



February 28, 2016

Third Sunday of Lent

St. John Will Observe "24 Hours of Mercy" on March 4th and March 5th

February 18th, 2016

Dear Friends of St. John the Evangelist Parish,

As you are already aware, Pope Francis has designated this year to be the Year of Mercy. He has called all parishes all over the world to observe "24 Hours of Mercy" in which priests will make themselves available to hear confessions and provide spiritual and pastoral guidance. Pope Francis has called all Catholics and fallen away Catholics to reflect on the gift of God's mercy. His Holiness has made it very clear that the Church is made up of many people and has described the Church as a "field hospital" which needs attention and healing.

Bishop Frank J. Dewane, in consultation with his priests, has designated March 4th and 5th to be the period in which people will be able to participate in the Holy Father's request. On Friday, March 4th at Noon the priests of your parish will open this day of grace with the celebration of Holy Mass. Immediately following Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place until 11:00 p.m. Priests will be available during this period to hear confessions and offer spiritual guidance. Again, on Saturday, March 5th, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Priests will be available to hear confessions and offer spiritual guidance. The "24 Hours of Mercy" will come to a conclusion with the celebration of the Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. that morning. *(See the schedule on page 6)*

If any of you have been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation for years, this is a wonderful opportunity during the Lenten Season to make a return to this Sacrament. If you are not too sure of what to do, I invite you to seek out one of your priests. He will lead you through this healing experience. You have nothing to fear or worry about. Also, if you know of friends who have fallen away from the Church, please invite them to come along with you. Your priests will be there to welcome your friends home and open them to the reality of God's mercy. Life is not easy sometimes and people can be left feeling excluded or wounded. It is the responsibility of priests and people in the Church to offer a helping hand. I see this as a wonderful opportunity for the Church to reach out to all people no matter what the situation and no matter what the past.

So please join me and your priests during this Lenten Season to observe the "24 Hours of Mercy" on March 4th and 5th, in which we will continue to show God's Mercy.

I remain, your Servant in the Lord Jesus,

Fr. John J. Ludden
Pastor

Please Note: The "24 Hours of Mercy" will take the place of the Lenten Penance Service.



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Daily Masses: 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. and 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.

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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions**Requested by****February 27, 2016 Saturday**

8:00 AM + Edward Kelly Lucy Kelly

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

3:00 PM + William Byrne The Byrne Family

5:00 PM + Robert Ulliana James & Helene Reck

*Wine and Host for the Intentions of Kim and John Kuryea ~ requested by Barbara Kuryea***February 28, 2016 Sunday**

7:00 AM + Sharon Mc Carthy Tom & Dolores Zboril

9:00 AM + Sharon Ann Sama Parents

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Muriel Anelli Kathleen & Patrick Monachino

5:00 PM + Geraldine Reilly John & Deborah Flick

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8:00 AM + Marbel Glazebrook Pauline Cataldo

9:00 AM + Marie Hilda Desilets Larry & MaryJane Abruzzese

6:30 PM + George Fahy The Ball & Buckley Family

March 1, 2016 Tuesday

8:00 AM + Alvina Fiecke Claire Conger

9:00 AM + Jacob Winkler Merle & Janet Nett

6:30 PM + Margaret Marici Rose, Tony & Sal Marici

March 2, 2016 Wednesday

8:00 AM + Mary Briggs Pat & Ray Axberg

9:00 AM + Carmen Deromero Barbara Krystaszek

6:30 PM Sr. Monica Mary & Gene Tierney

March 3, 2016 Thursday

8:00 AM + Frank Dunbar Mary Lou & Ned Leibig

9:00 AM + Joseph Burke Bernie & Bridie Rogan

6:30 PM + James Beringer Frank & Diane Cotroneo

March 4, 2016 Friday

8:00 AM + Brian Berg Carolyn Berg

9:00 AM + Felix Gryskiewicz Phyliss Gryskiewicz

6:30 PM + Betty Hanaberg Zaiser Family

March 5, 2016 Saturday

8:00 AM + Sharon K. McCarthy Joseph McCarthy

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

3:00 PM + Paul C. Marsh The Family

5:00 PM + Lambert & Louise Abell Kathy & Bob Sims

March 6, 2016 Sunday

7:00 AM + Nick Defrancesca Peter

9:00 AM + John Claussen Bob & Norma Claussen

11:15 AM For Our Parishioners

1:15 PM + Grace Zambri Janet D'Addario

5:00 PM + Robert Greg Williams Gwen Williams

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, February 27, 2016**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday, February 28, 2016**Third Sunday of Lent**

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Monday, February 29, 2016

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 3, 2016**St. Katharine Drexel**

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 4, 2016**St. Casimir; World Day of Prayer; First Friday; Abstinence**

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 5, 2016

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday**First Saturday**

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 6, 2016**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to

5 available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.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. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS...



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Campaign Corner

February 28, 2016

"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

— St. Pope John Paul II

Additional Facilities Needs: Ballroom and Kitchen

For those of you who have not taken an opportunity to visit the other buildings on our campus, I would welcome you to do so. We have a wonderful campus, full of spaces for both contemplation and boisterous activities. One of these locations is our Ballroom. The Ballroom serves as a primary meeting, dance, reception and multipurpose hall. You will hopefully all get a chance to see it this weekend during our Parish Picnic and Ministry Fair. It is filled constantly with activities like the Naples Council of World Affairs, Families in Christ, wedding receptions, bereavement luncheons, Big Band Dances, and musical concerts.

This room, and the industrial kitchen connected to it, have served our Parish Family well over the years. However, it needs a significant renovation so it can continue to do for years to come. Some of the essential needs for this room include the ability to continue to support programs that range from 25 to 800 people in a single event:

- **New Flooring:** The dances hosted here at St. John are extremely popular, not only for our Parish Family, but the entire area of Naples. People come from all over for the Big Bands and the Doo Whop Nights. In fact, there are so many people dancing, that our dance floor cannot hold them all. We need to completely redesign the flooring system for the Ballroom to ensure it can support larger crowds, and be pleasing to the eye as well.
- **Stage and AV Enhancements:** At this time, the large screens that allow us to play the Super Bowl and ensure each seat in the house can see the movie during our movie nights, are not equipped with current capabilities. The stage also needs to be redeveloped so it can support various activities and musical layouts.
- **Storage:** Any of the ministries that have storage in our rooms associated with the Ballroom will tell you that there is just not enough space. We need to lay out the storage space so it is more efficient.
- **Kitchen:** We are developing a brand new food service program for all of St. John, but this kitchen is not designed for the new efforts. From proper food storage capabilities to new equipment that will allow us to support after-school food services, we need to ensure the kitchen can continue to feed 400 at a time safely and effectively.



Over 300 people attended the Knights of Columbus Valentine Dinner Dance on February 11 held in our Ballroom.

While we have begun the work our current blessings have allowed us to accomplish for the **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past** capital campaign, we still need our entire Parish Family to give in order to reach our additional goals. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Lichwalla, the Campaign Coordinator at 239.495.2001 or email: campaign@sjecc.com.

You can also learn more information about the Campaign at: www.sjecc.com/future.

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BUILD OUR FUTURE - SERVE OUR PAST CAMPAIGN

FEBRUARY 28, 2016 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Robert Murphy	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Forrest Wallace	
Deacon Frank Panicia	Senior Status

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. Classes are offered once a month and baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 1:00 p.m. Mass. Please call the parish office to register for a class. Upon completion of the class and fulfillment of the godparent requirements, parents may schedule a baptism date.

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.

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

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Parish Secretary

Deborah Marsh

Assistant to the Pastor

Tricia Schwarz

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Call the office

Choir Director

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Sacristan

Lan Tran

Director of Family Mission

Jean-Paul Boucher

Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor

Kathy Sims

Memorial Garden

Jean-Paul Boucher

Bookkeeper

Karen Beebe

Religious Boutique

Jackie Gibson: *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

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 When on the website, click on the **Forms** tab at the top of the home page and select New Parishioner Form. Download the form, complete it and return the completed form to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

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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 and 9:00 a.m. and 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

FOR OUR RECORDS

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

info@sjecc.com

Thank you!

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Please submit all ordinary time submission requests by Thursday at 10:00 a.m. **10 days prior** to the Sunday publication you are requesting. You can e-mail: kathys@sjecc.com or drop your submission off in the parish office.

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...

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Hymns for the 3rd Sunday in Lent, February 27 & 28

Readings:	643	Year C	at Sun 5 PM	641	Year A, for the 1 st Scrutiny
Entrance Hymn:	204	Change Our Hearts			
Preparation Hymn:	449	What Wondrous Love			
Communion Hymn:	106	Draw Near, O Lord / <i>Attende, Domine</i>			
	235	O Lord, I Am Not Worthy			
Closing Hymn:	576	God's Blessing Sends Us Forth			

Choral Anthems at 9 & 11 AM Masses

Preparation	Give Me Jesus	<i>Spiritual, arr. L. Fleming</i>
Communion	Draw Near In Faith	<i>Christopher Walker</i>

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, February 29: Monday of the Third Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 84 (83): 3*

My soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh cry out to the living God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Athirst is my soul for the living God. When shall I go and behold the face of God?

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 117 (116): 1, 2*

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
for his merciful love towards us is great.

Tuesday, March 1: Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 17 (16): 6, 8*

To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God;

turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 15 (14): 1-2*

Lord, who may abide in your tent,

and dwell on your holy mountain?

Whoever walks without fault and does what is just.

Wednesday, March 2: Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 17 (16): 6, 8*

To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God;

turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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Whoever walks without fault and does what is just.

Thursday, March 3: Thursday of the Third Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,

I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 119 (118): 4-5*

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;

may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Friday, March 4: Friday of the Third Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 86 (85): 8, 10*

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,

for you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I am the Lord your God: hear my voice.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Mk 12: 33*

To love God with all your heart, and your neighbor as

yourself, is worth more than any sacrifice.

Saturday, March 5: Saturday of the Third Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 103 (102): 2-3*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits;

it is he who forgives all your sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. It is mercy I desire and not sacrifice.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Lk 18: 13*

The tax collector stood at a distance, beating his breast and

saying: O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#ToKnow, #ToLove, #ToServe — 24 Hours of Mercy: Pope Francis' Vision and Our Schedule

Fr. John eloquently describes our exciting efforts this coming week to live out Our Holy Father's guidance for the Year of Mercy in his letter on the front page of our bulletin. We have been called to provide 24 hours of Reconciliation and Spiritual Guidance for our Parish Family.

We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness...

The initiative of "24 Hours for the Lord," to be celebrated on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Fourth Week of Lent, should be implemented in every diocese. So many people, including young people, are returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; through this experience they are rediscovering a path back to the Lord, living a moment of intense prayer and finding meaning in their lives. Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace. — Pope Francis (Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy)

The schedule for this extraordinary opportunity includes Masses at Noon on March 4 and again at 11:00 a.m. on March 5, with Confession and Spiritual Guidance from our parish priests all afternoon and night on March 4 and again in the morning of March 5. Please see the graphic on the right for the specific program schedule. I highly recommend taking a few moments from your life to join with the entire Catholic Church during this time to receive God's Mercy and to feel how joyous it can be to be merciful to others.

#ToKnow — Supporting the Poor When on Campus: Direct Assistance Through the Office

I was troubled this past week when I was informed that several parishioners have been approached on our campus by individuals and their children recently, asking for money to support their family. It is our primary

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mission as Catholics to help those around us who need our assistance. We have turned that focus into the Mission of Saint John, To Know, To Love, and To Serve; it is core to our faith to encourage and support local individuals who need direct assistance. Providing this direct support should come through organizations that are ready to assist these families, like Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and St. Matthews House. We have immediate and direct connections to these organizations to provide long-term support through the main office. If you are approached by individuals on our campus, please feel empowered to tell them to come to our office during our business hours so we can get them the support they need, rather than giving them money directly. We can all help lift their families out of homelessness and financial trouble together given the generosity and focus of our Parish Family.



Saint John the Evangelist Jubilee of Mercy Announcement: 24 Hours of Mercy

March 4th - March 5th

Pope Francis has called all Parishes in the world to observe 24 Hours of Mercy, where priests will be available in the church to hear confessions and provide spiritual and pastoral guidance. We are the "field hospital", giving attention and healing.

Schedule of 24 Hours of Mercy at St. John March 4th:

- Noon: Mass with Fr. John
- 1 PM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 1 PM - 10:45 PM: Confession and Spiritual Guidance
- 10:45 PM: Benediction

March 5th:

- 8:30 AM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 8:30 AM - 10:45 AM: Confession and Spiritual Guidance
- 10:45 AM: Benediction
- 11 AM: Mass with Fr. Jim

Fr. Jim Will Celebrate Silver Anniversary of His Priesthood With a Special Mass and Reception



A special anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Friday, April 1 in honor of Fr. Jim Simko's 25th Anniversary of his Ordination of the Priesthood. Everyone is invited to attend the anniversary Mass.

A dinner reception will follow the Mass.

A ticket is required to attend the reception. A very limited number of tickets are available for the reception. Tickets can only be obtained in the parish office next week starting Monday, February 29. Tickets are on a first come-first serve basis. Individuals can only pick up tickets for themselves and their family.

Please Join Final 40 Days for Life March 2



Saint John the Evangelist adopted three dates to pray for an end to abortion during the Naples 40 Days for Life campaign. About 50 parishioners prayed outside of the Planned Parenthood abortion center on February 19, our first prayer date. Their presence and prayer was a powerful witness to our community. Thanks to all who participated!

Would you like to get involved in the pro-life cause? Our parish has one remaining date in the 40 Days for Life campaign – March 2 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please come and pray (for an hour or so) for an end to abortion. Planned Parenthood is located at 1425 Creech Road (on the corner of Goodlette-Frank and Creech Road). Join fellow parishioners for this peaceful prayer time.

Contact Nancy or Paul Curti for more information at plancurti@gmail.com or 612.616.1434.

Jamaica Outreach Program

“When I was hungry you gave me to eat.” (Matthew 25)

“Lent is the perfect time for reaching out and making a difference”

Are you looking for a Lenten project for your family that will have a positive result long after Lent is over? Pope Francis has declared a Year of Mercy and what better way to show mercy than getting involved in the JOP Food Drive scheduled for March 12–13. Staging a massive food drive involves a lot of preparation. Perhaps you and your family can be of help on the following dates:

1. **March 3** in the Parish Library at 5:30 p.m.: Stapling 2,000 grocery bags with a list of approved foods. It seems like a big job, but not when volunteers show up with their own staplers and a can-do attitude; the job always gets done in record time.
2. **March 5-6** after all the Masses: Passing out the grocery bags to fellow parishioners. All it takes is a smile, a friendly greeting and about 15 minutes.
3. **March 12 - 13:** Donating a bag of food, collecting, sorting, or packing the food that is so generously donated year in and year out by St. John parishioners.

Lent is the perfect time for reaching out and making a difference

in the lives of people who have the very least. Joining us in the Food Drive provides an opportunity to do just that.

If you can help us in any way with the food drive, mark your calendars. We will be most appreciative and so will the recipients in Jamaica. Contact Ray Shawcross 401.862.0590 or reshaw1@verizon.net or Martha Mador at 239.992.2646 or martha@madors.net.



text and photo submitted by JOP

The truck load of food after it arrived in Jamaica from the 2015 food drive.

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Prayer Group:

Linda Reilly 821.8982

Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

Pastoral Stewardship Council:President/Contact Rick Beebe
psc@sjecc.com**Adult Faith Formation.** See page 19**AA.** Monday, 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.**Al-Anon.** Monday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday - beginners, 11:30 a.m.; and noon - discussion. Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. St. Leo Catholic Church, Juan Diego Building, Carol: 804.306.5323. Thursday evenings 7:00 p.m. Juliette: Lysack**Ala-Teen.** Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.**Arimatheans.** A group of caring parishioners who support parishioners by attending funerals as representation of our faith community. Elaine: 566-8160**Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist.** Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. For information: scoutmaster@troop-226.com**Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist.** All 1st - 5th grade boys welcome. Meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. For information: pack226naples@gmail.com**Choirs:****Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.**

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Residents and seasonals welcome. Call the office: 566.8740

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:25 p.m. Grades 1-5. Call the office: 566.8740

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Call the office: 566.8740

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.** Ongoing "Need a Ride/Give a Ride" program offered to anyone in need of transportation to attend church services. For more information or to sign up for a ride or to become a volunteer driver, contact the parish office at 566.8740 or the ministry director, Beth Lucci at 877.6254 or email sjeride@gmail.com**Cursillistas.** Third Tuesday monthly at 7:00 p.m. The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas and visitors welcome. Robyn DeVille: 253.6275 or robyndeville@earthlink.net**Divine Gift Boutique** (located across from the restrooms). **Winter 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 in the gift shop contact Jackie Gibson: 228.3921**Divorced and Separated Support Group.**

Anyone who is going through a separation or has experienced it in the past (no matter how many years ago) is welcome. Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Lhara Echevarria: 239.293.3694 or Lhara@sjecc.com

Faith Chat. Wednesdays at 5:45-7:30 p.m. Nancy Griffin: 239.777.0575**Gospel Forum.** Group of men who join together to discuss the following Sunday's gospel and its application to everyday life. Prayer and casual discussion of various spiritual writings follows. Pizza and soft drinks offered. Meets Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807**Grief Support.** The next 7-session series begins February 16 and ends March 29 (Tuesdays only). For any concerns related to the Bereavement Ministry contact Dee: 594.7193**Hospitality Ministry.** 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: 239.597.8909 or Judy Hemond: 561.779.6024

Job Search Skills & Support. Thursdays 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the library. This is an open meeting for anyone who is unemployed or seeking a career change. Free. Carol Marlow: 948.0050**Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.**

Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6:30 p.m.; business meeting at 7:15 p.m. Social meeting last Monday of the month. Visiting Knights are welcome. Scott Schwarz, Grand Knight: 293.6876

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308.

Meets third Tuesday of every month at Noon except January and February when they meet at 6:30 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K Gary Ray: 821.5115

Knitting & Crocheting. Tuesdays from 10:00 - Noon: Want to learn? We are a service group that knits & crochets to benefit those in need: blankets for soldiers, hats for cancer patients, baby hats & booties & prayer shawls. Vicki Brenner: 498.9900**Ladies of Charity.** Meets the second Friday of every month, volunteers in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank and visits local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. For friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound, call Carolyn McNichols at 239.919.2675 or carolyn@tsusa.us. If interested in joining, call MarieElaina Mullin: 273.1702.**Mah Jong.** Wednesday, Noon - 3 p.m. Beginners welcome. Joan Scariotti: 594.0994**Men's Club.** Our organization combines service work in support of the parish with social activities. We always welcome new members. Monthly meetings are held at 2:00 p.m. on the second Thursday. Joe Lichwalla: 239.495.2001**Narcotics Anonymous.** Thursday, Saturday, 8 p.m.**Pinochle.** Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Joseph DeJesus: 598.9865**Project Rachel Lay Companion.** A post-abortion healing ministry providing one-on-one counseling. Loretta Judy: 239.293.5897 or lnbjudy@comcast.net**Respect Life.** A group of parishioners committed to protecting the sanctity of life in all of its stages. They coordinate all respect life activities within the parish as well as outreach to the community. Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941**Sewing Group.** Meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. New members are invited. Nancy Cote: 514.0410**St. Vincent de Paul.** Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass. SVdP Office: 775.1667**Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites.** Phyllis Gyskiewicz, 566.7307**Women's Bible Study.** Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Mag: 239.566.8878.

■ Please 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. ■

PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

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PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

We pray in the Church every morning except Sunday. We begin 45 minutes before Mass. Please join us. *(We have printed guides with the prayers.)*

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

Blessed John Paul II said "a great prayer for Life is urgently needed!" Cenacle participants pray for an end to the Culture of Death every Tuesday evening, 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. In the powerful presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we offer 10 mysteries of the rosary and related prayers and we fast one day a week on our own. All are welcome! Please call the parish office for the Chapel code.

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	Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army
Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army	LCpl. Randy A. Novak USMC
S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force	LCpl. Ryan D. Novak USMC
Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy	Ryan D. Novak USMC
BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)	Cpt. Daniel Palmer U.S. Army
Adam Decker U.S. Air Force	Cpt. John Palmer U.S. Army
Nicholas Detloff U.S. Air Force	Cpt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army (Afghanistan)
Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army	Lt. Robert Pedrigi U.S. Army
Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force	Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army
LCpl. Conor Fleurant USMC	Pvt. 1st Class Aron Siwek U.S. Army
Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces	Pvt. 1st Class Aron Siwek U.S. Army
Lt. Bernardino Garcia U.S. Marines	Ensign Gabriella Scudato U.S. Coast Guard
Lt. Joseph Gilig 1st Marine Division * LAV Recon	MidShipman Micaela Scudato U.S. Naval Academy
Cpl. Dylan Granza U.S. Army Ranger	Houng Tran U.S. Army
Specialist Shelby Granza U.S. Army	IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN)
Gunnery Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer USMC * Embassy Security (New Zealand)	
Specialist Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army	
Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett USMC	

Divine Will Prayer Group

Are you hungering and thirsting for the Lord. Come. Grow in the knowledge of his most adorable will where you will be filled to overflowing with his love. The group meets on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

One hour of peaceful, silent and beautiful prayer and contemplation. Mondays: 5:30 p.m. Maria Jones: 348.5361. Wednesday morning

Centering Prayer in the Parish Library following the morning Mass.

Liturgy of the Hours

Members of the third order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites pray the Morning Prayer after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Phyllis Gyskiewicz, 566.7307

St. John Charismatic Prayer Group

"Blazing Hearts"

Meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Josephine McCarthy and Herman Weinberger

May they rest in eternal peace.

AJM Nicholas Acqaviva Rich Annunziata Fernando Ardila Tomas Ardila Paschal Arpaia Marge Baker Jean and Emmunal Ballmiro Patty Barry Sam Bartel Richard Becker Margie Benefico Ryan Bennis Barbara Berg Jeanne Bennett Linda Berry Kathleen Bradach Steven Bratcher Vicki Brenner Carol Brooks John Brooks Rich Brown Diane Buhrke Connie Cahill Ron Caiazza Nancy Campbell Steve Caputo Lauren Carr Glenn Carroll Tiffany Chill Frank & Joan Ciccarelli Cindy M. Cleinman Danielle Coutinho Vivian Daleo Anthony D'Antuono Mark Dabronzo Leo Dauwer Chuck Dee Scott Delboccio Rick Derkman Jim Diamante Julie Dieter Al DiMenna Lauren Di'Orio DK Ciaran Doherty Pat Doherty Dee Donnelly Shelly Drummond Tricia Easton Dr. Steve Evans Brian D. Fay	Wendy Bui- Fewell Donna Flynn Anna Focht Follese-Fiedler Family Susan Foster Kathy Frye Madeline Gaffey Janet Gainey Frank Galvanovits Veronica Gasperak Edward Gaynor Dick Goepel Don Goodwillie Richard Granger Keri Grasso Josie Hannigan Laura Harbrough Cindy Harold Brad Harriet Joyce A. Harris Luci Hartert Monica Henkel Richard Henning Jerry Henry Gerard Heyen Kim Hocker Charlotte Hollohan Donald Howe Mary Lou Howie Geri Hurkes Maria Janke JMG Maria Joyce Charleen Kasabian Chester T. Kauffman Sean Keating Karen Kelly Muriel Kiley Kevin Kincaid Bill Kinchla Krista Leigh Kozowyk Jim Krauser Family Glenn Krumel John Kuryea Kim Kuryea Josephine Lancia Ruth Lang Ray & Joan LaPointe Tiffany LaPointe Lindsay Lavery Dan & Lu LeBlanc Mary Lou and Ned Leibig Dennis Lello	Deik Lindaman Rosemary Litwin Lynette Loleski Rosemarie Lopez Lillian Luchini Joni Luiso Jean Lydon Margie Lynch Pat M Jeanne Macari Julia Maciocia Betty Maher Alex Malloy Maria and Family Ann Maniuszko Elizabeth Marin Barb Marsh Max and Arlene Joan Maier Joann Harris Mandola Ross Mart Max and Arlene Kenneth J. McAvoy Barbara McCabe Kevin McDonagh Anniemai McDonnell Simone McGaffee John McGlinn Patricia McGrath Mary McKay Elizabeth McKeever Carolyn McNichols McReynolds Family Beth Ann Meloche Michael Heather Milner Shirley Monacelli Jane Murphy Keith Nagy Paige Nelson Roger Nottmeier Gloria Oliver MaryLee Olsen Emma O'Rourke Maryla Panagos Anthony Parisi Sally Parmetier Mario Pelli Joanne Diamante Pesare Jamie Piazzon Pluc Family Joe Pohrer Susan Pomeroy	Richard Pratt Richard Quemy Renée Rake Aurelia Rein Patricia Richichi Charles S. Roberts, Jr. Ellen Roberts Rea Rossi Douglas Roth Robert Sabatka Samowski Family Paul Sanchez Lisa Sanfelippo Isolde Scherer Eli Schneider Ben Schwenger Tony Scire Leonard Seidl Jane & Bob Shengulet Teresa Shengulet Bruce Sherman Rae Siebel Marilyn Shields Thomas Sissman Winnie Smith Nancy Stewart Susan Stokes Jeannie Sullivan Pat Sutter Joan Marie Switalski Lauren Taranto Rita Taranto James Thompson Joanne Timmerman Joseph Tomaszewski Maria Torres Andrew Torriero Jennifer Toth Patricia Trapnell Pat Velasquez Lena Vittolo Anne W. Patti Wakim Jonathon Warner Max West Brenda Wood Bob Wright John & Mary Yotis Helen Zaks Ed Zerrer
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LET US PRAY...

To submit a two-week prayer request call 566.8740, or email: info@saintjohntheevangelist.com

FEBRUARY 28, 2016 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Knights of Columbus Initiative: Of the Family and Through the Family



The Knights of Columbus are in the forefront in “building the Christian Family” as spoken by Pope Francis, as well as the Synod of Bishops last October. We are building our domestic church while strengthening our parish initiative while seeking to foster a new evangelization of **the family and through the family.**

Saint John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council #11281 has aligned all of our initiatives with those of our Parish. From programs to support youth activities, financial aid for Seminarians, respect for life, monetary and physical efforts needed to help the less fortunate, in and around the Naples surrounding areas, St. John Knights of Columbus members provide countless hours of support to the Parish and the greater Parish community.

Join us!

Knights of Columbus Recruitment Weekend

March 5 and 6.

Be part of this wonderful Ministry.

Multiple generations came together to celebrate youth and youthful spirits at the 2016 A Night in Paris Senior Prom. Attendees dined and drank “spiked” punch and danced the evening away! The food was delicious and the atmosphere lively. The prom-goers met new friends and were re-acquainted with old friends from last year.

Half way through the night the High School Youth came together and chose the Senior King and Queen. Congratulations to Dave and Mary Vogel. Photo shoots and line dancing to many generations of music dominated the remainder of the Parisian-themed evening. The Youth Group thanks everyone who came to Senior Prom to support their ministry.

(Watch for additional photos in a future bulletin.)



ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Lucky 7 Drawing

Invest in Catholic education with a fundraiser that pays you back! The Lucky 7 Drawing offers much better odds than the lottery, and more important, the proceeds directly benefit Naples' only Diocesan secondary school.

You have 84 chances to win a prize, 7 each month for a year! (March 2016-February 2017) For just \$50, you get a chance to win \$500, \$200, \$100, or one of four \$50 prizes every month!

To purchase your tickets, visit www.sjnceltics.org/fundraisers or call Emily Sumpmann at 239-455-3044 ext. 213

www.sjnceltics.org

3000 53rd Street SW, Naples FL 34116

239-455-3044



**HELP SUPPORT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 226**



RUMMAGE SALE

WHEN?

**Sat. March 12 & Sun. March 13
8:00 a.m. -1:00p.m**

WHERE?

St. John's Back Parking Lot

**COME BY FOR A SNACK & GRAB
A FRESH-OFF-THE-GRILL HOT DOG TOO !**

**IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO
DONATE TO THE SALE, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT:
CLAUDINE: 777-6566 OR NICOLE: 595-3360**

The Knights of Columbus will host
“Friday Night Fish Fest”



at Saint John the Evangelist PLC during Lent
Dinner will be served from 5 PM to 7 PM

Fish Fest Dates:

**Remaining Friday Nights in Lent: March 4,
 and March 11. (No Fish Bake on Good Friday)**

NEW Items!

Baked Fish Platter ~ \$12.00

Lemon butter baked fish, cup of New England clam chowder, rice, cole slaw, fresh baked garlic roll, dessert, soda, lemonade, coffee, tea.

Shrimp Scampi ~ \$14.00

Linguini pasta with shrimp in a scampi sauce, cup of New England clam chowder, cole slaw, fresh baked garlic roll, dessert, soda, lemonade, coffee, tea.

Beer Battered Fried Cod Filet with French Fries ~ \$15.00

2 piece beer battered fried cod basket (7 oz.), cup of New England clam chowder, cole slaw, fresh baked garlic roll, tarter sauce, dessert, soda, lemonade, coffee, tea.

Children's meal under 10 years old \$5.00

Mac & Cheese, ice cream

Tickets for Wine & Beer Available at \$3.00 each. (Take Outs Available)

Fish Fest Tickets only available at the door.

**Catholic Relief Services
 Collection March 5 and 6**

February, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we journey through the Season of Lent and continue to celebrate the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis invites each of us to reflect and to respond to Christ's call on how we concretely serve the poor and vulnerable.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is one of the programs daily responding to that call. CRS assists families suffering from war, hunger, natural disasters as well as extreme poverty. Often the families themselves are scattered due to these very factors. Further, CRS provides a broad range of services including advocating for the poor, providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families while always working for increased peace in our world.

The CRS Collection will take place in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of March 5 and 6, 2016.

Visit our website at:

<http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/crs2016.pdf>

to read the full letter from Bishop Frank J. Dewane.



CEILI DANCE LESSONS. Learn to dance in time for the St. Patrick's dinner dance which will be on March 13. Join the fun: Fridays in the Library, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.: February 19, February 26, March 4, and March 11. Contact Kathy Millard, 239.260.7289 with any questions.



Year of Mercy Opportunities

Prison Outreach - During this Year of Mercy, consider joining a team of volunteers who share God's love and mercy with those incarcerated in any of the 23 jails/prisons throughout the Diocese of Venice. No previous experience required; newcomers are paired with experienced volunteers.

Please contact Robert Hiniker at 863.558.0407 or hinbob5@hotmail.com; or Deacon Sam Puleo at 716.316.1061 or sgp@ThePuleoFamily.com for further information.

Catholic Charities Tours - During the Year of Mercy, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., is offering bus tours to its four locations throughout Collier County. Sign up and discover the work of Catholic Charities! Tours will be held on the last Wednesday of every month. Journey from the Judy Sullivan Family Resource Center in East Naples, to Guadalupe Social Services in Immokalee, with two stops at Catholic Charities locations in Golden Gate.

Those who have taken the tour in the past remarked on the difference it has made in understanding the programs and services of Catholic Charities. If you are looking for ways to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy, please contact Catholic Charities to register for a tour at maryshaughnessy@catholiccharitiescc.org or call 239.455.2665.

**Saint John the Evangelist
 Lenten Liturgies**

Daily Masses will be:

8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Morning Masses will be:

8:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross will be:

Fridays at Noon

Reconciliation:

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

*More details regarding Holy Week
 will be posted in a future bulletin.*

Paul Todd Concert Monday Night

Tickets for the Paul Todd Concert scheduled for tomorrow night will be available after Mass today. If you have not seen Paul in concert lately, now is the perfect time to enjoy this wonderful entertainer. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Jamaica Outreach Program.

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, February 28, 2016: the Third Sunday of Lent

Opening Song **540 Here I Am to Worship** Tim Hughes

Kyrie • **4** (*page 5 of the missalette*)

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Response
(cf. Ps. 95:1)

If to-day you hear his voice, har - den not your hearts.

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If to-day you hear his voice, har - den not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Lenten Gospel
Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

Preparation Song **Give Us Clean Hands** Charlie Hall CCLI Song No. 2060208.

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We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; O Spi rit, come make us hum ble.

We turn our eyes from e vil things; O Lord, we cast down our i dols. Give us clean hands,

— give us pure hearts. — Let us not lift our souls to a no ther, — Give us clean hands,

— give us pure hearts, — let us not lift our souls to a no ther. — O God, let us be —

— a gen er a tion that seeks, — that seeks your face, — O God of Ja cob. — O God, let us be —

— a gen er a tion that seeks, — that seeks your face, — O God of Ja cob. —

Sanctus • 9 (p. 14, missalette) Memorial Acclamation (A) • 10 (page 16)

Great Amen • (page 26) Agnus Dei • 14 (page 28)

Communion Songs **Behold the Lamb of God** Matt Maher CCLI Song No. 4669755. © 2005

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Verse



You are my Lord, _____ It's you I a - dore. _____

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— Nothing on earth _____ could e - ver take _____ your place. _____ Your might humbles ev - 'ry _____ heart.

11



— The highest of hea - vens _____ bow. _____ Nothing on earth _____ could e - ver take _____ your place. _____ And

Prechorus



now we see your sac - ri - fice, the great - est gift, our great - est prize! Be -

Chorus



hold the Lamb of God! Be - hold the Lamb of God who takes a-way the sins of the world!

449 What Wondrous Love WONDROUS LOVE

Closing Song **Lord, I Lift Your Name On High** Rick Founds

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Lord, I lift Your name _____ on high; Lord, I love to sing _____ Your



prais - es. _____ I'm so glad You're in _____ my life;



I'm so glad You came _____ to save _____ us. _____



You came from heav - en to earth _____ to show the way, _____ From the earth _____ to the cross _____



_____ my debt to pay; _____ From the cross _____ to the grave, _____



_____ from the grave _____ to the sky; _____ Lord, I lift Your name _____ on high.

The Word & Life

Exodus 3:1-8A, 13-15

Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

Reverencing the Holy Ground of Life and The God of Second Chances

Throughout salvation history, God continually reveals Himself to peoples in every time and in every place. God's unfailing and unconditional love unfolds as history develops. As we read the Sacred Scripture, God is constantly giving humanity another opportunity to turn back to Him. In this Lenten Season we are asked to turn away from our sin and return to the Lord our God. The Lord offers us several opportunities to grow in His grace and calls people, by name, in the passages of time, to assist Him in this great work. In the reading from Exodus, God reveals himself to Moses in the theophany of the burning bush. Moses is reminded the ground

on which he stands is holy ground. He is called to reverence the Lord by leading the Israelites out of their slavery. From this moment on, God is to be remembered for his faithfulness to all the generations by inspiring Moses to take on this heroic and faith-filled deed.

We find ourselves today, a few thousand years later, remembering the faithfulness of God who continues to reveal His saving power in our lives. God constantly comes to us through the events and people that make up our own individual story. The ground on which we stand is very much the holy ground of God's constancy. It is through each individual's history that God can be glorified or rejected. God's spirit breathes where it wills, inspiring people from all walks of life to turn to Him. God is totally present to us even though we may do things that are contrary to His will. God loves the sinner as much as the Saints that have experienced this life too. To know this in our hearts is truly a blessing and a moment of grace. Today's gospel is very much a gospel of second chances. The parable that Jesus

Reflection Questions

1. Am I worthy of God's faithfulness? Why?
2. Does my failure and sin inhibit the presence of God in my life?
3. What does it mean to be reconciled to God?
4. Why does God continue to offer us forgiveness?
5. How would I define the holy ground of God's dwelling in my life?
6. How am I called to reverence God, others, and myself?
7. Where is God calling me to bear fruit?
8. Is the Lord asking me to lead others out of their captivity?

uses tells us that God's work of redemption is never finished. The gardener tells the owner of the orchard to give him another year to cultivate the barren tree so that it may bear fruit in the future. And so it is with us. Jesus constantly brings us to the fertile ground of his love and forgiveness in order that we bear the fruits of his kingdom. We are constantly being brought to the threshold of redemption and transformation when we open our lives to the Lord's forgiveness.

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



Prayer

Lord, as we journey through Lent, help us to realize that the ground on which we stand is holy ground. May we always turn away from the things that keep us from you, so that we may know and experience your presence in our lives. In your name, faithful God, we pray. Amen!

Voices of Faith

The Fig Tree

The fig tree stands wide and tall
Witnessing the passing of time and seasons
Its branches reach out to the sun's light
Waiting to bear fruit

The landowner looks on year after year
Of the fruit – he sees none
“Cut it down” he does say to the laborer
“Less you exhaust the soil”

The generous soul no stranger to toil
Patiently implores his master
“Leave it this year also, and I shall cultivate the soil around it;
It may bear fruit in future time.... If not you can cut it down”

And so the master listens to the voice of the gardener
And lets the fig tree live on
The soil and the hand who toils
Work together with the radiance of light... waiting for the fruit
of promise

The caretaker of the earth
Cultivates and fertilizes the sacred ground
Around fruitless tree
He is hopeful of the fruits of his labor

The fig tree struggles to bear fruit
It depends on the handiwork
Of the one who cares to love
And the one who dares to hope



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All of creation waits in anticipation
The fig tree groans in labor pains
As it allows heaven's light to infuse its limbs
And as it receives the generosity of the gardener who
nourishes its roots

The caretaker reverences the sacred soil with care
His laborer of love gives birth to life
The tree gives birth to fruit
And the fig tree stands tall.... rooted firmly in fertile soil....
it lives on!

—“Peaceful Moments” by Fr. John J. Ludden

Faith Formation

2015-2016 School Year

CALENDAR

Faith Formation Classes on Wednesdays are from 5:45-7:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Classes on Sundays are from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

High School Confirmation Classes are on select Sundays from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

28 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class

High School Confirmation Class 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

MARCH

2 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class

6 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class
High School Faith Formation

9 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class

13 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class
High School Faith Formation

NO CLASS ON MARCH 16, 20, 23 & 27

30 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class
First Communion Activity Night - Ballroom

Faith Formation for Parents

Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, Jack Kindsvater, will offer the final mini-session for parents on the Beatitudes and the Mass. The class will feature clips from Bishop Robert Barron's **CATHOLICISM** DVD Series.

Sessions are open to all parents and will take place while children are in Faith Formation class. The class will be held in the Claussen Family Center. Please RSVP if you plan to attend and indicate if you will need childcare.

Topic:

Session 3: The Eucharist: the Real Presence
Sunday, February 28 ~ 9:30-10:45 a.m. and
Wednesday, March 2 ~ 5:45-7:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Office Hours

Mondays: 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. (on days of Faith Formation Class only)

Fridays: 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Sundays: 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. (on days of Faith Formation Class only)

Alena Susan Augustine

When I had my Reconciliation. I felt very nervous. When I came back I was very happy being so clear with no sin. Now, when I sinned again I thought it ok because I knew I could go back to Reconciliation!!

Reconciliation Experience

This week the children reflected on their experience at Reconciliation. Alena is happy to share! Thanks, Alena!

Vacation Bible School

Cave Quest: Following Jesus, The Light of the World

June 13 -17, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Volunteer information and Registration information will be available soon!

Currently, we are putting together a core team of volunteers who are willing to begin planning early! For our Core Team and early planning, we need volunteers who are interested in leading Decorations, Crafts, Drama Adventures, Games, Photography, Video Adventures, the Mission Project and Directing the Preschool.



This year the VBS team will be preparing for a CAVE QUEST Adventure, Following Jesus the Light of the World! It will take many hands, prayers and lots of team work to make this week the best ever! Each week as we prepare, we will put information here as to how parishioners, parents and volunteers can help or contribute if you wish! If you have any questions or would like to know how you can help, please contact Natalie at natalie@sjecc.com.

Here's what we are working on this week: If you would like to donate the following items, please feel free to drop off to the parish office and leave for Natalie Campbell. Please indicate that these are for Vacation Bible School. Feel free to recycle items you have at home. Many of the items do not have to be new. Thank you so much for your help! Please keep checking back as this information will be updated weekly.

Wet Wipes

Ziploc bags (any size)

Black Sharpie markers

Clipboards

Pens

Band-aids

Empty- 2 liter or 1-liter soda bottles

Empty plastic spray bottles

Fishing net

Natalie Campbell, Director of Religious Education
natalie@sjecc.com 239.566.8740, ext. 3909



Faith and Wine

Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, a Catholic author, EWTN host, and inspirational speaker known and admired around the world has revealed very little about her personal history until now. In her memoir, **The Kiss of Jesus**, she unveils the very crooked path her life has taken. Donna-Marie will offer us a huge dose of hope discussing how she overcame the harrowing turns, abuse, darkness, and pain she has suffered. She emphasizes the exquisite beauty of the Cross of Jesus, help from the saints, including her mentor and "spiritual mother" Mother Teresa, along with the importance of prayer and redemptive suffering. Donna-Marie's story is sure to encourage and inspire everyone. This event is open to men and women.

Invite your friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners to this GREAT event!

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. — FREE Babysitting

Appetizer Display:
European Cheese Display
Miniature Quiche

Buffet:
Pork Tenderloin via Chef's Carving Station
Shrimp Scampi Pasta • Whipped Bliss Potatoes
Yellow and Green Beans w/ Casino Butter
Green Goddess Salad • French Baguettes
Red Velvet Dessert Shooter

Cost: \$30 prepay • NO WALK-INS!

Please prepay for this event no later than noon on Wednesday, March 30 by going to www.faithandwine.com (using Paypal) or dropping off your check made payable to "Faith and Wine, Inc." to the St. John parish office. Or you can mail (**postmarked before Thursday, March 24**) your check to Kathleen Millard at 1937 Crestview Way, Unit 172; Naples, FL 34119

Event held at: St. John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom
625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL

This Event Has Been Rescheduled for
Thursday, March 31, 2016
6:30-8:30 PM

(Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

featuring

Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle

**"The Kiss of Jesus:
A Life of Love,
Mercy, and Joy
Amid the Pain."**

**This Event Open
to Men & Women**

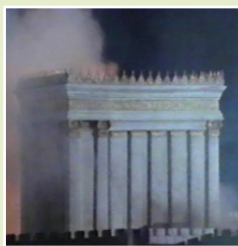


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Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Walking God's Paths Session 2 "Shared Origins, Diverse Roads"

Sunday, March 13, 2:00 p.m.
St. John Claussen Family Center

625 111th Ave. N, Naples 34108



FREE Event

This session explores the Late Second Temple period that gave birth to Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism. Participants will see how the centrality of the Torah for Jews and of Jesus Christ for Christians was significantly intensified by the destruction of the Temple by the Romans. The session consists of a 15-minute video and dialogue questions.

The facilitators are Rabbi Mark Gross from Jewish Congregation of Marco Island and Fr. Jim Simko from Saint John the Evangelist.

Please RSVP to cjdialogue@naples.net
or phone 239.370.4277 (for preparation purposes).

Next Magnificat Breakfast Is March 19

All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women. The breakfast will be held Saturday, March 19, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. The speaker is Mother Lucille Cutrone, a founding member of the Community of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (CFR). Since the time of her final vows, in 1995, she has served as General Superior. The aim of the CFR Sisters is to live the Gospel in simplicity according to the ideals of St. Francis, as handed on by the Capuchin tradition. Under Mother Lucille's leadership, the community has grown to three convents in the Archdiocese of New York, one mission in England and another mission in Ireland.

Please send a \$20 check, payable to Magnificat Fort Myers, to Joanne Tarantino, 3315 Bermuda Isle Circle, Unit 128, Naples, FL 34109, 239.631.6661, or Shirley Ruehl, 11451 Pembroke Run, Estero, FL 33928, 239.949.7015. Requests must be postmarked by Friday, March 11.

St. John Cub Scouts Pack 226

Pancake Breakfast with sausage next weekend, Sunday, March 6

**Available after
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.
and 11:15 a.m. Masses
in the St. John Ballroom**

Enjoy breakfast with other parishioners
and support Saint John the Evangelist's
Cub Scout Pack 226 next Sunday,
March 6. Pancakes, eggs, sausage,
orange juice and coffee will be served.

This is an important fundraiser
for our Cub Scouts
and a fun morning for you!

Thank you for planning
to support them.

~ Donations Accepted ~

Charity Concert *Presented by* **Jamaica Outreach Program**



**Paul Todd and Paul Todd, Jr.
with the Vocal Magic of Gabriella Frei**

Monday, February 29 at 7:00 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist Ballroom

Tickets: \$25.00

Available online at ***www.JamaicaOutreach.org***
or call **Roger 239-948-2145**

Tickets will be sold after Masses February 27-28.
Tickets will be sold at the door, subject to seating capacity.

concert benefits Jamaica Outreach Program



SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST 26th ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

Friday, March 18, 2016 • 5 P.M. Mass
Followed By Dinner/Dance and St. Joseph's Altar

Traditional St. Joseph Feast Italian Dinner

Catered by Frisco's

APPERTIVO: Wine, Soda, Beer **ANTIPASTO:** An assortment of grilled vegetables,
olives and Italian cheeses served with crusty bread and olive oil

MINESTRA ZUPPA (soup): Minestrone

PRIMO PIATTO (first dish): Shrimp scampi over pasta

SECONDO PIATTO (main dish): Eggplant Parmesan, Broiled White Fish

CONTORNO: Vegetable **DOLCE (dessert):** Italian Cannoli

DRINKS: Caffe/Tea **Mangia, Mangia, Mangia**

ENTERTAINMENT: by New York City's Lisa Coppoletta
& Danny DeLuccia "The Manhattan Connection"

All Tickets \$40.00 per person

To Purchase Tickets: via website at:

<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2016SaintJosephMassandParty>

• on sale in February and March after Masses

• or contact Bill Warvel wwarvel@aol.com or call: 239.331.7151

Knights of Columbus Council # 11281

(Tables of 8 available)



**Breads and Altar
Offerings/Blessing
"la tavola di San Giuse"**



Procession to PLC



**Celebrant/Homilist:
Very Rev. Fausto
Stampiglia,
S.A.C., S.T.D., V.F.**

Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

Beginning this Week:

The Gift of Life, Death & Dying, Life & Living

A Journey Through Lent

Fr. Thomas Keating, together with Fr. Carl Arico, engaged in a dialogue focused on the transformative process of death and dying as part of, rather than the end of, life's journey. Their perspective offers a vision of hope which counters the cultural norms that view death as a tragedy. Fr. Keating is well known for the Centering Prayer method, which is an essential tool for making this transformation.

This program consists of Fr. Keating's reflections, group discussions facilitated by Mike Viola, and ten minutes of Centering Prayer at the end of each session.

This three week program will be offered on Monday mornings February 29, March 7, and 14 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and on Tuesday evenings March 1, 8, and 15 at 7:00 p.m., each 90 minute session will be held in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center.

Deacon Hal Brenner presents:

The Incredible Mercy of Our God

Deacon Hal will review and explain Pope Francis's papal bull (letter) entitled *The Face of the Father's Mercy* (*Misericordiae Vultus*) explaining in great detail the incomprehensible mercy of God. Join us to explore the richness of God's mercy.



(Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)

The seminar will be repeated:

- Tuesday, March 1 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, in the Ballroom
- Friday, March 4 at 11:30 a.m. brown-bag lunchtime session, in the Seminar Room

For more information or to register, please call Deacon Hal Brenner at 239.228.3916 or send him an email at hal@sjecc.com. Just leave your name, phone number, and which session you will be attending so we can plan accordingly.

In mid-March Deacon Hal will present another seminar examining the richness of our Eucharistic celebration.

An Invitation from our Neighboring Parish for a "Behind the Scenes" look at **A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People**

Monday, March 7 at 9:15 a.m. Ministry Center Hall,
or 7:00 p.m. Church Hall

at Saint William Catholic Church, Seagate Drive, Naples.

Dr. William Madges is one of the creators and directors of "A Blessing to One Another", a beautifully presented multimedia collection that looks at the historic actions of Pope John Paul II engaging the Jewish People. It was visited by more than a million people across the United States and at the Vatican Museum in Rome.

He is a professor of theology in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Bill taught in the Theology Department at Xavier University (Cincinnati) for more than 20 years, served as Chair of the Department, and spent a semester at the University of Tübingen in Germany as a Senior Fulbright Scholar. He earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Christian theology from the University of Chicago.

Everyone is welcome — no reservation needed. For additional information, please contact Kristi at St. William, 239.261.5831

Movie-Goers Enjoy Pizza, Popcorn and Drinks



Our first Adult Night at the Movies was a hit. *The Restless Heart* vividly told the story of St. Augustine, his life as an orator, his conversion and his writings.

Many of those attending wanted more, so **a follow-on discussion will be held on Wednesday March 9 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center. No reservations required. All are welcome whether you viewed the movie or not.

To register or for more information about any of these programs:

Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator. Call 239.566.8740, ext. 3918 or email jack@sjecc.com

Direct from the Emerald Isles: The Saint John the Evangelist

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday, March 13 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Dinner by Frisco's Dancing Harp & Thistle Band
Tir-Na-Nog Open Bar Traditional Corn Beef Dinner

Casual Dress: Be Wearing Your Green!

Music by Erin's Blend

Tickets: \$25.00 per person.

On sale in the parish office and on our website at:

<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2016St.PatricksDayCelebration>

Please make checks payable to: Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

BIG BAND DANCE

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Next Dance of the Season

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist PLC

Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era

Featuring the Live Southwest Florida 16-piece Orchestra

Sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller & Stan Kenton

Big Band
Dance
Schedule

Tuesday,
March 8

Tuesday,
March 22

Tuesday,
April 12



Admission:

\$10.00 cash
only at the door
~ includes snacks

Cash Bar: Water
and Soda ~ \$1.00

- Beer ~ \$2.00
per 12 oz. cup;
\$7.00 per 60 oz.
pitcher
- Wine and
Mixed Drinks
~ \$3.00

Dress: Country
Club Casual
(No shorts please.)

Singles Welcome

*Sponsored by
the Men's Club*

Free Pancakes and Other Goodies at St. John Farmers Market



Free Pancakes!

St. John Farmers Market is beginning its fifth month of operation and to celebrate, Chef Rey of the Lunch Box is offering free pancakes (3 per person) in March to the public and to St. John parishioners. Add eggs, bacon or sausage for just \$3.00 or a coffee for \$1.00. The Market is held

every Friday from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., excluding Good Friday.

The Market has three large produce vendors including some organically grown selections, Anna's Seafood, Tracie's Jams, handmade aprons, jewelry, sunglasses, Peruvian clothing and more. Adrian's Fruit Cups offers fresh cut fruit at great prices.

The Lunch Box offers made-to-order prime beef hamburgers, prime Philly Cheese Steak Subs, Pierogies and more. Linda Leigh offers hand-painted children's furniture, lazy susans, TV trays, greeting cards and more. Landert Bread imports their dough from

Europe and bakes it fresh every morning. Selections include protein breads, baguettes, applecakes, pretzels, croissants, and pound cakes. Landert supplies the best Naples restaurants.

Madagascar Hats hand-weaves raffia hats for Helen Lewinsky of NY who tacks on hefty \$300 price tags, but customers will find many at the Farmers Market under \$50. James Zwerneman, local children's book author and illustrator, is signing his books.

Every other week, Collier County Elections is registering voters.

The vendors pay the church several thousand dollars a year in fees. Supporting these vendors insures they return.

Milestone Anniversary Mass March 12 at St. Leo

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated March 12 at St. Leo Parish in Bonita Springs. Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Registration is through the local parishes.

Thanksgiving at Sea

Back by popular demand! Limited space

Promotion extended until February 28! Two perks with ocean view or higher

Booking Bonuses:

- * Roundtrip Bus from Saint Johns
- * Cocktail party & Bottle of champagne
- * Receive a one-category upgrade for past Celebrity passengers. Ask for details.
- * Receive \$50 discount per person when making final payment by check.
- * Book and deposit an oceanview stateroom or higher and choose one perk below:
 - Classic beverage package for two
 - Prepaid Gratuities for two
 - Unlimited internet for two
 - \$150 to spend onboard for two

Exclusive Cruise Rates:

Balcony

Category S2 (Sky suite):	Prevailing Rate
Category C3 (Concierge class):	Prevailing Rate
Category 1A:	\$1,204
Category 1B:	\$1,124
Category 1C:	\$1,114
Category 2A:	\$1,154
Category 2B:	\$1,074

Ocean View

Category 8:	\$1,074
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Interior

Category 9:	\$864
Category 10:	\$854

*All package taxes and fees of \$161 per person not included in rates above. Reserve your cabin for only \$250 per person plus insurance.



CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE

DATE	PORT LOCATION	TIME
Nov. 20, 2016	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	4:30pm
Nov. 21, 2016	Day at Sea	
Nov. 22, 2016	San Juan, Puerto Rico	3:30-9pm
Nov. 23, 2016	Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas	8am-5pm
Nov. 24, 2016	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	8am-5pm
Nov. 25, 2016	Day at Sea	
Nov. 26, 2016	Day at Sea	
Nov. 27, 2016	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	7am



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For additional information and booking

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*Price is per person, cruise only, based on double occupancy. Prices are subject to change and are based on availability at time of booking. Air fare, insurance, and pre and/or post night hotel packages can be added to your vacation at an additional charge. Saint John the Evangelist Parish, the Diocese of Venice and/or any of their employees, shall be held harmless in the event of liability or litigation. FL- ST40081 1/5/16

Join your Saint John Friends on the Annual Cruise to the Caribbean organized by the Cruise & Travel Experts



CELEBRITY EQUINOX

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Jan. 20, 2017	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	4:00pm
Jan. 21, 2017	Day at Sea	
Jan. 22, 2017	Day at Sea	
Jan. 23, 2017	Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas	8am-5pm
Jan. 24, 2017	Basseterre, St. Kitts & Nevis	7am-3pm
Jan. 25, 2017	Bridgetown, Barbados	9am-6pm
Jan. 26, 2017	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	2pm arrive
Jan. 27, 2017	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	5pm depart
Jan. 28, 2017	Day at Sea	
Jan. 29, 2017	Day at Sea	
Jan. 30, 2017	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	7am



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Booking Bonuses:

- * Pre-Cruise Wine and Cheese reception January 7th at Saint John's
- * Roundtrip Bus from Saint John's with free parking behind Claussen Center
- * Continental Breakfast day of departure January 20th at Saint John's
- * Cocktail Party onboard ship
- * Private Masses with Fr. John
- * Receive a one category upgrade for past Celebrity passengers. Ask for details.
- * Receive \$50 discount per person when making final payment with check
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 - Unlimited internet for two
 - \$300 to spend onboard for two

**Promotion
extended until
February 28!
Two perks
with ocean
view or higher**

Exclusive Cruise Rates:

Suite

Category CS (Celebrity suite):	Prevailing rate
Category S2 (Sky suite):	Prevailing rate

Balcony

Category C2 (Concierge class):	\$1,994
Category C3 (Concierge class):	\$1,894
Category 1A:	\$1,884
Category 1B:	\$1,864
Category 1C:	\$1,844
Category 2B:	\$1,784
Category 2C:	\$1,744

Ocean View

Category 8:	Prevailing rate
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Interior

Category 9:	\$1,434
Category 10:	\$1,394

*All package taxes and fees of \$170 per person not included in rates above. Reserve your cabin for only \$450 per person plus insurance, which is highly recommended.

Document Concierge Service available for \$25 per cabin which includes completing passenger registration, printing and mailing all applicable documents.



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