



**December 11, 2016**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

**Advent Penance  
Service at St. John  
December 20  
at 7:00 p.m.**

*see page 5*

**Fourth Annual  
Sneaker and Sock  
Drive Ends  
Next Weekend**

*see page 7*

**St. John Helps Feed  
1,900 People at  
Thanksgiving  
in the Park**

*see page 13*

**Learn More  
About the Bible  
in January**

*see page 18*

## **2016 Catholic Faith Appeal This Weekend Is 2016 CFA Last Hurrah**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*As scripture says, "And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus..."*

The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is one way to respond to this call. Through the generous commitment and participation to the CFA from many dedicated Catholics, the Diocese of Venice is able to provide programs to support the spiritual and material needs to help our brothers and sisters in need in the ten counties of the diocese.

How is the CFA funded? Diocese of Venice (DOV) imposes an annual assessment on every parish in the DOV. For 2016, St. John has been asked to contribute \$518,000. At this point, we have NOT met our goal for this year, and we currently stand at \$329,527.09. That is a large gap, and will require the parish to cover our shortfall from operational income and savings.

That is why we have designated this weekend as 2016 CFA Last Hurrah and the second collection will be for the 2016 CFA. This weekend you will hear comments from some of the leaders of our Parish family who receive and benefit from the wonderful programs and support from the CFA. Please give them your attention and assist us with our necessary goal.

In addition, outside the Narthex this weekend, there will be members of the Finance Council and the Pastoral Stewardship Council who will provide you with CFA literature and answer any questions you might have. Also, there will be a CFA video running that you can review. This video can also be viewed on the St. John website. Please take advantage of these resources.

We are asking each one of you to please participate in the 2016 Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) so that together we may meet our goal.

In Christ,

Saint John the Evangelist Finance Council



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Daily Mass: 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.  
Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. — Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5:00 p.m.

Scan this tag with your smartphone to view our mobile website.

**Mass for Deceased (\*) and Special Intentions (SI) Requested by**

**December 10, 2016 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Joseph Baiera Agnes Gaitens

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**

3:00 PM + Cecilia & William Schultz The Schultz Family

5:00 PM + O'Keefe & Ryan Families Joanne Ryan

**December 11, 2016 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Sharon McCarthy Joe McCarthy

9:00 AM + Rosetta & Gianni Nardulli Giuseppe & Anna Nardulli

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Barbara Silva Darlene & Jim Follese

5:00 PM + Daniel Fitzmaurice William E. Meyer, Jr. & Patricia Meyer

*Wine and Host in Loving Memory of Jackie Gibson*

*~ requested by her Friends and Family at Saint John the Evangelist*

**December 12, 2016 Monday**

8:00 AM + Joe Reid Claire Conger

9:00 AM + Ginger Sliney William Webb Family

**December 13, 2016 Tuesday**

8:00 AM + Clare Aviles Don & Rita Pasternak

9:00 AM + Thelma Corsetti Kay Reid

**December 14, 2016 Wednesday**

8:00 AM + Thelma Corsetti Thomas DeBarbieri

9:00 AM + Arthur Hildebrand Florence Hildebrand

6:30 PM + Tess Murphy Mary Murphy Wheeler

**December 15, 2016 Thursday**

8:00 AM + Ramy Garrido Josie Mennini

9:00 AM + Joseph Toi Phan Lan Tran

**December 16, 2016 Friday**

8:00 AM + Robert Sullivan Marty & Loretta Sullivan

9:00 AM + Ann Marie Gray Bob Gray

**December 17, 2016 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Erin Britt Inez Rush Britt

**Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**

3:00 PM + Jerome Paul VanderHorst Vicki VanderHorst

5:00 PM + Leon Gorman Friends

**December 18, 2016 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Thelma Corsetti Thomas DeBarbieri

9:00 AM + Helen O'Connor Douglas O'Connor

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Joseph Toi Phan Lan Tran

5:00 PM + Michael Scheidemann Aunt Jenny

*Wine and Host in Memory of Raymond Leclere ~ requested by Lorraine Leclere*

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, December 10, 2016**

**International Human Rights Day**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday**

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**Monday, December 12, 2016**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or

*any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712*

**Tuesday, December 13, 2016**

**St. Lucy**

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;

Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

**St. John of the Cross**

Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;

Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday, December 15, 2016**

Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

**Friday, December 16, 2016**

*Las Posadas begins*

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

**Saturday, December 17, 2016**

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday**

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

**Sunday, December 18, 2016**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

**FREE Nursery Care for children ages**

**1 to 5** available during the following

Mass times: Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. The

nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms

5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in

attendance during these nursery hours.

**Holy Communion Available for the Hospitalized and Homebound.** Any parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion while he/she is in the hospital or unable to get to Mass from his/her home may do so by calling the parish office, 566.8740, or emailing [emministry@sjecc.com](mailto:emministry@sjecc.com). An Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist will bring Holy Communion at a mutually agreed upon time. Please note that the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Holy Communion to North Naples NCH on Monday through Friday and to Landmark Hospital, North Naples on Wednesday and Sunday.

**MASS INTENTIONS...**

# Campaign Corner

December 11, 2016

*“Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen”*

— St. Thomas Aquinas



A Capital Campaign for  
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## 100 Straight Weeks: Campaign Support Strengthens Parish Family

Can you believe that it has been 100 straight weeks of updates on our Capital Campaign? From the introduction we began with nearly two years ago, we have not missed a week to communicate to you what our vision is for the future of our church and how we will be taking care of our heritage as a Parish Family. There were a few times where we may have diverged from this focus to relate other insights, like during the Paris attacks or on the anniversary of 9/11, but we have attempted to ensure all of you who have given generously to St. John with your time, talent and treasure can see the fruits of your labor. The **Build Our Future, Serve our Past** campaign has been a tremendous success, and we still have a full year plus to go in order to achieve all our goals together.

One item that we asked for your feedback on was the new naming convention for the rooms of our campus. Aside from rooms that have naming opportunities, we wanted to have a consistent way to name the rooms that we all will be inhabiting here. Those names should speak to our Catholic identity, but should also be approachable for all our guests, no matter who they are or what they believe in. Thank you all for your feedback and suggestions. We have decided to name the main rooms of the campus with cities from the New Testament. The option was chosen by our Buildings and Grounds Council after discussion of all the potential choices. There are some possible focal areas. Perhaps we use the cities of the steps of Saint Paul, or the cities that framed Jesus' ministry? The only caveat for the names is that they must be short and easily pronounceable, so that it can be simple for someone to say, "We are meeting in the Rome Room", for example. It would be harder to say, "We are meeting in the Amphipolis Room". If you have any suggestions of specific cities, please let me know. We will need at least six, replacing the Seminar Room, Library, Choir Room and Adult Meeting Space, while needing new names for the Multi-Purpose rooms of the Life Center.

There are, however, still several naming opportunities for the Life Center that you could consider, if you are looking for a Christmas gift for a loved one that will last forever. Those include the multi-purpose room, the gymnasium, and the café. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Lichwalla, the Campaign Coordinator at 239.495-2001 or email: [campaign@sjecc.com](mailto:campaign@sjecc.com).

You can also learn more information about our Capital Campaign at: <http://www.sjecc.com/future>.



*Renovation of the Library: demolition of the Library (above) and electrical work (right).*



Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager  
[jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

## PARISH CLERGY



**Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor**

Fr. Robert Murphy Associate  
Fr. Paul D'Angelo Associate  
Deacon Hal Brenner  
Deacon Forrest Wallace  
Deacon Frank Paniccia Senior Status

### Altar Servers:

Jean-Paul Boucher [jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

### Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay and Andy Sanfelippo 949.7122

### Eucharistic Ministry

Maureen Reed [EMMinistry@sjecc.com](mailto:EMMinistry@sjecc.com)

#### Homebound

Call the Office 566.8740

#### Hospital

Mary Ellen Metro [maryellen@sjecc.com](mailto:maryellen@sjecc.com)

### Lectors Ministry

[lectors@sjecc.com](mailto:lectors@sjecc.com)

### Greeters & Ushers:

Bill Fuller [wfuller1@comcast.net](mailto:wfuller1@comcast.net)  
239.280.8870

## SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH\*

**Sacrament of Baptism.** The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. *Deborah Marsh: 566.8740*

**Sacrament of Matrimony.** Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice. *Tricia Schwarz: 566.8740*

### Anointing of the Sick/Funeral

**Arrangements.** Call the parish office 566.8740. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

*Business Office is located in the PLC (behind the Church)*

**All Administrative Staff**

**239.566.8740**

**General Manager**

Jean-Paul Boucher: Ext. 3910

**Fax: 239.566.9117**

[jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

**Assistant to the Pastor**

Tricia Schwarz

**Parish Secretary**

Deborah Marsh

**Front Office Manager**

Kathy Mooney

**Pastoral Musician and Liturgist**

Gary Prettyman

**Artistic Director**

Jennine Fuentes

**Sacristan & Martha's Guild**

Lan Tran

**Director of Family Mission**

Jean-Paul Boucher

**Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor**

Kathy Sims

**CYO Social and Spiritual**

**Coordinator**

Kyle VanDuser

**Memorial Garden**

Jean-Paul Boucher

**Bookkeeper**

Karen Beebe

**Religious Boutique**

Elaine deLaurentis, Ext. 3921

**Maintenance**

566.8740

### Education Staff

**Director of Religious Education**

Natalie Campbell: Ext. 3904 and 3909

**Coordinator, Adult Faith Formation & RCIA**

Jack Kindsvater: Ext. 3918

**email staff members at:**

[info@sjecc.com](mailto:info@sjecc.com)

### FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the front office at 239.566.8740 or email: [info@sjecc.com](mailto:info@sjecc.com)

Thank you!

\*For complete information on the Sacraments, please visit our website:

[www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com)

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### Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

(until all are heard)

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

### Saturday Vigil Masses:

3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

### Choirs:

**Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Residents and seasonals welcome. *Gary Prettyman: 566.8740*

**Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. Grades

1-5. *Gary Prettyman: 566.8740*

**Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Grades 6-12

especially welcome. *Gary Prettyman: 566.8740*

**Hospitality.** Volunteers serve light refreshments for

parishioners who gather after the 9:00 and 11:00

a.m. Sunday Masses for sharing, communicating

and extending fellowship. If interested in helping

contact *Elida Gil: 239.592.7973 or Darlene*

*Follese: 495.9741*

**Divine Gift Boutique** (located across from the

restrooms). **Season Hours:** Saturday from 2:00

to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. If

interested in volunteering, contact *Elaine: 566.8740.*

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: [www.sjecc.com](http://www.sjecc.com)

**Mass Intentions.** We are now accepting 2017 intentions.

**Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine.** We have 2016 wine and host and flowers availability. Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*To Know, To Love, and To Serve God  
in His church and our community.*

## PARISH INFORMATION... OPERATIONAL

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## Christmas Programs

### Christmas Eve Mass with Elementary-Age Children as angels and shepherds

Saturday, December 24 at  
5:00 p.m. in the Church.

*see Area Advent Penance  
Services below*

## Mass Times ~ Christmas and New Year

### Saturday, December 24

*Christmas Eve Mass*

*Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*

3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. is Children's Mass,  
10:00 p.m. (Music starts at 9:20 p.m.)

### Sunday, December 25

*Christmas Day Mass*

*Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m.  
(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

### Saturday, December 31

*Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### Sunday, January 1, 2017

*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m.,  
1:15 p.m.; 5:00 p.m.

### Advent Penance Service at St. John

*Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.*

## Local Area Advent Penance Services

*St. Finbarr* – Monday, December 12, at 2:00 p.m.  
13520 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

*St. Agnes* – Tuesday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m.  
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

*San Marco* – Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m.  
851 San Marco Road, Marco Island

*St. Elizabeth Seton* – Monday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m.  
2730 53rd Ter Sw, Naples

*Saint John the Evangelist* –  
Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.

*St. Peter the Apostle* –  
Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.  
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

## Separated/Divorced Ministry 12-Week Healing Program Begins Wednesday, January 11; There Is No Cost to Attend

The Separated/Divorced Ministry is pleased to announce the winter session of our 12-week healing program, beginning January 11. Whether separated or divorced 10 days ago or 10 years ago, this program will offer valuable insight for everyone. The weekly sessions will include 30-minute DVD presentations followed by group discussions.

The video series topics are titled:

- Getting Your Bearings
- Finding Strength and Help
- Getting Through Your Anger
- Finding Perfect Peace
- Learning to Forgive
- Dealing with Your Family
- Handling Money Wisely

- Finding Perfect Power
- Seeing God in Romance
- Relearning How to Date
- Loving All Church Teachings
- Finding Perfect Passion

Our ministry's goal is to become a light in the life of separated/divorced Catholics by promoting a sense of inclusion in our Parish family and guidance through our shared spiritual journey.

Please join us Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Claussen Family Center. The sessions begin January 11 and run through April 5 (with no class on March 15).

There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required. Please pre-register by January 5.

In addition to the 12-week series, we are also going to host informal meetings on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the same room, starting January 12. There is no need to pre-register to the casual meetings, just join us for friendly fellowship in an encouraging and safe space.

For more information or to register for this healing program, please contact Lhara Echeverria at 239.293.3694 or [lhara@sjecc.com](mailto:lhara@sjecc.com) or Beth Lucci at 239.877.6254.

## #ToKnow – End of Year Giving Opportunities

Over this past year, we have been blessed to receive wonderful gifts from our Parish Family. These gifts enable us to serve both our church and our community in countless ways. If you still would like to provide additional stewardship for St. John, in your time, talent, and treasure, I would like to provide you with a few options that will not only be tax deductible, but in some cases, support our efforts without assessment from the Diocese:

- **Capital Campaign:** While we have reached our Core Goal and will be breaking ground in March of 2017, we have not yet reached our other goals, which will allow us to renovate all the rest of our facilities, as well as provide future assurance for our Parish Family with endowments and programs. Giving to the campaign is placed in a separate bank account and will not be assessed by the Diocese. If you have not yet provided a pledge, I urge you to do so. If you have pledged, please consider accelerating your payments, since that will enable us to move forward quickly. Please contact Joe, our Campaign Coordinator at: 239.495.2001 or email: [campaign@sjecc.com](mailto:campaign@sjecc.com) if you have any questions.

- **Catholic Faith Appeal:** Last weekend, I provided an introductory message about the Catholic Faith Appeal, a Diocesan fundraising program which engages every parish to give to the Diocese to support Catholic Charities, the Seminarians, and many more programs. If you would like to make a donation that will make an impact in the region, I recommend giving to the CFA. You will be hearing from several people this weekend on the importance of the CFA and its support for our Parish Family. Please visit the Diocese

by Jean-Paul Boucher  
General Manager  
[jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)



website: <https://secure.pledgeconnect.com/donation.aspx?catholicgiving> to make a donation or call our office and we can assist you.

- **Christmas Gift for Our Parish Family:** We have an easy way for you to give specifically to Saint John the Evangelist during this Christmas Season. Please go to: <https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/Christmas> and you can set up a one-time donation, or establish annual giving for the holidays.


## #ToKnow – CFA Status Update

This weekend is our second collection for the CFA. Members of our staff and leaders of our councils will communicate the needs we have in order to fulfill this assessment; we believe we can make a serious dent in the shortfall that needs to be reduced.

Whatever amount we are not able to raise by January 10 will be levied on the parish and will be paid via our savings and our operational accounts. Given our priorities as a Parish Family to accelerate the Life Center and renovation programs for our church, this is an understandable shortfall this year, but the less we must pull from other efforts, the better we will be at supporting the needs of both our Parish Family and the community around us.

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Telephone:	

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In support of the "BUILD OUR FUTURE-SERVE OUR PAST" Campaign, I/We pledge the total sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid over \_\_\_\_\_ years beginning Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Terms: ☐ Annually ☐ Semi-Annually ☐ Quarterly ☐ Other ☐ Auto Giving

Named Gift#: \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to talk with someone about including the church in my will or living trust.

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
This commitment can be changed at any time by notifying the Church Office.

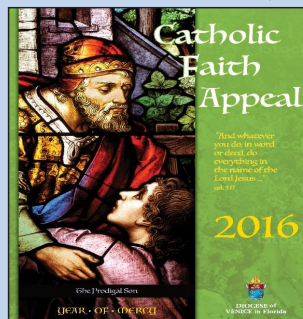
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Please make checks payable to: SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH.  
NOTE: Please enter in check memo line: BUILD OUR FUTURE-SERVE OUR PAST CAMPAIGN.


For Office Use Only

TOTAL GIFT:	\$
PAID HEREWITH:	\$
BALANCE:	\$

☐ ACK ☐ CMS



### End of Year Giving



**As you consider your Christmas and end of year giving, remember your extended Catholic family!**

Your gift can be designated to our parish, Catholic School, the Catholic Faith Appeal, the Catholic Community Foundation or an individual ministry. These gifts provide support for Christ's ministry and may assist you with some tax benefits. We are most grateful for your generosity to the Church!



*For the Love of Children*

# The Ladies of Charity 4th Annual

## Christmas Sneaker and Sock Drive

*to benefit the needy children of Naples Park Elementary School & the children of Immokalee*

**Goal: 500 Pairs**

**Ending: December 17-18**

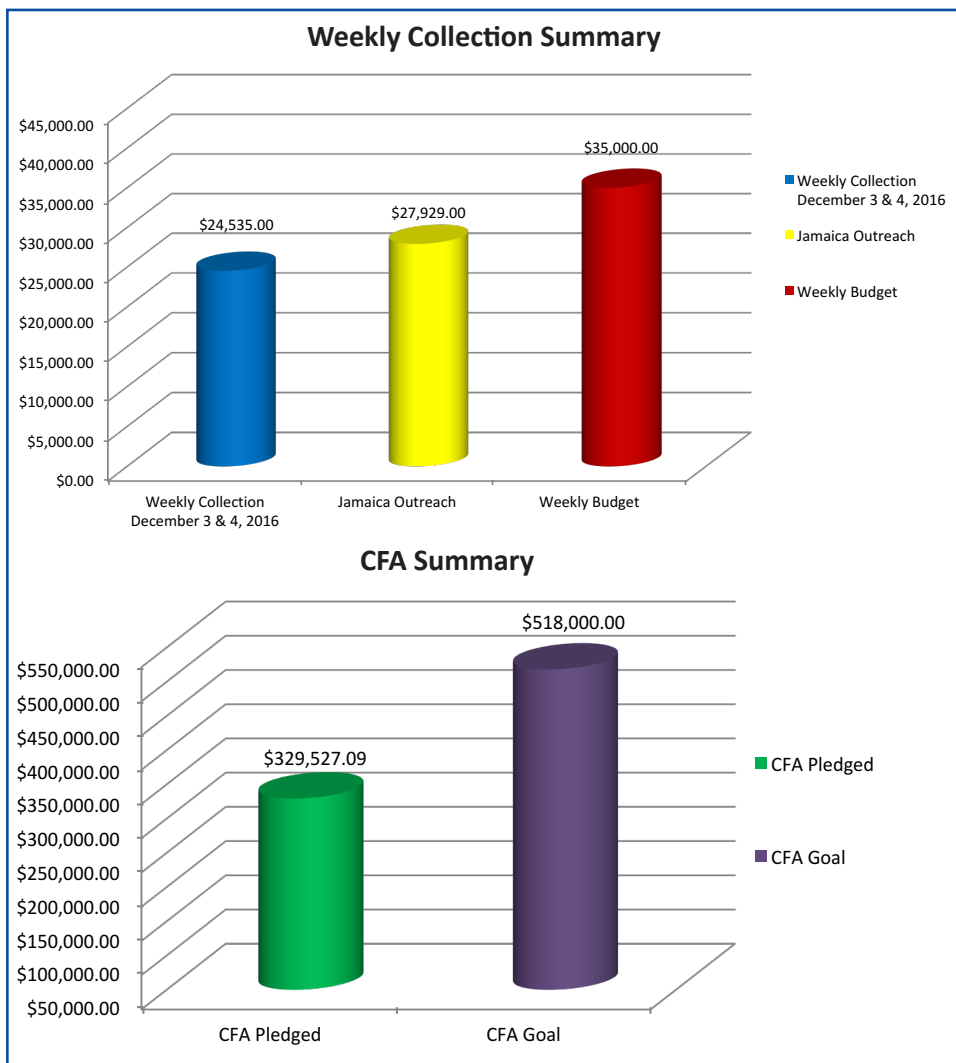
*Items must be NEW.*



- Ornaments depicting the children's different shoes sizes can be found on Christmas trees in the Narthex.
- Please take an ornament, or two, and generously donate NEW only sneakers and socks.
- Please wrap your package and be sure to attach your ornament to the outside of the gift box.**
- You may also write a check to Saint John the Evangelist with "Sneakers Drive" written in the memo line. Your checks can be placed in the collection baskets passed during Mass or taken to the church office.
- Please bring your gift to the church by Sunday, December 18.

**Please help us reach our goal of 500 pairs.**





***“Retirement Fund for Religious” Collection is this weekend.***

***Next Marriage Encounter Weekend Is February 10-11***

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it; Retrouvaille can help. It has helped thousands. Our next program begins February 10-12, at 2017 Hampton Inn & Suites, Tampa Northwest/Oldsmar.

For more information, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), or call 813.906.7705. *Not counseling or group therapy.* All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

## Wedding Banns

*First announcement between*  
Catherine Glaser & Ryan Goodman



**Bereavement.** Attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Take turns serving lunch for the family and friends after a funeral Mass. Grief facilitators hold support groups as needed to give support to those suffering a loss. *For Arimatheans: Elaine: 566.8160. For Grief Support Ministry: 566.8740*

**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 Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. *scoutmaster@troop-226.com*

**Buildings and Grounds Council.** The scope of the Buildings and Grounds Council is to provide future direction, advice, and insight for the physical plant of Saint John the Evangelist, to include all buildings, the grounds, and all utilities therein. The Council will meet quarterly to evaluate any long-term strategy planning that is required to provide such a large and complex environment with multiple purposes.

**Catholic/Jewish Dialogue.** Engage Catholics and Jews in understanding our past history and to advance the cause of mutual understanding and appreciation for our differences as well as our commonalities. *Marty Gauthier: marty@naples.net*

**Circle of Comfort.** If you have cancer, or are taking care of someone who does, you may be facing challenges that may leave you feeling overwhelmed, frightened, alone and in need of comfort. Let us share our experience of faith, strength and prayer with you. We help each other live one day at a time through encouragement, prayer, laughter or whatever it takes to bring comfort to each other. *Jim or Darlene 566.8740*

**Companion Driving Ministry.** To promote a sense of love and belonging for every member of our Parish Community by offering transportation to church services regardless of age, infirmity, marital or socioeconomic status. To sign up for a ride or to become a volunteer driver: *566.8740 or Beth Lucci at 877.6254 or sjeride@gmail.com*

**Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist.** Provide families with an opportunity to raise their young boys in the way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. *pack226naples@gmail.com*

**Divorced and Separated Support Group.** Whether separated/divorced 10 days ago or 10 years ago, sign up now for our 12-week DVD series/group discussions to help you along your path to Spiritual Healing. Series runs Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Claussen Family Center starting September 7 through December 7. (No class Thanksgiving week). *Lhara Echeverria: 293.3694 or Lhara@sjecc.com or Beth Lucci: 877.6254*

**Faith and Wine.** Provide interesting and thought provoking speakers monthly with food and fellowship for women in the Diocese. *Nancy Squitieri: mamasquit@yahoo.com*

**Finance Council.** The Finance Council is an integral part of the Stewardship responsibilities of the parish. The council assists the Pastor and General Manager in their deliberation and decision-making process in order to serve the needs of the Parish in the prudent administration of its resources and funds. *President: Barbara Kuryea*

**Habitat for Humanity.** Build homes in Naples for qualifying families in need. *Nick Koullouheras: nick@hfhcollier.com*

**Jamaica Outreach Program.** JOP has been an integral part of Saint John the Evangelist since 1997. Our mission is to help the poor in Jamaica. JOP provides goods, food, medical-vision-dental services, education and basic support to improve the lives of the poor in Jamaica. We welcome new volunteers. For more info: *Jeanne Stamant (season) 514.0290 (summer 248.3248). To volunteer: Martha Mador 860.449-2105*

**Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.** Worldwide Catholic men's fraternal organization founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. St. John's Council provides regular financial support for our seminarians and our parish. Knights also conduct a wide variety of activities to enhance and strengthen family life in the parish. Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6:30 p.m.; business meeting at 7:15 p.m. Next social meeting is October 24. Visiting Knights are welcome. *Bill Warvel, Grand Knight: 331.7151*

**Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308.** Meets second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. *S/K Jim McDonald: 947.6454*

**Knitting & Crocheting.** Knits and crochets to benefit those in need. Make baby hats booties and blankets for babies, lap robes for nursing homes, prayer shawls, baptismal blankets and sweaters for kids. Meets year-round on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. no experience necessary. *Vicki Brenner: 498.9900*

**Ladies of Charity.** Volunteer in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank. The Ladies also visit local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. In addition, they are available to provide friendly visits and to perform simple errands for the elderly and homebound. Meets the second Friday of every month. *Homebound: Diane Pesce: 630.571.0707. To join: MarieElaina Mullin: 273.1702*

**Men's Club and Ladies Auxiliary.** Organizes, cooks, orders and serves food and beverages and otherwise provides staff and support for a multitude of parish and parish-related functions. It hosts the parish picnic, Children Easter Egg Hunt, and the men work closely with the Family Ministry at many of their events. Monthly meetings 2:00 p.m. on the second Thursday from October to May. *Jack Nalipinski: 412.613.3551*

**Parish Nurse Ministry.** Dedicated to the support and encouragement of wellness and health of the St. John Parish Family via monthly seminars on health topics. Illustrates how taking care of your body helps take care of your spirit and your soul. *Sue Townsend: sue@sjecc.com*

**Pastoral Stewardship Council.** The major responsibilities of St. John's stewardship program falls under the purview of the Pastoral Stewardship Council. The Council's mission is to create awareness of God's gifts of time, talent and treasure and to encourage their use to the best of one's ability for the good of the Parish. The Council has three major subcommittees: Hospitality, Sharing, and Time and Talent. *Council President: Rick Beebe: psc@sjecc.com*

**Respect Life.** Educates and informs the parish community on all aspects of respect life, which include the unborn, mothers who have had abortions, the elderly, mentally challenged, the physically challenged, the imprisoned, and the terminally ill and the poor and hungry. *Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941*

**Sewing Ministry.** Meets to sew for needy children of Collier County on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. from October to May. The Sewing Ministry meets in the Youth Room of the Claussen Family Center. New members welcome. We accept fabric and notions as well as monetary donations. *Phyllis Crivelli: 594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: 250.4162*

**St. Vincent de Paul.** To help the poor, specifically people in zip codes 34108, 34109 and 34110. Members work in teams making home visits to those in need. Many times it means helping individuals with rent payment, late electrical or water bills, prescription needs and food. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass. *SVdP Office: 775.1667*

**Vocations Ministry.** Vocations are a calling from God and each of us has one, from single or married life to religious life. Help the Parish Family educate and identify vocations through prayer and activities. *Marty Gautier: marty@naples.net*

**Women of the Word (WoW).** We welcome any woman of any age to study our faith using the Bible and other Catholic writings in a non-judgmental, supportive community. Thursday 9:30 a.m. *Nancy Bouchard: 443.498.8452 or nancybdh@hotmail.com*

## PARISH MINISTRIES...

Check the Event Sheets on the building doors for the meeting location of the group. Groups do not always meet in the same location from week to week.

## PRAYER GROUPS

**Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

**Cenacle of Life Prayer Group**

Patricia Bucalo: 248.0694

**Divine Will Prayer Group**

Gorana Saner: 293.1765

**Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina**

Mondays: Maria Jones: 348.5361

Wednesday morning will resume in the fall.

**Liturgy of the Hours**

Phyllis Gryskiewicz: 566.7307

**St. John Charismatic Prayer Group**

**"Blazing Hearts"**

Linda Reilly: 821.8982

## THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

**Cpl. Francisco Alvarenga**  
U.S. Marines

**Sp. Petrus Botha**  
U.S. Army

**S. Isaiah Brutus**  
U.S. Air Force

**Ensign Stuart Campbell**  
U.S. Navy

**BM2 Charley Davidson**  
U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)

**Adam Decker**  
U.S. Air Force

**Nicholas Detloff**  
U.S. Air Force

**Joshua Emmons**  
U.S. Air Force

**LCpl. Conor Fleurant**  
USMC

**Lt. Colin Flood**  
U.S. Army, Special Forces

**Lt. Bernardo Garcia**  
U.S. Marines

**Lt. Joseph Gilig**  
1st Marine Division  
\* LAV Recon

**Cpl. Dylan Granza**  
U.S. Army Ranger

**Sp. Shelby Granza**  
U.S. Army

**Gunnery Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer**  
USMC \* Embassy  
Security (New Zealand)

**Sp. Douglas Hennessy**  
U.S. Army

**Staff Sgt. Brian Holmes**  
U.S. Army (Iraq)

**Marine Colonel Brian Howlett** USMC

**2nd Lt. Sean Kealey**  
U.S. Army

**Lt. John Meyers**  
U.S. Army

**LCpl. Randy A. Novak**  
USMC

**LCpl. Ryan D. Novak**  
USMC

**Ryan D. Novak**  
USMC

**Cpt. Daniel Palmer**  
U.S. Army

**Cpt. John Palmer**  
U.S. Army

**Cpt. Martin Palmer**  
U.S. Army  
(Afghanistan)

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U.S. Army

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U.S. Army

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**MidShipman Micaela Scudato**

U.S. Naval Academy

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U.S. Army (Kuwait)

**Spc. Devin Snyder**  
U.S. Army (Ft. Drum, NY)

**Houng Tran**  
U.S. Army

**IT2 Jason E. Tydingco**  
(USN)

**Staff Sgt. Brandon Waithe**  
U.S. Air Force

**Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino**  
U.S. Air Force

## OUTREACH & OTHER GROUPS

**AA. Robert:** 239.287.2442

**Al-Anon. Carol:** 804.306.5323 and  
*Juliette: Lysack*

**Narcotics Anonymous.**

**Cursillistas. Robyn DeVille:** 253.6275 or  
*robbyndeville@earthlink.net*

**Mah Jong.** Space Limited. *Lanelle Bishop:*  
352.1860

**Pinochle. Joseph DeJesus:** 598.9865

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348.5031 or Roger: 250.6888

## PRAYER LIST

*We remember those who have died recently, especially:*

Catherine Hassey and Bob Milanko

*May they rest in eternal peace.*

Please pray for those on our prayer list below as well as those whose names appear on our online Prayer List at <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/prayer-list>.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by PRAYER and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. – Philippians 4:6*

Antoinette and Nicholas  
Acquiviva  
ADD  
Steve Allender  
Frank Angilella  
Rich Annunziata  
Fernando Ardila  
Thomas Ardila  
Paschal Arpaia  
Paul Arpaia  
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Barbara Berg  
Gallen Boardman  
Joe Bordelon  
Teresa Brecht  
Doug Callen  
Carrie  
Susan Chiappini  
Tiffany Chill  
Eric Christensen  
Joan Ciccirelli  
Dick Clark  
Sam and Frank Comeriato  
Fr. Gerard Critch  
Kathryn Gallagan-Culp  
Anthony D'Antuono  
Mark Dabronzo  
Donald Dempski  
Florence Demski  
Sandra Demski  
Bernadette Dennis  
DF  
Carey Eliason  
Coletta Farina  
John Farrell  
John Farrow,  
Wendy Bui Fewell  
Fiedler Family  
Donna Flynn  
Anna Focht  
Tara Follese  
Fran  
Galloway Family  
Edward Gaynor  
Roberta George  
Emma Gilardi

Carlos D. Gomez  
George Gonser Jr  
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Keri Grasso  
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Doris Heath  
Gerard Heyen  
Kim Hocker  
Donald Howe  
JM  
JRM  
KM  
NC  
Neil King  
Pam Kirk  
Krista Leigh Kozowyk  
Jim Krauser & Family  
Lindsay Lavery  
Estelle LeChelavier  
Rene Lacoste  
Mary Lou Leibig  
Arlene Lento  
Delk Lindaman  
Logan  
Jack Lucarelli  
Jean Lydon  
Margie Lynch  
Maria and Family  
Ron Marlow  
Ross Mart  
Kenneth J. McAvoy  
Kevin McDonagh  
Carolyn McDonald  
Carolyn McNichols  
James Meleo  
Jean Meleo  
Beth Ann Meloche  
Lorrie Morrison  
Maxine Newman  
Marylee Olsen  
Emma O'Rourke  
Maryla Panagos  
Charles Parente Family  
Michael Paul  
Babe Pelli  
Elizabeth Perez  
Anne Perrino  
Ann Petrillo

Pileggi Family  
Georgia Pinto  
Irene Pires  
Thad Pluc  
Bill Porter  
Renee Rake  
Norjean Ray  
John Reardon  
Aurielia Rein  
Cindy Renner  
Peter Renner  
Ruth Rechtsteiner  
Allan Ring  
RLC  
Susie Romanovich  
Jean Ruel  
Lloyd Sample  
Lisa Sanfelippo  
Shelia Scaduto  
Peter Scariati  
Darlene Scerbinski  
Mary Schell  
Eli Schneider  
Pat Schuler  
Breana Short  
Lisa Siegwarth  
Thomas Sissman  
John Smith  
Solazzo Family  
JoAnne Spehn  
Anthony Spinella  
Nancy Stewart  
Susan Stokes  
Rita Taranto  
William J. Teplica  
Domonic Terrogrossa  
Gary Tester  
John Thyen  
Logan Uzzi  
Denny VanWeelden  
Lawrence Varone  
Jothan Warner  
Vera Weinstein  
Sue and George Willis  
Nancy Wise  
Bob Wright  
Ed Zerrer  
Zoe

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you would like the name(s) you submit to be on our prayer list for longer than one month, please notify us by phone or email or the names will be removed. These names also appear on our online prayer list at: <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/prayer-list>

**LET US PRAY...** To submit a one-month prayer request call 566.8740, or email: [prayerlist@sjec.com](mailto:prayerlist@sjec.com)  
When submitting a name for Prayer List, please make sure you have that individual's permission.

DECEMBER 11, 2016 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

## Sunday, December 11, 2016: the 3rd Sunday of Advent

Opening Song

56 Emmanuel

Presentation Song

Everlasting God

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Strength will rise as we wait up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord. Our God, You reign for - ev - er. Our Hope, our strong De - liv - 'er You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev - er - last - ing God You do not faint, You won't grow wea - ry You're the de - fend - er of the weak, You com - fort those in need. You lift us up on wings like ea - gles. ea - gles.

Communion Song

57 Comfort, Comfort, O My People

Closing Song

Love Has Come (see next page for music)



I want to be holy, just like you; I want to go where you lead me to,  
With reckless abandon to your Truth,  
I want to fall deeper in love with you!

prepare ye the way of the Lord

# Love Has Come

Matt Maher

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**Verses**




1. With one voice the an - gels sing songs that make cre - a - tion ring.  
 2. God the Fa - ther, El - o - him, voice of thun - der, spir - it, wind:  
 3. God of Cov - e - nant, di - vine, lead us to the end of time,  
 4. Now sal - va - tion has — come in the New Je - ru - sa - lem.

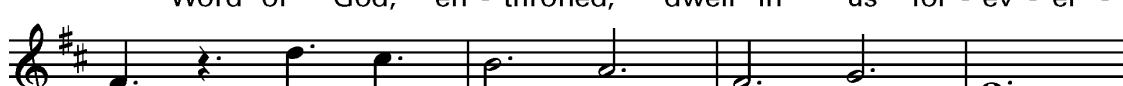


1. Proph - ets hear and call us to live in spir - it and in truth. (to Verse 2)  
 2. breathe on me your ver - y life; grace will make the dark-ness bright.  
 3. be - yond sor - row, be - yond fear, be - yond pride and earth - en tears.  
 4. Danc - ers dance and sing - ers roar; pro - claim - ing Je - sus Christ is Lord!

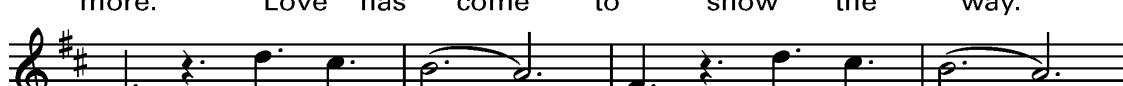
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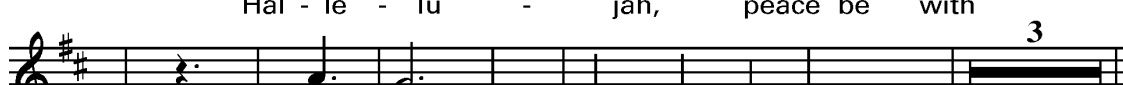
Word of God, en - throned, dwell in us for - ev - er -



more. Love has come to show the way.



Hal - le - lu - jah, peace be with



us. Love has come to show the way.

## Hymns for the 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 10 & 11, 2016

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Preparation Hymn:	44	A Voice Cries Out
Communion Hymn:	73	Creator of the Stars of Night
	57	Comfort, Comfort, O My People
Closing Hymn:	43	People, Look East

## Choral Anthems at 9AM Mass

Prelude:	No Other Name Medley (Greer)
Communion:	Every Valley (J.N. Beck)

**Gaudete Sunday**, the third Sunday of Advent, gets its name from the first word of its Introit, or Entrance Antiphon, for the day: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Phil. 4:4-5, the second reading of the day) Why do we rejoice? Because the 3rd Sunday of Advent always means that we are more than halfway to Christmas (cf. the modern 'celebration' of Wednesday as 'hump day' of the work week). Thus, the liturgical color of the day is rose, the color of joy! Interestingly, the 4th Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday for the same reason. These are the only two Sundays of the church year when the liturgical color is rose.



# Knights Honor Salesian Sisters at Vocations Dinner

## \$11,000 Awarded to Seminarians and Salesian Postulant



About 200 people enjoyed a great evening of fun, food, dancing, and entertainment at the annual Vocations Dinner Dance, which honored Salesian Sisters Patricia Roche, Carmen Pena and Katie Flanagan. The event was held on Friday, November 18. The St. John Knights of Columbus Council #11281 thanks all who attended, donated and worked to make the event a success. Special thanks to our Boosters and local merchants. **Please support the merchants who supported our Seminarians.**

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## St. John Helps Feed 1,900 People in Immokalee During Thanksgiving in the Park

*"Yet if there is one thing typical of the saints, it is that they are genuinely happy. They found the secret of authentic happiness, which lies deep within the soul and has its source in the love of God. That is why we call the saints blessed." – Pope Francis*

The outpouring of generosity and service from our Parish Family always astounds me. Just when you might think we have given all we can of our time, our talent, and our treasure, Saint John the Evangelist comes through even more to assist those most in need. Thanksgiving Week illustrated our commitment to our Mission with the Saint Vincent DePaul food pantry programs, Thanksgiving in the Park led by Chef Lou and the Knights of Columbus and our entire parish, the Ladies of Charity feeding over 1,900 people and Naples Park, and countless individuals and families pitching in to make this season welcoming, loving, and fruitful for as many people as possible.

Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed. We hope each year to grow this program and help even more people!

*Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager*



**Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10**

**Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10**

**James 5:7-10**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

# The Word & Life

## *A Dream Come True*

**J**ohn the Baptist is the great model of preparation as we move forward through this holy season of Advent. He spent his life preaching repentance and urged people to prepare themselves to meet the promised one. In today's gospel, we hear of John's longing to know whether or not Jesus was the dream of God. John is in prison because of his witness to the truth. Even though he gives witness to Christ at the Jordan River, he begins to doubt in his isolation — he needs reassurance. Jesus' response is very clear: "Tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and poor have the good news proclaimed to them." This is the prophecy of Isaiah fulfilled; the dream of the people of Israel comes true. John the Baptist was the messenger, and Jesus was certainly the message. Jesus continues to reassure us that he is the answer to our prayers; it is through him that God's dream for each of us is realized. The coming of the Messiah brought with it the advent of healing and restoration. This is what we are asked to focus on as we approach the sacred time of the Incarnation. In the Christmas event, humanity is redeemed, restored, and made whole by the events surrounding Jesus' life, death, and

resurrection. As we approach the story where extraordinary events surrounded the unlikely location of a Savior's birth, we are reminded that all this took place for each one of us.

The needs of our time are not unlike the needs that Isaiah and Jesus discerned. The world still requires healing. People remain feeble, weak, frightened, poor, and needy. In a sense we long for Jesus in the midst of our challenges just as much as John the Baptist longed to know if Jesus was the one who is to come. We are asked to wait patiently for the Lord as we discern his presence in our lives. Faced with many challenges, we must remember that Jesus walks with us throughout those experiences offering us hope. How do we know this for sure? The answer lies with faith. Without faith we have no hope. With faith, we



have the assurance of everlasting life and are given the promise that we will never be left alone. Jesus is with us until the end of time!

There is a danger in viewing the past events of the gospel as if they are a reality beyond our reach. In the event of the Incarnation, we are reminded that redemption and salvation are readily available to each one of us. Every time Jesus heals someone in the gospel, *he is teaching us how we may be healed or how we can heal one another through faith*. Jesus shows us the way to the Father every time that he reaches out to the feeble and the weak. Each of Jesus' parables and teachings give us the blueprint of how to live our lives — opening us to the heart of our God. This is what salvation in Christ means — to know God and to live in His ways. In living the gospel, we keep the dream of God alive!

## Prayer

*Come, Lord Jesus. Enter into our lives with your healing. Make strong our feeble hearts and make us firm. Alleviate the fear that undermines our courage and strengthen our hope in your lasting goodness. Amen.*

## Reflecting on the Sunday Readings with Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor



## Reflection Questions

1. Why does John the Baptist seek clarification in regard to Jesus' mission?
2. How does Jesus define his own life project?
3. Do you allow Jesus to work the same kind of miracles in your life?
4. Examine the ways Jesus restored Israel.
5. How does Jesus offer sight, hearing, new life, etc., to us?
6. Do you prepare ways in which the Lord can enter into the reality of your life and the life of others? Why or why not?
7. When do you seek clarification about the Lord's presence in your life?

## Wisdom of the Fathers



The Season of Advent is... “*a new journey of the People of God with Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, who guides us through history toward the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God. Therefore, this Season has a special charm, it makes us experience deeply the meaning of history. We rediscover the beauty of all being on a journey: the Church, with her vocation and mission, and all humanity, peoples, civilizations, cultures, all on a journey across the paths of time.*”

This journey never comes to an end. Just as in each of our lives we always need to begin again, to get up again, to rediscover the meaning of the goal of our lives, so also for the great human family it is always necessary to rediscover the common horizon toward which we are journeying. *The horizon of hope!* This is the horizon that makes for a good journey. The season of Advent ..... restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty.”

— Pope Francis, *The Angelus Address, Sunday, 1st December, 2013*

*Pope Francis greets a man while meeting the disabled during his general audience in Paul VI hall at the Vatican November 30. (Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)*

# Faith Formation

## 2016-2017 School Year

### DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 11** Sunday Faith Formation Class  
Parent Faith Formation Class  
High School Confirmation Make Up Class 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. - For anyone who started late in the year and missed one or more classes.

*Catechist Christmas Brunch 12:15 p.m.*

- 14** Wednesday Faith Formation Class  
Parent Faith Formation Session

- 18** Sunday Faith Formation Class  
Parent Faith Formation Class

\*Sunday Morning Classes ~ 9:30 -10:45 a.m.

\*Wednesday Evening Classes ~ 5:45 -7:00 p.m.

### High School Confirmation

This spring, 35 of our Youth will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at a date to be announced soon. This group of High School age children are in their second year of preparation. Please continue to keep our Youth in your prayers as they continue to prepare.



**January Classes: January 8 and January 22**

**Confirmation Retreat:** Friday, February 17 and 18.  
Registration forms are available online or in the Parish Office.

### SAVE THE DATES:

**First Reconciliation Ceremony:** January 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the church.

**First Holy Communion Ceremony:** May 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the church.

### Faith Formation Office Hours

Mondays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

*(on the days of Faith Formation classes only)*

Fridays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*(on the days of Faith Formation classes only)*

### Celebrating the Saints: Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego

Under this title, Our Lady is the patron of Mexico, the United States, and all of the Americas, as well as the protector of unborn children. In 1531, she appeared in a vision to the peasant Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City and charged him with asking the bishop to build a church on that spot. But the bishop demanded a sign, so Our Lady had Juan gather flowers in his cloak in December to take to the bishop. When Juan opened his cloak, the colorful image of Guadalupe was emblazoned on the cactuscloth. That icon is preserved in the most famous shrine in the Western Hemisphere, and Our Lady of Guadalupe continues to inspire poor and oppressed people worldwide. (info: [myusccb@usccb.org](mailto:myusccb@usccb.org))



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### Liturgical Calendars for the New Year: The Year of Our Lord: 2016-2017 Year A

Please stop by the Faith Formation office if you would like a Liturgical Calendar poster to put up in your home. You can follow along with the Gospel readings each Sunday, along with the important Feast Days in the church. The Faith Formation Department purchased several posters and would love to share! The calendars are a product of the Plaum Publishing Group and are also available at [www.plaum.com](http://www.plaum.com).



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# Calling All Shepherds and Angels!

All Elementary School-age children are invited to participate in our annual 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass as angels and shepherds, proclaiming the joyous news of the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ! If you are interested in being part of this wonderful celebration, please contact our Artistic Director, Jennine Fuentes, at [jennine@sjecc.com](mailto:jennine@sjecc.com), so she can provide you with the schedule of rehearsals.

*photos from previous Christmas Story programs*



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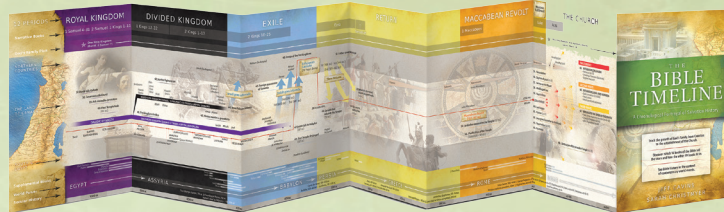
### 2017 Women's Conference

All women are invited to attend the 2017 Diocese of Venice Women's Conference Saturday, February 11, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is \$20 (pre-registration on line), students \$5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is \$30, and \$10 for students. This year's speakers are Dr. Ted Sri, Rachael Balducci, Susan Conroy and Lisa Cotter. This event usually sells out. For Conference details and to register beginning on December 15 go to [dioceseofvenice.org/womens](http://dioceseofvenice.org/womens).

### 2017 Men's Conference

All men to attend the 2017 Diocese of Venice Men's Conference on Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is \$20 (pre-registration on line), students \$5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is \$30, and \$10 for students. The day includes internationally renowned speakers, Jeff Cavins, EWTN regular and creator of the popular Great Adventure Bible Study and the Bible Timeline, as well as Kevin Lowry and Mike Pacer. For Conference details and to register beginning on December 15 go to [dioceseofvenice.org/mens](http://dioceseofvenice.org/mens).

# Adult Faith Formation & RCIA



## Have you always wanted to read the Bible?

Maybe you even started, in the beginning with Genesis, but then got bogged down around Leviticus. Remember the Bible is not a book, but a 73-volume library.

Most Catholics want to read the Bible, but without a guide they find it hard to begin and easy to give up.

Beginning in January

- read the **14 narrative books** of the Bible that keep the story moving, and discover the amazing story woven throughout Scripture
- learn how the key **people, places, and events** in the Bible fit together to reveal God's plan for humanity
- study the Bible from a **Catholic perspective** and see how our faith is rooted in Sacred Scripture
- see how the events in the Old Testament are **fulfilled in the New Testament** by Christ and the Church

- gain a **greater appreciation for the Scripture** readings you hear during Mass
- see how **God reveals himself** to us through Scripture and learn how **God's Word applies** to your life today
- develop a life-long hunger for knowing God in his word and **lay a strong foundation** for further Bible reading and study

Beginning in January two programs will be offered.

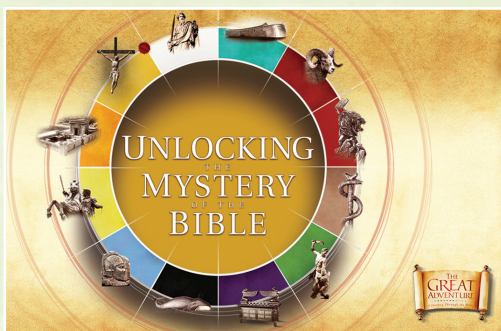
Both programs utilize the same Bible Chart: a simple, color-coded timeline of Bible history. It divides the entire timeline into 12 color-coded periods and then focuses on 14 books that tell the story in chronological order.

Key people and events that advance the story are highlighted so that you aren't overwhelmed with too much at once.

Look for the details on when and where, but decide this is the year you will begin.

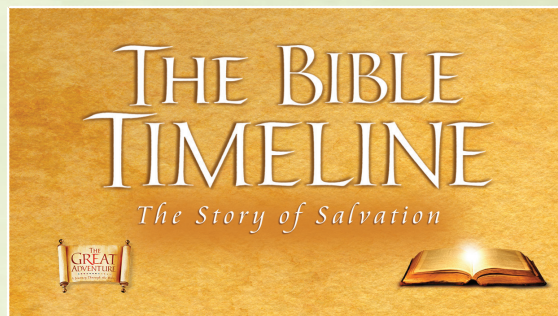
If not now – when?

## Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible



**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** is an 8-week quick overview that provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. It makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it is all about; *it's like flying over the story at 30,000 feet.*

## The Bible Timeline



**The Bible Timeline** is a fascinating 24-session study that takes you on a journey through the entire Bible. You will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. You will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith; *it's like driving through the Holy Land in a Land Rover.*

Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator. Call 239.566.8740, ext. 3918 or email [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com)

# Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

## Upcoming Special Programs at St. John and on WGCU-TV



On Thursday December 15, join a special Advent video-pilgrimage to Mount Athos and an introduction to the prayer the monks pray unceasingly, *The Jesus Prayer*.

Our Church highly venerates the Heart of Jesus and the Prayer of the Heart (*Hesychasm*). Advent allows us this opportunity to both focus on Jesus, and Pray this transformative prayer of the heart, *The Jesus Prayer*.

View a CBS **60 Minutes** segment that visits this remote peninsula in northern Greece that millions believe to be the most sacred spot on Earth. It's called Mount Athos and prayers have been offered there every day, with no interruption, for more than a thousand years.

It was set aside by ancient emperors to be the spiritual capital of Orthodox Christianity and has probably changed less over the centuries than any other inhabited place on the planet. The monks come to Mount Athos from all over and do everything they can to keep what they call "the world" far away.

Still today, the Mount Athos monks perpetually pray the earliest known prayer of the Desert Fathers. You will learn the three dimensions of the Jesus Prayer according to St. Augustine, and be able to read what the Catechism of the Catholic Church reveals about this powerful mystical prayer.

This special program will be on Thursday, December 15 from **5:00 - 6:30 p.m.** in the Claussen Family Center, Seminar Room. (Note this special happy hour time).

image: Mountain Athos/Photographer: Witold Rawicz (PL)/CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=211278>

### *View Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism: The Pivotal Players on WTTW-TV on Sunday, December 18*

If you were not one of the dozens of adults that viewed and discussed Bishop Robert Barron's new series that was presented at St. John in October and November, you will have another opportunity to view two of the most popular episodes, in the comfort of your home.

Tune in to see why **Michelangelo**, the artist, and **St. Francis of Assisi**, the reformer are pivotal players in our Church.

*At 3:00 p.m. on WGCU HD, TV 30.1, Cable 3 / 440 - Michelangelo*

From the magnificent David in Florence to the unparalleled paintings in the Sistine Chapel to the haunting Pieta' in Rome, Michelangelo's legacy reveals the creative potential of the human spirit and shows that beauty is a route of access to the transcendent.

*At 4:00 p.m. on WGCU HD, TV 30.1, Cable 3 / 440 - St. Francis of Assisi*

Bishop Barron explores the extraordinary life of St. Francis of Assisi and explains how a life of true authenticity and goodness can shake the foundations of the world by examining the little friar from Umbria who became one of the most important and influential figures of the Middle Ages.

## This Week's Complete Schedule

### **Tuesday, December 13**

**CATHOLICISM**, *World Without End: the last things* ~ 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Space (Office 13)

**RCIA Inquiry** ~ 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room

### **Wednesday, December 14**

**Parents' Happy Hour** ~ 5:45 p.m. in the Seminar Room

### **Thursday, December 15**

**Christian Meditation** – 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room

**Mount Athos and the Jesus Prayer** – 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room

### **Friday, December 16**

**Forming Intentional Disciples** – 11:30 a.m. in the Seminar Room

### **Sunday, December 18**

**Parents' Coffee** ~ 9:30 a.m. in the Seminar Room

**Pivotal Players on WTTW-TV** – 3:00 p.m. **Michelangelo** 4:00 p.m. – **St. Francis of Assisi**

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# CYO - YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS

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## ONGOING EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE SEVERAL CHANGES BELOW

### ABLAZE (Note this is a name change for Praise and Worship)

Every Sunday, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Join the NET Team and give the Lord praise through song! All are welcome.

### THE ROCK (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP) ~ 9th - 12th Grade

Every Sunday, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. Meet in the Claussen Family Center Seminar Room for food and fellowship! We will play games, watch skits, open up the Bible, hang out with friends, and more. We cannot wait to see you there to learn more about our Catholic faith.

### L.I.F.T.E.D (Replaces OPEN YOUTH ROOM) ~ 6th - 12th Grade

**Mondays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Please note the time and day change.)** Hang out with the NET Team in the Claussen Family Center Youth Activity Room. We will play board games, have fun with friends, play sports, eat snacks, and more. Feel free to bring any food and games to share (no peanuts, please).

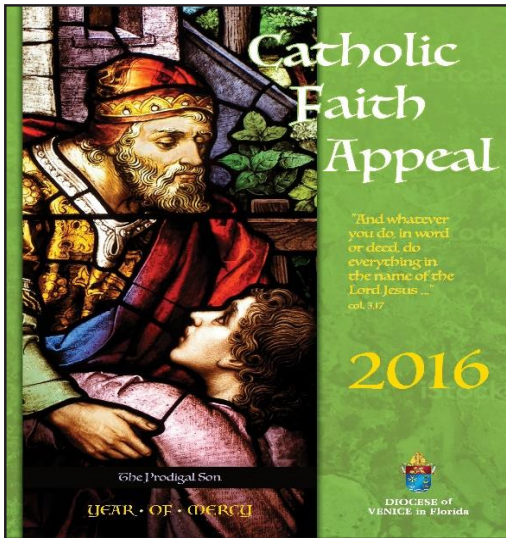
## Christmas for Everyone in Divine Gift Boutique

It is a Christmas Wonderland in the Divine Gift Boutique. From a beautiful manger set to Christmas crosses, Christmas figurines, and Christmas clocks. From an assortment of holiday candles and votive holders to baby, children and adult ornaments and Christmas magnets. There are also festive night lights and cookie cutters.

The gift shop also stocks a Christmas book by our own Maggie Gadsby. There are a variety of stocking stuffers and holiday gift bags. There is a wide range of gift items for all the favorite people on your Christmas list.

Please stop by and get lost in this wonderland right here in your own church across from the restrooms.





# End of Year Giving



**As you consider your Christmas and end of year giving, remember your extended Catholic family!**

*Your gift can be designated to our parish, Catholic School, the Catholic Faith Appeal, the Catholic Community Foundation or an individual ministry. These gifts provide support for Christ's ministry and may assist you with some tax benefits. We are most grateful for your generosity to the Church!*

*Please consider a possible year end gift. Remember to consult with your financial advisor*

## Gifts of Cash, Stock or Real Estate

A cash contribution can be made to your parish, Catholic school, Catholic Community Foundation, or to the Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) and may provide you with an income tax benefit. Please call the Development Office to facilitate a transfer of stock or to discuss a gift of real estate. Be sure to let us know if your gift is being restricted for a certain use such as a building fund, scholarship, CFA or unrestricted for the greatest need. For more information please contact: Judy Brown (941) 486-4719.

## Contribute to an Endowment Fund

One can give to an endowment fund through the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida to benefit a parish, school, seminarians or other Catholic institution within the Diocese of Venice. A gift or series of gifts made now, can provide a long-term income stream to benefit your selected institution, ministry or program well beyond your lifetime. At certain levels of giving, a named endowment fund can be established.

## Charitable Gift Annuities

Your gift to the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida can generate regular fixed payments to you or a loved one. Charitable gift annuities provide guaranteed income during your life and a residual gift to an endowment fund benefitting your parish, Catholic School or the Diocese of Venice.

The chart below indicates the sample annuity rates based on a single life annuity:



For more information, please contact:  
Michael Morse, Executive Director  
Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida  
(941) 441-1124 / CCF@dioceseofvenice.org

AGE	*RATE
85	7.8%
80	6.8%
75	5.8%
70	5.1%
65	4.7%

Example: A \$25,000 cash contribution from a 75-year-old donor will produce an annual fixed income payment of \$1,450, that is partially tax free and provides an estimated initial income tax deduction of \$10,670.

*The minimum amount required to establish a charitable gift annuity is \$25,000*

\*Annuity rates listed are for illustration purposes only, actual rates may vary.

## Christmas Spiritual Bouquet



For the Intentions of

**Living** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deceased** \_\_\_\_\_

Your donation will furnish the Sanctuary with flowers during the Christmas season and your loved ones will be remembered in the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet during the Christmas Masses. **DROP THE FORM AND DONATION IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS.**

*For your convenience, envelopes are also available in the Narthex.*

**Donor Name** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets  
(\$50 each) go on  
sale at all weekend  
Masses beginning  
Saturday,  
January 7.

*Now is the time to mark your calendars for*

### The Valentine's Day Dance Thursday, February 16, 2017

*Billy Dean and Dawn will entertain us again!*



*More  
details  
will  
follow.*

**HONEY, THEY'RE  
PLAYING OUR  
SONG...LET'S  
DANCE!**

**BIG BAND DANCES  
STARTING SOON.**

*The Men's Club Big Band Dance  
Schedule:*

Tuesday, January 10  
Tuesday, January 24  
Tuesday, February 14  
Tuesday, February 28  
Tuesday, March 14  
Tuesday, March 28  
Tuesday, April 11

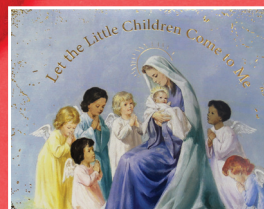
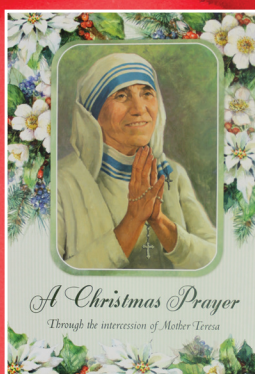
**SAVE THE  
DATE:**  
*The Big  
Sock Hop is  
scheduled for  
Friday,  
February 24*

For more info call: 239-821-9395

### "Keep Christ in Christmas"

Help to "Keep Christ in Christmas" by sending religious Christmas cards.

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring an evangelization program designed to emphasize the real meaning of Christmas through the sale of Christmas cards. There will be a large assortment of cards available after each Mass in front of the church.



Buy early to  
get the best  
selection.