

February 14, 2016
First Sunday of Lent



the
EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

72 Children Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation



Seventy-two children received the sacrament of reconciliation on Wednesday, February 3. After several weeks of preparation, classes, packets at home and prayer the children were excited and ready! Fr. John shared with all of the families just how many years it had been since his confession, as well as those years of his brother priests, setting a welcoming tone for the kids, keeping them laughing and relaxed. Fr. Jim, Fr. Bob and Fr. Rourke all took part in making this such a special evening!



As part of the ceremony, the parents together with their children offered forgiveness to each other and lit a candle of remembrance of the special evening and of their baptism. During the ceremony, the Children's Choir performed along with Mr. Tom Oram and Ms. Jennine Fuentes. The beautiful music made the evening extra memorable.



At the end of the evening, each child received a pretzel, especially made for them by their catechists. The pretzel was half-dipped in chocolate: the undipped half representing our lives before reconciliation – bland and dry; the sweet side of the pretzel representing the sweetness of our lives when we ask for forgiveness. Each child also

*For more text and photos see
FAITH FORMATION on page 16*



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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 13, 2016 Saturday		
8:00 AM +	Norm Gravino	Pat & Ralph Riley
	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM +	Lambert & Louise Abell	Kathy & Bob Sims
5:00 PM	Patricia Seibert	The McGuire Family
February 14, 2016 Sunday		
7:00 AM +	Sharon McCarthy	John Roy
9:00 AM +	Philip Severs	The Family
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM +	Anne & John H. Kelsch	Kathleen & Patrick Monachino
5:00 PM +	Nicholas Senatore	Wife Rosalie & Daughters Debbie & Jodie
February 15, 2016 Monday		
8:00 AM +	Ramy Garrido	Elida Gil
9:00 AM +	Tony Terzi	John & Mauren Wurtz
6:30 PM +	Mary Jackson	Eileen & Angelo
February 16, 2016 Tuesday		
8:00 AM +	Gloria Tucker O'Donell	Irene Ganssle
9:00 AM +	Mary Ann Tavoletto	Roberta Dulton
6:30 PM	For the Intentions of Benoit Boudreau	
February 17, 2016 Wednesday		
8:00 AM +	Paul & Kay Slovan	The Skubick Family
9:00 AM +	George H. Grimm	Pat & Lou Consiglio
6:30 PM +	Virginia Lauro	Leroy Christianson & Kim Ovaitte
February 18, 2016 Thursday		
8:00 AM +	Virginia Lauro	Leroy Christianson & Kim Ovaitte
9:00 AM +	Amelia Passalacqua	Loretta & Marty Sullivan
6:30 PM +	Charlene Mennini	Vincent Lasprogata
February 19, 2016 Friday		
8:00 AM +	Judith Wiswall	Joanne McCormack
9:00 AM +	Kathy Klacko	Husband Phil
6:30 PM +	Edna D'Antuono	Leona Curzi & Cliff Hogen
February 20, 2016 Saturday		
8:00 AM +	Cecilia & William Schultz	The Family
	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM +	John Giblin	Janet D'Addario
5:00 PM +	Angel Usategui	The Garcia Family
February 21, 2016 Sunday		
7:00 AM +	Peter Nicoletta	Karen Gilberti
9:00 AM +	Brenda Mattia	The Mattia Family
11:15 AM	For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM +	Carpentieri & Barbaro Fam.	Phyllis Barbaro
5:00 PM +	Edna D'Antuono	Rosemary & Philip Erickson

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, February 13, 2016

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Sunday, February 14, 2016

First Sunday of Lent;

Valentine's Day; World Marriage Day

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday, February 15, 2016

Presidents' Day

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 18, 2016

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday, February 19, 2016

Abstinence

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;

Phil 3:17 - 4:1 [3:20 - 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Sunday, February 21, 2016

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;

Phil 3:17 - 4:1 [3:20 - 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

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 14, 2016

*“Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will.”*

— St. Ignatius of Loyola

Local Businesses Believe in St. John

Our Capital Campaign to **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past** has a scope that is far-reaching. It includes endowments that support programs on our campus and into the community, serving the poor and homeless. It impacts our own buildings as well as facilities all over the area. The word is spreading, including over the radio, about St. John and the positive impact we are making in Naples. Several local businesses have expressed their excitement and enthusiasm for what we are accomplishing, including Steamers Restaurant, who provided donations for Ash Wednesday's soup fundraiser. One group has truly outdone itself. New parishioner and real estate agent Mark Maran, along with his partner Gordie Lazich, has decided to donate 25% of their commissions on any homes bought or sold by a parishioner in the next two years to our campaign. This donation will be made in the name of the Parish Family member, so not only does the money support our church, the family will benefit as well. Please see their ad below, which will be part of a special section of our bulletin for any organizations that are committed to our campaign and want to support our Parish Family.

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.

Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager, jp@sjecc.com

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

And We're Helping Grow The **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past** Capital Campaign!



Between now and March 31, 2018, if a Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church parishioner lists or sells their home with us, we will make a donation at closing in honor of the parishioner (or a person of their choice) to the Capital Campaign; this donation will be 25% of our commission. To learn more, please contact us.

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GORDIE LAZICH

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New Parishioner

MARK MARAN

239.777.3301
mark.maran@sothebysrealty.com

BUILD OUR FUTURE - SERVE OUR PAST CAMPAIGN

FEBRUARY 14, 2016 ~ FIRST 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 Paniccia	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

General Manager

Jean-Paul Boucher: *Ext. 3910*

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Parish Secretary

Deborah Marsh

Assistant to the Pastor

Tricia Schwarz

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Tom Oram: *Ext. 3920*

Choir Director

Ellie Roberts

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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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 1st Sunday in Lent, February 13 & 14

Readings:	637
Entrance Hymn:	117 These Forty Days of Lent
Preparation Hymn:	215 Deep Within
Communion Hymn:	245 The Cup of Life Outpoured
	329 When It's All Been Said and Done
Closing Hymn:	193 Take Up Your Cross

Choral Anthems at 9 & 11 AM Masses

Prelude *Sicut cervus* Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

(Psalm 42:1 As the deer desires springs of water, so my soul desires you, God.)

Communion *Philippians 1: I thank God every time I remember you* T. Oram

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, February 15: Monday of the First Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 123 (122): 2-3*

Like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God, till he show us his mercy.
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Mt 25: 40, 34*

Amen, I say to you:
Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren,
you did it for me, says the Lord.
Come, you blessed of my Father,
receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of
the world.

Tuesday, February 16: Tuesday of the First Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 90 (89): 1-2*

O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation;
from age to age, you are.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. From all their distress, God rescues the just.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 4:2*

When I called, the God of justice gave me answer;
from anguish you released me;
have mercy, O Lord, and hear my prayer!

Wednesday, February 17: Wednesday of the First Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 25 (24): 6, 2, 22*

Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Let not our enemies exult over us.

Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 5: 12*

All who take refuge in you shall be glad, O Lord,
and ever cry out their joy, and you shall dwell among them.

Thursday, February 18: Thursday of the First Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 5: 2-3*

To my words give ear, O Lord; give heed to my sighs.
Attend to the sound of my cry, my King and my God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Mt 7:8*

Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Friday, February 19: Friday of the First Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 25 (24): 17-18*

Set me free from my distress, O Lord.
See my lowliness and suffering, and take away all my sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ez 33: 11*

As I live, says the Lord, I do not desire the death of the sinner,
but rather that he turn back and live.

Saturday, February 20: Saturday of the First Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 19 (18): 8*

The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul. The decrees
of the Lord are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Mt 5: 48*

Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect, says the Lord.

by Jean-Paul Boucher

General Manager

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As part of an on-going effort to communicate the renewed focus and efforts of our Parish Mission, I wanted to start a new series in our bulletin, Getting #ToKnow Our Staff. We will spotlight a staff member here at Saint John, including some of their responsibilities and background. That way, if you have a question, or need some assistance, you can put a name and face to those that will be helping you.

Getting #ToKnow Our Staff — Office Manager Kathy Mooney

Our offices have never been busier here at St. John. In fact, we have had to install a third phone just to handle the volume of calls coming in on a daily basis. We are blessed with tremendously dedicated volunteers who continue to greet our Parish Family and our visitors, both in person and over the phone. Our volunteers assist countless individuals and families in every aspect of their journeys, from answering questions about our Mass times to selling tickets for our events to consoling someone who is dealing with a newly-diagnosed cancer prognosis to finding some food for the hungry families who turn to our church when they have nowhere else to go. We all owe them our thanks for continuing to provide the loving and joyous face of our Catholic Church.

However, with the increase in communication and the growth of our Parish Family, we have seen the need to add staff who will be responsible to manage this Front Desk directly. Kathy Mooney, who has been assisting with the Front Desk as well as with our Faith Formation program, was the ideal choice. Her smile and wonderful devotion to our faith shines each time she interacts with those that stop by our offices.



“It is an exciting time at St. John. To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His church and our community is our mission. I find there is no better way to serve our parishioners than at the Front Office helping to serve their needs. Our volunteers bring incredible backgrounds and experience to the Front Office. We are a family at St. John and we are here to serve our Parish Family.” — Kathy Mooney

Kathy’s role as Office Manager is to provide that warm and engaging connection for the parish, whether over the phone or in person. She will lead and manage our committed volunteer staff of the Front Desk and assist with filtering the various requests going forward.

“Sometimes our lives direct us to ‘our real calling’ in life and that is what I believe brought me to St. John. My career had always been happily in the hospitality industry. Now I find it so much sweeter serving and helping our parishioners.” — Kathy Mooney

We are blessed to have Deborah Marsh continuing in her role as Parish Secretary as well. Deb will focus her efforts on the critical and complex efforts that are required of a parish of our size, including official parish record documentation, sacramental support, background check and fingerprinting, and many other duties she already has been accomplishing behind the scenes.

Please join me in welcoming Kathy and thanking Deb for all their hard work!

#ToKnow — Where can you find out what is going on at St. John? Now on the radio!

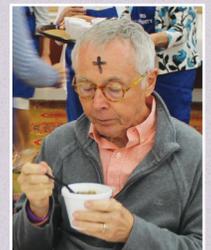
We have put a special emphasis on who St. John is and what is going on here on our campus. From the bulletin to our email blasts to our website, we are delivering the joyous and merciful message of the Catholic faith as well as the massive number of activities and events going on here at St. John. But, as our faith asks of us, we cannot be inwardly focused. We have to go out in the street and meet people where they are, bringing our infectious good news with us. We have taken the first step in this external communication strategy. With the help of a parishioner who works for local radio, we now have messages going out daily on two stations, 98.9, Talk Radio, and 104.7. So, if you can’t make it to Mass to “read all about it”, you can tune in to find out what is happening.

There is still more to come, so stay tuned!

Soup for the Soul Feeds People of Immokalee

Ash Wednesday's event, **Feeding Hunger, Filling Hearts**, a soup and bread meal, benefitted Guadalupe Social Services, which serves the people of Immokalee with food, clothing, social services, and a host of other programs.

(A list of sponsors will be posted in a future bulletin.)



HELP SAVE LIVES

FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 20

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and children

From February 10 — March 20, our city will join with hundreds of other cities for 40 Days for Life, a life-saving campaign made up of three components:



PRAYER & FASTING



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



PEACEFUL VIGIL

40 Days for Life is a peaceful pro-life effort ... and 675,000 volunteers in 607 cities across 32 nations have taken part. With God's help, 40 Days for Life has seen **11,165** babies saved from abortion, **127** abortion worker conversions, and **64** closed abortion centers. Pray and get involved, and **YOU** can help save lives!

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST 40 DAYS FOR LIFE DATES:

- **February 19 (Friday) 9am-5pm**
- **February 23 (Tuesday) 9am-5pm**
- **March 2 (Wednesday) 9am-5pm**

Signup after Mass on February 13/14, or contact Nancy or Paul Curti at plancurti@gmail.com or 612-616-5535.

Join us outside of Planned Parenthood at 1425 Creech Rd to pray for an end to abortion.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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.

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Andy and Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

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Respect Life:

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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. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:25 p.m. Grades 1-5. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Tom Oram: 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 Gryskiewicz, 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. ■

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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.

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. Wednesday morning Centering Prayer in

the Parish Library following the morning Mass. Maria Jones: 348.5361

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 Gryskiewicz, 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:

Madeline Theresa Buchner, Oswald A. Drica-Minieris, Veronica McNulty,

Anne Piazzon and Tom Wood

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante
U.S. Army

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

Specialist Shelby Granza
U.S. Army

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

Specialist Douglas Hennessy
U.S. Army

Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett
USMC

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)

Lt. Robert Pedrighi
U.S. Army

Lt. Joseph Schafer
U.S. Army

Pvt. 1st Class Aron Siwek
U.S. Army

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U.S. Army

Ensign Gabriella Scudato
U.S. Coast Guard

MidShipman Micaela Scudato
U.S. Naval Academy

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U.S. Army

IT2 Jason E. Tydingco
(USN)

SSGT. Matthew Watson
U.S. Air Force (Afghanistan)

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Rich Annunziata
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Connie Cahill
Anthony Caiazza
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Tiffany Chill
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Ciaran Doherty
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Dee Donnelly
Shelly Drummond
Dr. Steve Evans
Brian D. Fay
Wendy Bui- Fewell

Donna Flynn
Anna Focht
Follese-Fiedler Family
Susan Foster
Kathy Frye
Jack and Madeline Gaffey
Janet Gainey
Edward Gaynor
Dick Goepel
Richard Granger
Keri Grasso
Randy Grimes
Ricky Grimes
Josie Hannigan
Laura Harbrough
Cindy Harold
Brad Harriet
Joyce A. Harris
Luci Hartert
Monica Henkel
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Bill Kinchla
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Kim Kuryea
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Dennis Lello
Deik Lindaman
Rosemary Litwin
Lynette Loleski
Rosemarie Lopez

Lillian Luchini
Joni Luiso
Jean Lydon
Margie Lynch
Pat M
Jeanne Macari
Julia Maciocia
Alex Malloy
Maria and Family
Ann Maniuszko
Elizabeth Marin
Barb Marsh
Max and Arlene
Joan Maier
Joann Harris Mandola
Ross Mart
Kathleen Maxwell
Kenneth J. McAvoy
Barbara McCabe
Kevin McDonagh
Anniemai McDonnell
Simone McGaffee
John McGlenn
Patricia McGrath
Mary McKay
Elizabeth McKeever
Carolyn McNichols
McReynolds Family
Beth Ann Meloche
Michael
Heather Milner
Gilbert & Shirley Monacelli
Jane Murphy
Paige Nelson
Roger Nottmeier
Gloria Oliver
MaryLee Olsen
Emma O'Rourke
Maryla Panagos
Mario Pelli
Joanne Diamante Pesare
Jamie Piazzon
Pluc Family
Joe Pohrer
Susan Pomeroy
Richard Pratt
Richard Quemy
Renee Rake
Aurelia Rein
Patricia Richichi

Charles S. Roberts, Jr.
Ellen Roberts
Douglas Roth
Robert Sabatka
Samowski Family
Paul Sanchez
Lisa Sanfelippo
Joan Scariati
Isolde Scherer
Eli Schneider
Ben Schweninger
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
Joanmarie 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

LET US PRAY...

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

FEBRUARY 14, 2016 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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).

Emerald Ball Will Be
Saturday, March 19,
at Ritz-Carlton Beach

The annual Emerald Ball will be held on Saturday, March 19, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort in Naples. All proceeds will benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice Inc. in Collier County which include financial assistance, professional counseling, food pantries and food programs, refugee services, senior services, immigration and legal services, soup kitchen, clothing room and shower program, English classes for mothers, and special projects like Undy Sunday, the Weekend Power Pack Food Program, and holiday gift and food distribution.

The evening will include a cocktail hour, auctions, dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$300 a person. For information call 239.455.2655 or email maryshaughnessy@catholiccharitiescc.org or visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org.

How Knights of Columbus
participated in Super Bowl 50!



On the **Monday prior to Super Bowl Sunday**, Knights of Columbus members and NFL Hall of Famers, Dave Casper, Anthony Munos, and Jack Del Rio and his wife Linda (along with other current players) distributed coats to students at an inner-city Catholic grammar school in San Francisco. Over 270 students at Our Lady of Visitation School received coats, as part of the K of C Catholic Athletes for Christ program.

Right here at St. John on Super Bowl Sunday, K of C members from Council #11281 helped to provide and serve the large family audience at "Families in Christ" in our PLC. At the same time the St. John Council prepared for the next Parish and Community event, which was on Ash Wednesday, assisting in "Feeding Hunger, Healing Hearts" soup event. The event benefitted Guadalupe Social Services.

These are just a few examples of the ongoing acts of charity and mercy our Council performs throughout the year. **Consider joining the Knights of Columbus here at Saint John the Evangelist.** There are so many opportunities for the men who join, and their families, from which to choose how to serve Christ.

Join us! Knights of Columbus Recruitment
Weekend March 5 and 6.
Be part of this wonderful Ministry.



St. John the Evangelist Men's Club

Sock Hop

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

6:30 - 10:00 PM

MUSIC starts at 7:00 PM featuring
oldies of the 50s, 60s & 70s

JOIN IN THE FUN

50/50 Raffle

Contests for:

Best Dressed Couple

Best Dressed Woman

Best Dressed Man



TICKETS \$15.00 per person,
CASH ONLY at the door.

Includes five \$1.00 tickets to be used to purchase grilled hot dogs, beer, wine, soda and mixed drinks.

NOTE: If you wish to reserve a table for 8, call Joe at 248.877.3332 no later than February 8. Payment must be made to hold your table.



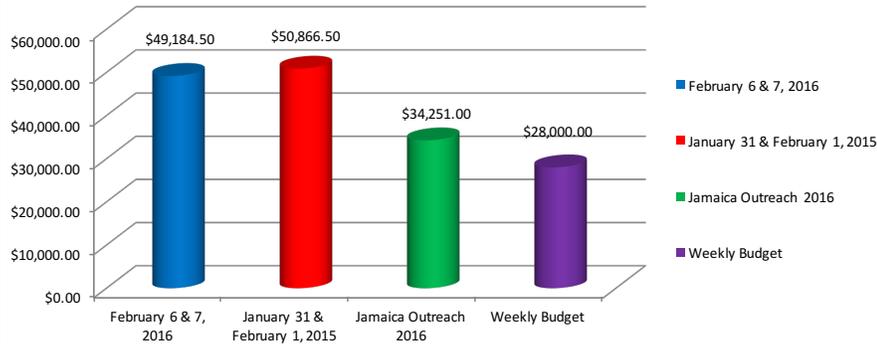
Families Create Valentine Cards for Nursing Home Residents

As part of their Lenten acts of mercy, the families of St. John came together last weekend for Families in Christ. After hearing from Fr. John about how Lent is about helping others just as much as giving something up, the youth and their families made over 300 Valentine Cards, which will be distributed to the nursing homes in the area for those who may be not receive a loving Valentine normally.

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for serving our Parish Family and to the Boy Scouts, who will bring the cards to the adult communities this weekend.



Collection Summary



Fiscal YTD (7/1/2015-6/30/2016) & CFA Summary



GRIEF SUPPORT

Seven-Week Grief Support Sessions Begin Tuesday, February 16 in Claussen Center

A seven-week session offering support for those grieving a deceased family member or friend will be held on Tuesdays from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. in the Claussen Center on the following dates: February 16 and 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. For further information call Dee at 594.7193.

Reservations are not necessary but help the facilitators in planning. Sharing your grief with others who understand your sorrow helps you to heal. It does not matter if the death was recent or longer.

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, February 14, 2016: the First Sunday of Lent

Opening Song **Blessed Be Your Name** Matt Redman CCLI Song No. 3798438 © 2002 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing) All rights Reserved. CCLI #2008891.

Verses 1 & 2) Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name, when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name. (*chorus, below*)

Verses 3 & 4) Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. (*to chorus, below*)

Bridge) You give and take away; you give and take away
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name!" (*to chorus, below*)



Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say. "Bless - ed be the
name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your name. Bless - ed be the
name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous name."

Kyrie • 4 (page 5 of the missalette)

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Response (cf. v.15b)
Be with me, Lord, when I am in trou = ble, Be with me, Lord, when I am in trou = ble;
Be with me, Lord, when I am in trou = ble, Be with me, Lord, when I am in trou = ble.

Gospel Acclamation

Lenten Gospel Acclamation



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

Preparation Song

Lord, I Need You

Matt Maher

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Verse 1) Lord, I come, I confess;
bowing here, I find my rest
And without you, I fall apart:
you're the One that guides my heart (*to Chorus*)

Verse 2) Where sin runs deep, your grace is more;
where grace is found is where you are
And where you are, Lord, I am free:
Holiness is Christ in me! (*to Chorus*)

Chorus



Lord, I need you, oh, I need you, ev' - ry hour I need you; my

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one de-fense, my ri - ghteous-ness, O God, how I need you.

Bridge) So teach my song to rise to you when temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you—Jesus, you're my hope and stay (*to Chorus*)

Sanctus • 9 (*page 14 of the missalette*)

Memorial Acclamation (A) • 10 (*page 16*)

Great Amen • (*page 26*)

Agnus Dei • 14 (*page 28*)

Communion Songs 245 **The Cup of Life Outpoured** Jim Cowan

215 **Deep Within**

David Haas

Closing Song

You Are the Lord

Matt Maher

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V.1) You gave me a title, although I didn't know you. You called my name, and blessed me with life.
Now I've squandered the fortunes of my childhood, given in to a world of lies...
But I can't hide forever from what I know is true; Jesus, I surrender my life to you— (*to chorus*)

V.2) The mountains, they move at the sound of your holy name; the lame will walk and the blind will see.
I know you want my heart, I know that I am nothing; you are the source of ev'rything...
And I can't live forever, unless I live in you; Jesus I surrender my life to you— (*to chorus*)

Chorus



'Cause YOU ARE THE LORD and there is no oth-er, You're my God and I'm not a - shamed,

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I'll stand for you when the whole world fal-ters, I will bear your name And I won't be the same.

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

The Word & Life

The Season of Transformation

Each year the Church celebrates the season of Lent to bring focus, renewal and transformation to our lives. Traditionally, we are encouraged to fast, give alms and pray. These are concrete ways of living out the call of the gospel. Today's gospel account recalls the temptation of Jesus during his forty day desert experience. During his weakest times Jesus became vulnerable and was tempted by the devil himself. In response to these temptations, Jesus employs the wisdom of God to dispel such temptation. This is a great teaching moment for all of us. Jesus uses the wisdom of God and relies upon the Sacred Word to help him through the temptation of the devil. He relies upon the Father to sustain him. He serves the Father's will by listening to him. He refuses all power to become a servant of all. At the end of this temptation scene we are reminded, "When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time." The discerning reader realizes that in Christ's humanity, the devil returned to tempt him again. However, as disciples, we realize that Jesus' whole ministry never saw him depart from the Father's plan.

Reflection Questions

1. What is my commitment this Lent?
2. Am I forfeiting something during this season? Why?
3. Where is God asking me to go the extra mile?
4. What practice(s) will help me become closer to God?
5. Where does God need to transform my life?
6. Why is the world in need of redemption and transformation?
7. What is my response to the needs of society?
8. Am I committed to the Church's call to prayer, fasting and almsgiving?
9. How do these things help discipline me spiritually?

In this event, we learn that God alone fills our deepest hungers, not the world. Jesus demonstrates strength when faced with a false sense of security and power — God is our ultimate security and the one who has power over us. We are also reminded that even though we may be pulled away from the Lord, we should never put Him to the test. Today, the Christian community is reminded to take the Word of God proclaimed to us and use that word to defeat sin and to defeat temptation. Just as the devil departed from Jesus from a time and returned to tempt him, he also comes to us in our lives. His temptations take many forms especially in the most subtle ways.

In our busy world, we often find ourselves pulled from pillar to post by the demands of our fast paced society. Most of us find ourselves multi-tasking (to use a modern phrase) — that is, doing several things at one time. The pressures of work, family life, paying the bills and taking part in many community events can often leave us with little time to reflect on what is happening in our lives. It is difficult to find peace in the midst of all the pressure and to bring Christ into the center of our lives. Sometimes we just need to take time out and let God do the talking rather than letting a busy world dictate. We are invited to contemplate the wisdom of God.

During the next forty days of Lent, we are encouraged to stop and reflect on the importance of God in our lives. In setting time aside for prayer, we allow

God to fill us with his quiet wisdom, enabling us to discern what he wants from us. Fasting is a beautiful spirituality that permits us to see the value of sacrifice. In practicing fasting, we recall the greatest sacrifice of all — Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross so that we could all be saved. When we give alms, our charity goes far beyond what is in our pocket books to what is in the gospel itself. Every time we help someone through charity, we reach out to Christ himself. Whenever anyone in the Church suffers and is in need, Christ suffers and needs us. In this holy season, we are asked to enter into the springtime of the Church’s mission, bringing new life in our efforts and observances. In this way we will recognize Christ in our midst.

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



Prayer

Lord, as we journey together through these forty days, help us to resist giving in to the unnecessary things of life. Through quiet and reflection, may we see you with greater clarity. Through our sacrifice and charity let us draw ever closer to you. May we find the God of peace and allow that peace to center our lives. Amen.



*Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness./Wikimedia Commons/
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Voices of Faith

Temptation

The fearless preacher Paul
Reminds us all
“The word is near you,
In your mouth and in your heart.”
Sentiments not of an empty soul
But one who knows The Lord

And so we enter into forty days
Of Holy Lent
God bids us enter forth the wilderness
To spend time with him
With fasting, prayer and charity
Our hearts, mouths and souls open to the living Lord

In the desert of our lives
We encounter our God
Waiting to speak to us
To love us and show us the Way
Leading us to the Truth of all truths
And to the reality of Resurrection’s Light

Our holy longing leads us forth
To seek heaven’s way
Hungers run deep in our souls
As we wait to be fed by Sacred Word
Fleeting promises of a deceptive world
Brings temptation’s dawn born on the wings of a
fallen angel

In false promises our minds do wander
Taken away from wisdom divine
Our mouths praise not God’s Word
Nor do our hearts reveal love sublime
Our imaginations fall into temptation
Where an angel fallen waits to steal

But in Christ we move forward still
Our discipline of Holy Lent enables us to see
Hope divine and sacred will
Of the One who bids us to rely not
Upon the food that will perish
But upon the Word that gives life

In the midst of a world filled
With allusions and selfish ambitions
We are tempted to settle with second best
And fill our minds with false promises
But God patiently awaits
Our fitting worship and praises

So let us not be taken in
By the prince of lies
Cast not your lives into the darkness of sin
Put not The Lord your God to the test
Allow not the promise of his mercy to excuse not your actions
But fall into the arms of Love itself who will bear you upon eagle’s wings

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

Faith Formation

2015-2016 School Year



FIRST RECONCILIATION *continued from page 1*

received a certificate and candle as a keepsake to mark this special sacrament of healing.

The Reconciliation Ceremony was truly a team effort, and I am very grateful for the support of so many wonderful people. I would like to thank our catechists who prepared the children so diligently and with such love. Thank you to Valerie Barbosa, Melissa Bresnahan, Monica Gatt, Denise Helm and Pat Zewalk. A big thank you to the much needed extra help from Sylvia DeFeo, Maria Joyce, Jean Meleo and Melissa O'Brien. Having those extra hands made everything run so smoothly. I am so grateful to Kay and Andy Sanfelippo for helping each year with the candle lighting ceremony, making this tender moment with parents and their children run so well. To the parents and families who are raising your children in the faith, thank you! You are their first teachers and wonderful examples in your own lives. Thank you for all you do!

Lastly, but most importantly, the evening wouldn't be possible without our wonderful priests. Their vocation is a blessing to us all! The children felt their love and will take away wonderful memories from their First Reconciliation.

Perhaps the greatest testimony to these amazing priests came from Alyssa, who was so nervous before doing her individual confession. Right afterwards she said to her mom, "I don't know why I was so nervous. I really like Fr. Jim and I would like to go again!"

That's what it's all about! Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion on May 7.

Natalie Campbell, Director of Faith Formation
natalie@sjecc.com • 239.228.3909



photos by Monica Gatt



Faith and Wine

Thursday, February 18, 2016

6:30-8:30 PM

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

Donna-Marie, EWTN show host of “Catholic Mom’s Cafe”, author, mother of five and for a decade — friend of Mother Teresa is ready to share with you how joy and mercy have been ever-present in her life. She is known to millions around the world as the friendly face and soothing voice of Catholic motherhood and womanhood. Family life has always been her first vocation. Don’t miss one of the most magnetic speakers in America today as she shares Joy and Mercy with us.

Gather your friends, women and men, and pre-register NOW at www.faithandwine.com.

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

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



featuring

Donna-Marie Cooper O’Boyle

“Sharing Joy and Mercy”

This Event Open to Men & Women

Love Is in the Air!

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 February 16 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 Monday, February 11) 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

SAVE THE DATE: Mark your calendar now for the final Faith and Wine Event: March 31, 2016

Go to www.FaithandWine.com to learn more!

Everyone Is Invited to a Bit of Paris

From Young to Older Everyone Is Invited to Second Annual Senior Prom at St. John

Come enjoy a Parisian celebration at Senior Prom, which will be held Saturday, February 20 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the PLC Ballroom. Sponsored jointly by the Men’s Club and the Youth Group, this is an incredible opportunity for all the generations of our parish family to get together for a fun night of dancing, dinner, drinks and prom activities.

From the free corsages at the door to the decorations that will bring you back to your youthful prom experience, you will be able to dance the night away under the Eiffel Tower. Older singles are encouraged to attend and will have the opportunity to find a date, as well as couples of all ages, with dancing to multi-decade music and “spiked” punch for those over 21 (the principal will be checking your IDs at the door).

A DJ will be playing music from the forties to the eighties to today, allowing everyone to showcase their moves on the dance

floor and show the rest of the room why their generation got it right! Additionally, at the end of the evening, a King and Queen of the Prom will be chosen.

The evening is for EVERYONE. In addition to a sit-down dinner, drinks and music, everyone will get their prom photo taken — just like you remember from high school — in the Hollywood Glamour-themed entry. Dress in your best prom attire whether it is a formal tuxedo, evening dress, a suit, casual wear or jeans, just like your high school prom.

Single tickets are \$15.00, and couples are \$25.00. All proceeds will benefit our Immokalee Mission Team. Tickets are available on our website at <https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2016SeniorProm>

Don’t forget to bring your previous prom pictures with you so we can display them on the screens!

Family Fun and Ministry Day

Sunday, February 28 from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Meet with representatives from the Ministries

FREE and enjoy a family fun-filled afternoon.

Event will be held in the courtyard, ballroom and back fields near the Claussen Center.

If you are a retiree, single parent or the parents of a family of 12,
Please Come and Enjoy Our Parish Family!

Something for Everyone!

- bounce houses and obstacle courses
- a climbing wall
- numerous crafts
- corn hole tournament
- face painters
- live entertainment outside
- and many more activities

Food and More Food!

- a full picnic fare complete with hamburgers, hot dogs, mac and cheese
- snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn and more!
- beer and wine

Food Service hosted by the St. John's Men's Club.

ABSOLUTELY FREE, but you must RSVP by February 26.

RSVP with the form below or online at:

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

Family Fun and Ministry Day RSVP

Please complete and drop in the collection basket or drop off in the parish office by February 26. Thank you for your co-operation.

Family Name _____

Number in family attending _____ Phone Number _____

Ages of children attending _____

**Please RSVP
Absolutely
FREE**

FREE

Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

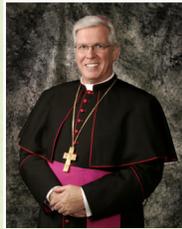
A Special Invitation to Adult Parishioners Who Have Not Been Confirmed to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday, April 9 at the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Adult Confirmation is for you if you were baptized Catholic and currently participate in the Eucharist, but were never confirmed. Like Baptism, which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark. Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of Baptismal grace. It unites us more firmly to Christ and gives a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ.

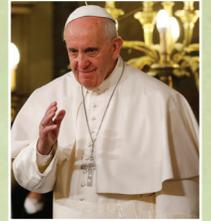
Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Adult Catholics who for whatever reason have not yet been confirmed.

If you are interested in being confirmed on April 9, contact Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator, **immediately** for complete information and to schedule an in-person or phone discussion to review and determine your specific preparation needs. jack@sjecc.com or 239.566.8740, ext. 3918.



Deacon Hal Brenner presents: *The Incredible Mercy of Our God*

Pope Francis has issued a papal bull (letter) entitled *The Face of the Father's Mercy* (*Misericordiae Vultus*) explaining in great detail the incomprehensible mercy of God.



(Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)

Deacon Hal will review and explain Pope Francis's letter and also investigate what other popes, religious leaders, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church have to say about the mercy of God. Join us to explore the richness of God's mercy.

The seminar will be repeated three times:

- Monday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 1 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass,
- Friday, March 4 at 11:30 a.m. brown-bag lunchtime session

All are welcome and there is no fee for admission. Refreshments will be served at all sessions, and remember to bring your lunch to the lunchtime session.

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.

COMING ATTRACTION – ADULT NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Sunday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m. ~ FREE pop, popcorn, pizza, beer, and wine with ADVANCE Registration



Restless Heart: The Confessions of St. Augustine

Starring Alessandro Preziosi, Monica Guerritore
127 min, Not Rated

Filmed in Europe, *Restless Heart* is the first-ever feature film based on St. Augustine of Hippo's landmark book, **The Confessions**. The movie uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of St. Augustine in his own words! Its message is as timely today as it was only a few generations after Jesus walked on Earth. It is the story of one who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass – and the changes that occur when events lead him to see the light. It also chronicles the collapse of the Roman world and how Augustine laid the intellectual

foundations of what became Europe.

St. Augustine comes to life in a powerful, thrilling, moving way in the film *Restless Heart*. His story is relevant for us today; the film presents his story in a compelling and memorable way. One reviewer writes there are five lessons we can learn:

- Facts are more important than words.
- A mother's love can win the day.
- Scripture has wonder-working power.
- Don't attack your rival personally.
- People are more important than things.

View this epic film on the multiple big screens in the St. John Ballroom. There are no lounge seats but there is **FREE** popcorn, pizza, soda, beer, and wine **WITH ADVANCE REGISTRATION**. All you have to do is make a reservation by phone, email, or in the Parish Office.

Walk-ins without reservations will be charged \$10 per person.

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

Community Pregnancy Clinics Host Life Saver Event March 2

Community Pregnancy Clinics will host their annual Life Saver fundraising event on March 2 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs. The featured speaker is Laura Ingraham, the most listened-to woman in talk radio in the United States. Laura is also a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and a passionate spokesperson and advocate for the work of CPCI to save babies from abortions and help moms.



For additional information, please contact Geri Kull at 239.262.6381 or gkull@community4life.com.

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. 

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:

Friday Nights in Lent: February 12, February 19, February 26, 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.

BIG BAND DANCE

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Next Dance of the Season

Tuesday, February 23, 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, February 23

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

Charity Concert
Presented by
Jamaica Outreach Program



Paul Todd and Paul Todd, Jr.

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 on weekends
of February 20-21 & February 27-28.

Tickets will be sold at the door, subject to seating capacity.

concert benefits Jamaica Outreach Program

St. John Cub Scouts Pack 226

**Pancake
Breakfast
with sausage
next Sunday,
February 21**

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,
February 21. 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 ~



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 DeLuccija "The Manhttan 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.

(SET) Training Offered at Surrounding Parishes

Remaining SET Training dates at area locations include:

March 3 6:00-8:00 p.m.
March 5 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 St. Ann, Naples
 239.262.4256

Please contact the parish secretary at the location you wish to attend with your name and telephone number at least two weeks prior to the training.

Additional training dates and locations are available at: www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment.

The St. John local Farmers Market is open every Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in our middle parking lot (next to baseball fields and tennis courts)

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 in two locations: February 13 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice and March 12 at St. Leo Parish in Bonita Springs. Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Registration is through the local parishes.

CRUISE SPECIAL BONUS EXTENDED

Parishioners who make their reservations before February 28 for either the 8-day Thanksgiving 2016 cruise (November 20-27 — see ad on the right) or January 2017 annual cruise can get two of the four perks listed in the cruise ad (on the right under Booking Bonuses).

This is for an ocean view or higher cabin as it states in the flyer.

See the January 24 bulletin, page 22, for more details on the annual winter cruise.

Thanksgiving at Sea



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



Celebrity X Cruises®
 That's modern luxury.™

Back by popular demand! Limited space

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

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

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
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.

Cruise & Travel EXPERTS

Parish Contact: David Quist
 239.594.2071 dquist@comcast.net

For additional information and booking
 Contact April Williams at
800.940.2394
 or awilliams@cruiseandtravelexperts.com

*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