers 239-433-1929
www.pregnancyfortmyers.com

Immokalee Pregnancy Center, Immokalee
239-657-2016 – www.immokaleepregnancy.com

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:
Diocese of Venice Respect Life Office
www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife
Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org
941-441-1101



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 Tuesday from 5:30 pm - 6:30pm in the Church. For more information, contact Rosemary Erickson: 239.250.0432 or visit our ad on the Respect Life page of this bulletin.

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

Grief Support - St. John the Evangelist provides group and individual grief support services. Sessions are held on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Antioch room of the Claussen Center. There is no fee, and all materials are provided free of charge. To register, send your name and telephone number to Deacon Hal: Hal@sjecc.com. Individual sessions may be scheduled by calling the Parish Office: 239.566.8740.

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

Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus 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.

Knights of Columbus - Wheelchair Program. If you or someone you know are in need of a wheelchair, contact Bill Fuller at 239-280-8870 or wfuller1@comcast.net

Knitting & Crocheting. Meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. – Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. No experience necessary. Donations, both monetary and yarn, are welcome. Contact: Sharon Campbell 239.438.7867 or sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com. <https://stjohnknittersandcrocheters.wordpress.com/>

Ladies of Charity. Our motto is to serve rather than to be served in humility, simplicity, and charity. We 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.

Legion of Mary. The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization of lay people, priests, and religious under the patronage of our Blessed Mother; One with Mary's love and Mary's will, dedicated to bring Christ to the world and to the souls who need Him, through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Pulte Center. sjeccadoration@gmail.com

Pray the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena - Every Saturday at 8:20 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 50 minutes before daily Mass begins, at 7:40 a.m. Contact Barbara Hardebeck: 765-714-6589

Quilting Ministry - Meets on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. – Noon in the Parish Activity Center, classrooms 3 & 4. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level. Donations, both monetary and fabric, welcome. Sharon Campbell 239.438.7867, sharoncampbellnaples@gmail.com. <https://stjohnquilting.wordpress.com>

Respect Life - We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person. The team participates in a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Naples each 1st Friday of every month 9am-12pm. For more info, please call Rosemary @ 239-250-0432.

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 washable, child friendly fabrics are welcome. No supplies PLEASE. If you like to sew, we encourage you to come and see what we are 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.

Streaming Ministry. Our streaming ministry provides the homebound and parishioners who are away from Naples the opportunity to view our Masses. We stream weekday Masses and three weekend Masses. Contact colleen@sjecc.com.

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 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be in classroom 1, in the Parish Life Center. For more information, contact Bob Westenberg: bwstjohn@SVDNnaples.org.

AA Brian R. 732-735-7037

Al-Anon For meeting locations and times, call 239.263.5907 or visit www.NaplesAl-Anon.org

Facilities Volunteers needed

Contact:
Jesus Arce
Facilities Manager
jesus@sjecc.com

We are seeking individuals who are handy to assist with tasks around campus



Help is needed with:

- event set-up & breakdown
- event staffing
- painting
- cleaning

*Must be able to work outside, stand for long periods of time, and lift 20 pounds. Must pass a background check and complete safe environment training



Ushers are needed for all Masses

Please contact Dominick Blasioli for more information:
dominick@sjecc.com or contact the Main Office

Altar Service



THE CLOSEST PLACE TO SERVE CHRIST IS AT HIS TABLE

JOIN US THERE - SERVE WITH US
THE ALTAR MINISTRY
CONTACT LOU@SJECC.COM



Mentor Couples Needed

The Marriage Preparation program at St. John the Evangelist is in need of mentor couples who are willing to embark on a life-changing journey. A mentor couple serves and accompanies an engaged couple during their time of sacramental marriage formation.

Your marriage, imperfect as you may think it to be, has something unique to offer. When you were married in the Church, you not only received a sacrament, but you became a sacrament by which others can encounter the love of Christ.

If this ministry sounds interesting to you, give us a call and get more information. Today, resolve to let your marriage and your home bless others!

Wayne and Susan Hamilton
Marriage Preparation Coordinators
(239) 592-7190

Ministries, Volunteers, and Groups

Jamaica Outreach Program



Hosts needed
for Jamaican choir members
Feb. 14 -Feb. 17, 2025

We are in need of host families for members of Kevin Williams' Jamaican choir who will be visiting our parish on the weekend of February 15, 2025. If you live in proximity to St John the Evangelist Church and feel you might be able to host one or two choir members, please contact Jeanne Pittman at JBStamant@gmail.com or call her at 239-248-3248. No one has ever regretted welcoming these wonderful people into their homes.

St John the
Evangelist
Catholic
Church
benefiting
families of
St. Vincent
De Paul

FOOD 4 FAMILIES!

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN



CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO BRING FORWARD DRY PANTRY ITEMS TO PLACE IN BASKETS AT THE ALTAR TO HELP FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY YEAR ROUND AT ALL WEEKEND MASS TIMES!
PLEASE JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY IN ANSWERING THE CALL TO SUPPORT OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST!



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

During the week, bring food donations to the Main Office to be placed in our St. Vincent de Paul bins.



Please do not leave food in the Church.
Thank you for supporting those in need in our community.

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



THANK YOU

The Ladies of Charity would like to thank St. John the Evangelist parishioners for contributing to

the Advent Tree Sneaker Drive. Over 530 pairs of sneakers were given to deserving children in our community. In addition, many of you donated money to assist with completing this project. We are so very blessed to have a community that lives their faith.



Christmas Toy Drive

THANK YOU!

For it is in giving that we receive.
St. Francis of Assisi

Because of your generosity, we've collected over 1,000 toys this year to help make the holidays brighter for every child!



A special thanks to:

Angela's Angels



Our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Saint John the Evangelist Church

October - Information to Consider

The Naples Council aided a **Total of 552-Families** and Individuals with **269-services** and grants. The October assistance totaled **\$109,021**. support of Families with rent support, utility payments and supplies.



Helping Neighbors to Stay-In-Their-Home is the major Mission of St Vincent de Paul at St John. We extend spiritual and financial support, lifelines during the lean months, to help our Neighbors continue to live with dignity.



Your Support stays here in Naples and is deeply valued



Marian Devotions



Join us for the **Legion of Mary**

St. John The Evangelist

Wed | 6:30 p.m | Pulte Center

For more details:
sjeccadoration@gmail.com



NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER

NOVENA TIME

The first Friday of every month* after the morning Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church, 625 111th Ave N, Naples, FL 34108

WHY CHOOSE A NOVENA DEDICATED TO MARY?

Mary plays an important role in our salvation and we plea for her intercession so that we may follow her example in following Christ her Son. Our church is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. People are looking for someone who cares for them and the Sorrowful Mother has her arms open to welcome and listen.

WHY A NOVENA SPECIFICALLY TO HONOR OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER?

Mary has promised to grant seven graces to the souls who honor her by meditating on her tears and sorrows.

MARY'S SEVEN PROMISES:

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my Divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained from my Divine Son that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

Books for this Novena will be available in our Gift Shop



This perpetual Novena in Honor of Our Sorrowful Mother will bring people closer to Christ and His Sorrowful Mother.

Upcoming Novena Dates

(mark your calendar)

January 3, 2025

February 7, 2025

The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

1. The prophecy of Simeon (St. Luke 2:34, 35).
2. The flight into Egypt (St. Matthew 2:14, 14).
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple (St. Luke 2:43-45).
4. Mary meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary.
5. Jesus dies on the Cross.
6. Mary receives the dead Body of Jesus in her arms.
7. Jesus is placed in the tomb.

Adult Faith Formation

Let's Start the New Year off with : THE ROSARY IN A YEAR

If you've ever struggled to build a habit of prayer, this podcast is for you!

In Ascension's Rosary in a Year podcast, Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, guides listeners in a step-by-step journey that will change the way you pray – no matter where you are in your spiritual life.

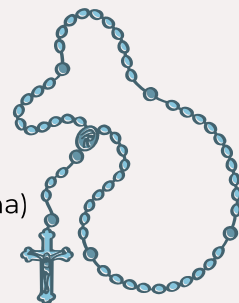
By starting small and adding on over time, listeners will find themselves falling more in love with this powerful Marian devotion, becoming a source of grace for the whole world.

Listen to discover....

- How to build a daily habit of prayer
- How to form a relationship with Jesus and Mary
- The Biblical foundations of the Rosary
- How to meditate with sacred art (visio divina), saint writings, and scripture (lectio divina)
- The power of Mary's influence in your life

...and more.

For the complete prayer plan, visit <https://ascensionpress.com/riy>.



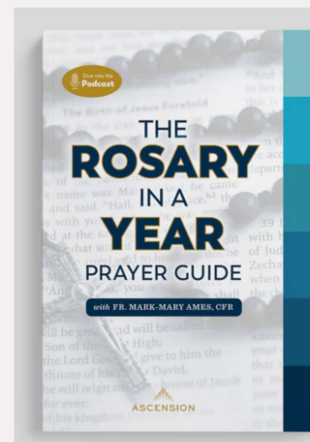
Fr. Mark-Mary Ames is the Director of Communications and the Director of Priestly Studies of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR). The primary mission of the CFR community is a wholehearted embracing of Jesus Christ and their Holy Father, St. Francis of Assisi. Through their commitment to prayer and contemplation, the study of Sacred Scripture, fidelity to the Church and the sacraments, their fraternal life, and their generous service to others especially the poor, the CFRs receive the nourishment necessary to live out their lives as sons of St. Francis in the Capuchin tradition.

He is the host of the [Ascension Presents](#) video series [The CFRs](#). He was also the executive producer of the *Poco a Poco* music album featuring Br. Isaiah, CFR, and is the author of both [Habits for Holiness: Small Steps for Making Big Spiritual Progress](#) and [The Father: 30 Meditations to Draw You Into the Heart of God](#).

The Rosary in a Year Prayer Guide

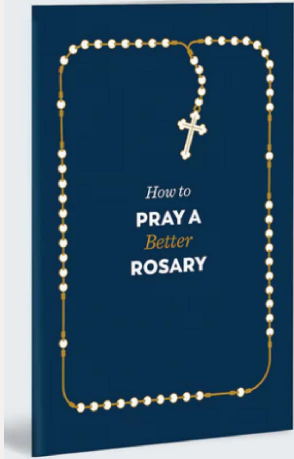
The Rosary in a Year Prayer Guide helps Catholics develop a lasting love for the Rosary and build a relationship with Jesus and Mary. Every day for 365 days, readers will be accompanied through daily reflections, insights, and meditations as they grow in praying the Rosary. The Prayer Guide presents daily content, including:

- The proprietary Rosary in a Year Reading Plan
- An introduction from Fr. Marl-Mary Ames, CFR
- Introductions to each of the six phases of the learning method
- The scripture passages associated with each mystery of the Rosary
- Sacred art to reflect on while praying each mystery of the Rosary
- Reflections associated with specific days of the podcast
- The full text of the prayers of the Rosary
- The Biblical foundation basis for the prayers of the Rosary



Available in our Gift Shop
while supplies last for \$25.00

Adult Faith Formation



How to Pray a Better Rosary

Unlike other rosary booklets, *How to Pray a Better Rosary* doesn't just teach readers how to pray the rosary. It teaches readers how to build the mental muscle of meditation necessary to truly enter into this powerful prayer.

How to Pray a Better Rosary moves readers from dry repetition to deep relationship, so the rosary becomes a source of grace for you and the whole world.

With this slim but powerful aid, you will:

- Learn how to pray the rosary step-by-step
- Dive into every prayer and mystery of the rosary
- Explore the Biblical roots of the rosary
- Learn about how to use the Litanies often paired with the rosary as a wellspring for your personal relationship with Jesus and Mary

SOLD OUT online, but available in our Gift Shop for \$5.00 while supplies last!

7 SECRETS OF DIVINE MERCY

7 SECRETS OF DIVINE MERCY, by Vinny Flynn is a powerful book that offers us an invitation to understand Divine Mercy as an overflow of love from the Holy Trinity that can transform our lives. It is easy to understand and guides us on how to LIVE Divine Mercy.

Join us for this 9-week study this winter to focus on what Divine Mercy means to each of us personally...and to the whole world.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 7- March 4
Times: 9:30- 11:00am
Where: Alexandria Room in the Claussen Center
Facilitator: Jean Kechejian

To register, email the Office of Faith Formation: aff@sjecc.com



The book may be purchased in the Gift Shop for \$12.

SAVE THE DATES: February 19th and February 20th

Eucharist 2-Day Parish Mission with Dr. Mary Amore

"Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist -Becoming the Very Mystery We Receive"

Morning and Evening Sessions - Nazareth Room of the Pulte Family Life Center –

*Coffee and Free HOT Breakfast on Wednesday

*Coffee and Pastries on Thursday



Dr. Mary Amore holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union. Dr. Amore is the author of *Primary Symbols of Worship* and *the Call to Participation* and the newly released DVD entitled *Eucharist: A Journey to Transformation, Healing and Discipleship*. A Cardinal Bernardin Scholar and distinguished member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, Mary is a highly sought after presenter of parish missions in the area of the Eucharist and Pope Francis Year of Mercy, plus workshops, seminars and retreats. A monthly columnist at *Ministry and Liturgy Magazine*, Dr. Amore also serves as the full time Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries in Downers Grove, IL. Mary is a wife, mother and grandmother!

Faith Formation

Bless Your Home in the NEW YEAR with Epiphany Home Blessing Kits FREE in the Gift Boutique

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here....

Stop by the Gift Boutique to pick up a **FREE** kit to help you bless your home this new year. Instructions, prayers, and chalk that has been blessed are included in each bag. Kits available starting December 22nd, while supplies last!



INSTRUCTIONS

20 + C + M + B + (two digits for new year. Ex: 25)

Using the blessed chalk, mark the lintel of your front door (or the front porch step) with these numbers and letters while saying: The three wise men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and (twenty five) years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love, and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in knowledge and love of you. Guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

The letters C, M and B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus Mansionem Benedicat ("May Christ bless the house."). The "+" signs represent the cross.

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time, the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions.

After chalking your door, the blessed chalk may be saved for the following years, or buried as is the tradition with blessed items.

Important Dates

Upcoming in 2025 - PreK3 & PreK4

January 8th -12:30-2:30PM – Pre-K Atrium

Upcoming in 2025 - K-8th Grade

Sunday, January 12th – 9:30-10:45AM - K-8

Faith Formation

Wednesday, January 8th – 5:00-6:15PM K-8

Faith Formation

High School Confirmation & Parent Session

Sunday, January 12th – 3:45-6:00PM

First Reconciliation 2025

Tuesday, January 7th -6:00PM – Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 14th – 6:00PM – First

Reconciliation Ceremony

Save the Dates

MARCH FOR LIFE-

Ave Maria for High School Youth – January 18th-

Juliana@sjecc.com

CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 RETREAT

APRIL 13 -11am-7pm – Required

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 9-13 - Registration opens online March 1st

COVECREST CAMP IN GEORGIA AUGUST 4-9 –Contact

Juliana@sjecc.com to register- High School Youth

We wish all of our Faith Formation Families and volunteers and very Happy New Year! We do not have Faith Formation activities this week.





ST. VALENTINE EVENT

All are welcome!

Join us for
crafts, treats & pizza



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

PULTE CENTER

*"We love
because he first
loved us."
John 4:19*



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
YOUTH MINISTRY



MARCH FOR LIFE

To honor and glorify Jesus Christ
and defend innocent life.

AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY

JANUARY 18

8:30 A.M. - 3 P.M.

\$10

FOR YEAR 1 & YEAR 2
CONFIRMATION STUDENTS
*INCLUDES BUS TRANSPORTATION

REGISTER BY 1/13



[HTTPS://SJECC.ORG/NEW-S/RETREATS-AND-CAMPS/](https://sjecc.org/new-s/retreats-and-camps/)

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

2024 - 2025 CALENDAR

FRIDAYS 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

DECEMBER

- NO YOUTH GROUP UNTIL JANUARY.
- HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

JANUARY

- 01/10 - EDGE NIGHT
- 01/17 - EDGE NIGHT
- 01/24 - EDGE NIGHT

WHAT WE DO...

- BIBLE STUDY
- ADORATION
- PRAY
- VOLUNTEER
- PRAISE AND WORSHIP
- TRIPS - COVECREST, MISSION TRIP...
- LAUGH, PLAY GAMES & SO MUCH MORE!

JULIANA@SJECC.COM
JULIANA D'AGOSTINO

*DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
YOUTH MINISTRY

WELCOME TO SJECC EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP! YOUR YOUTH MINISTERS ARE JULIANA D'AGOSTINO AND MAX BERMAN. WE HAVE A PASSION FOR LEADING THE YOUTH TO CHRIST, AND PROVIDING OUR YOUTH WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER CATHOLICS THEIR AGE WHO ARE SEEKING TO BUILD A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST. YOUTH GROUP IS A TIME FOR YOUTH TO DEEPEN THEIR FAITH, BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE PARISH, AND HAVE FUN!
COME WHEN YOU CAN - ALL ARE WELCOME!

IGNITE HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP

2024 - 2025 CALENDAR

WEDNESDAYS 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

DECEMBER

- NO YOUTH GROUP UNTIL JANUARY.
- HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

JANUARY

- 01/15 - PRAISE & WORSHIP
- 01/22 - IGNITE NIGHT
- 01/29 - IGNITE NIGHT

WHAT WE DO...

- BIBLE STUDY
- ADORATION
- PRAY
- VOLUNTEER
- PRAISE AND WORSHIP
- TRIPS - COVECREST, MISSION TRIP...
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YOUTH MINISTRY

WELCOME TO SJECC IGNITE HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP! YOUR YOUTH MINISTER'S ARE JULIANA D'AGOSTINO AND MAX BERMAN. IGNITE IS A TIME FOR YOUTH TO DEEPEN THEIR FAITH, BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE PARISH, AND HAVE FUN! IT IS A EUCHARIST-CENTERED CATHOLIC MINISTRY OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. BY SHARING THE TEACHINGS OF OUR CHURCH AND FACILITATING POWERFUL ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIST, WE HELP TEENAGERS GROW IN KNOWLEDGE OF OUR FAITH WHILE TRANSFORMING HEARTS TO HELP THEM PASSIONATELY LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL BY SERVING AND LOVING ONE ANOTHER.
COME WHEN YOU CAN! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Youth Ministry and Young Adults



NAPLES CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

GAMES | POTLUCK | BYOB

FOR AGES
21+



PIZZA IS PROVIDED!
PLEASE BRING WHAT
YOU CAN - FOOD,
DRINKS, OR
A FRIEND!



SATURDAY,
JANUARY 11 AT 6 P.M.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
PULTE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
625 111TH AVE. N., NAPLES, FL

CONTACT JULIANA AT JULIANA@SJECC.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

• ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH •
WEDNESDAYS 6:30P.M.-7:30P.M.
CLAUSSEN CENTER-ALEXANDRIA ROOM

Praise AND Worship

LED BY GEORGE DE LOS REYES

• UPCOMING DATES •
JANUARY 15TH

JULIANA@SJECC.COM
JULIANA D'AGOSTINO - YOUTH MINISTER

JOIN OUR SUNDAY 5 P.M. YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MASS

BECOME A...

- LECTOR
- ALTAR SERVER
- USHER/GREETER
- EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

JULIANA@SJECC.COM
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY



ALL CATHOLIC ADULTS ARE
WELCOME TO JOIN US! COME TO
STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD, AND BUILD COMMUNITY
WITH EACH OTHER!

- FORMED VIDEOS
- ADORATION
- DISCUSSIONS
- SOCIAL EVENTS
- PRAYER
- SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

NO RSVP NEEDED. ALL ARE WELCOME!
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL US AT
CATHOLICYOUNGADULTSOFNAPLES@GMAIL.COM

CATHOLIC ADULTS OF NAPLES
SMALL GROUP
EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.
FOR AGES 35-55

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS OF NAPLES
SMALL GROUPS
EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.
FOR AGES 21-39

HAPPY HOUR
FOR AGES 35-55
DECEMBER 21ST FROM 6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.
IN THE PULTE CENTER
THERE IS AN OPTIONAL \$20 GIFT CARD EXCHANGE
FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE!
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
CLAUSSEN CENTER - ALEXANDRIA ROOM
(LOCATION MAY CHANGE - SEE OUR CALENDAR)

HTTPS://CATHOLICYOUNGADULTSOFNAPLES.WORDPRESS.COM/

St. John the Evangelist Casino Night & 1950s Party

January 18, 2025

6:00 cocktail hour
7:00 casino opens



Dance to Music from the **Del Prados**

50s Diner sponsored by **Patlo Cafe**

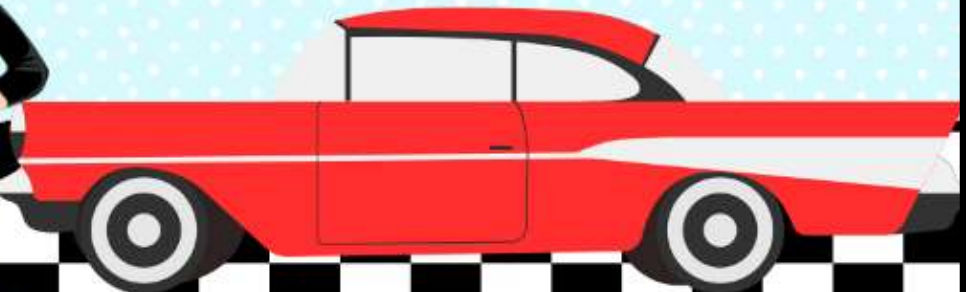
featuring burgers, fries, tater tots, and more!

Ice Cream provided by **Royal Scoop**

Classic cars from **Cool Cruisers**

Outstanding raffle prizes

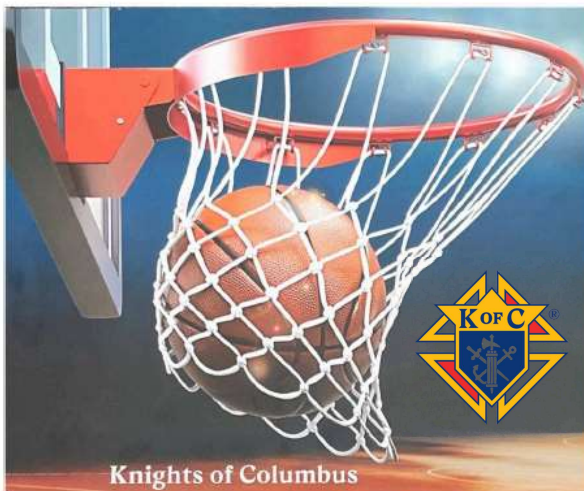
Dress Code: Casual or Fabulous Fifties Attire



For tickets:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/casino-night-1950s-party-tickets-1079285555149>

Tickets on sale 11/18/24

Events & Programs



Knights of Columbus

FREE THROW COMPETITION

FREE for all Boys and Girls – Age Groups 9-14
Winner of each age group advances to Regional Contest

PLACE: St. John the Evangelist – PULTE GYM
DATE: Saturday January 11, 2025 **TIME:** 2:00-4:30pm
SPONSOR: Knights of Columbus Council 11281
CONTACT: Jack McHale 336.416.2654
mchale.jack57@gmail.com
Register onsite and shoot shots between 2:00-4:30pm

SAVE THE DATE



THE MOTOWNERS

Saturday, March 29, 2025
Pulte Family Life Center

Please join us for an interesting dialogue program

“UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONS WITH A CATHOLIC AND A JEW”

Presenters: Lawrence Hermalyn, JD and Deacon Dick Surrusco

This program offers a supportive environment and a dialogue approach to the lived experiences of Catholics and Jews. Our presenters are CJD members who will share and discuss their experiences as a Catholic and a Jew. Our table discussions will provide the audience an opportunity to speak from their lived experience as an individual, a spouse, a parent, a grandparent, and a member of a faith community.



Deacon Dick Surrusco



Lawrence Hermalyn, JD

Sunday, January 26 | 2:30 PM

Nina Iser Jewish Cultural Center
4720 Pine Ridge Rd

This program is free and open to all
Registration is required at jewishnaples.org

Presented by the Catholic Jewish Dialogue of Collier County



Jewish Federation
OF GREATER

THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE.
THE POWER OF A COMMUNITY.

SENIOR FAIR, MORE THAN 50 VENDORS
BREAKFAST INCLUDED - FREE GIFTS - GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

13TH ANNUAL SENIORS BLUE BOOK

PREPARING FOR AGING

Symposiums

JANUARY 23 | 8am-12pm
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave., N., Naples 34108

FEBRUARY 19 | 8am-12pm
Marian Hall at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church
5698 Sunrise Dr., Fort Myers 33919

Join us for the upcoming 2025 Seniors Blue Book Symposiums. Our annual events are designed to provide information, education and share community resources focused on the process of aging gracefully and being Pro-Active vs Re-Active. The symposiums are interactive events including senior fair, panel speakers, audience Q&A, and more.



DON'T MISS OUT.
Register for your spot today!
239.776.7353. RSVP Required!



REGISTER FOR
JAN 23 EVENT
IN NAPLES



REGISTER FOR
FEB 19 EVENT
IN FT MYERS

Senior attendance
is by RSVP only.

 **SENIORS Blue Book**
RESOURCES FOR AGING WELL

Joey & Maria's

Comedy Italian Wedding



\$60
Per Guest

*The Original
Nationwide #1
Dinner Show
Since 1992*

Saturday, February 1, 2025

6pm, SJECC Ballroom

Traditional Italian Dinner ♥ Ceremony ♥ Reception

Tickets on sale after masses Jan 11/12 & 18/19

Contact: Don Free at 210-373-1645

donsfree56@yahoo.com



Presented by the Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281

Events & Programs

SAVE THE DATE!

POLISH DINNER DANCE

Saturday, February 22, 2025 | 4:00PM - 9:00PM
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Spend a Night Enjoying...

- **Authentic Polish Dinner - appetizer table, hot foods, including: golabki, pierogi, kielbasa, kraut, and full dessert table**
- **Lively Polka Music featuring the legendary Pan Franek & the Polka Towners**
- **Cash Bar & 50/50 Raffle**

Tickets go on sale January 18, 2025 via EventBrite.
Access the bulletin that weekend for the EventBrite QR
Code. For questions contact
sjeccpolishdinnerdance@gmail.com or call Carol
Roberts 239-272-2212.

ADULTS: \$65
VIP: \$75
CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$25
Tables of 10



TRIVIA NIGHT

Pulte Family Life Center
Monday Nights @ 6

BOCCE LEAGUE

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Ladies
Thursdays 9:30 a.m. Gentlemen
Saturdays 9 a.m. Mixed

\$25 ANNUALLY FOR NON PULTE MEMBERS

Parish breakfast

*Wednesdays after Morning Mass
Pulte Family Life Center*



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



BOY SCOUT TROOP 226

Sunday, January 12

**AFTER THE 7AM, 9AM & 11AM MASSES
IN THE BALLROOM**

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Coffee & OJ

FREE

**DONATIONS APPRECIATED TO SEND SCOUTS TO
SUMMER CAMP IN NORTH CAROLINA JUNE 2025**