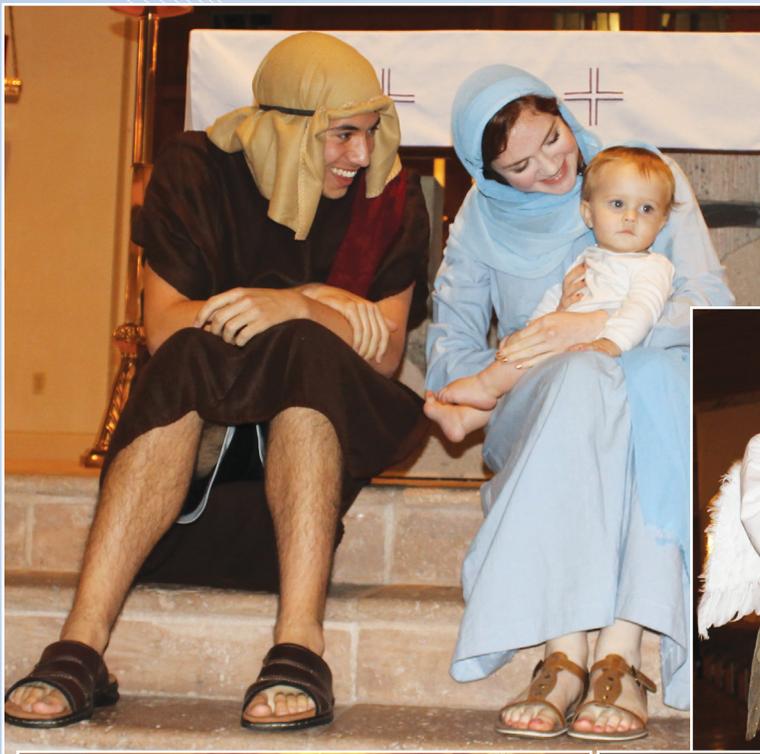


January 3, 2016
The Epiphany of the Lord

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The Christmas Story



The Department of Liturgy & Music presented the annual retelling of the Nativity with *The Christmas Story* Friday, December 18. With selections from the gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John, accompanied by reflections written by Fr. John, dozens of young people from the parish re-enacted the wonder and beauty of the Incarnation of our Lord. Brigid Wallace portrayed Mary, while

Francesco D'Agostino portrayed Joseph. There was plenty of music, both new and classic, featuring several young soloists and instrumentalists, as well as ensembles, including our Adult Choir, the Contemporary Ensemble and the Children's Choir under the direction of Tom Oram, pastoral musician, and Ellie Roberts, choir director. Also featured for the first time was the newest children's choir from Our Holy Family School Support, a home-school co-op hosted by St. John.



Soloists included Brigid (Mary) and Francesco (Joseph), as well as Madeline Miller, Monica Costabile, Tom and Ellie. Catherine Baier read one of Fr. John's Christmas poems.

Guests were treated to a family meal prior to the performance.

*see more of **The Christmas Story**, page 7*



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Daily Mass: 8:30 a.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

January 2, 2016	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Raymond Abele, Sr.	Eileen Cinque
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM	+	Jim Fitzgerald	Tom & Jeff
5:00 PM	+	Rodney Mailhot	Ray & Diane Mailhot
January 3, 2016	Sunday		
7:00 AM		Richard Santeeri	Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM	+	Tom Mattimore	Deacon Frank & Sandy Paniccia
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Ann Mooney	Yvonne Steinruck
5:00 PM	+	Anna DiNardo	Pat Parisi
January 4, 2016	Monday		
8:00 AM	+	Terry Arciola	The Vizioli Family
9:00 AM	+	Dean Schwalm	Peter DeFrancesca
January 5, 2016	Tuesday		
8:00 AM	+	Jozica Vitulich	Romano Vitulich & Family
9:00 AM	+	Karen Hokne	Dolores Kernochan
January 6, 2016	Wednesday		
8:00 AM	+	Helen & John Lyons	Madeline & Jack Gaffey
9:00 AM	+	Donald Wielosinski	Carole Wielosinski
January 7, 2016	Thursday		
8:00 AM	+	Ray Abele, Sr.	Darlene & Jim Follese
9:00 AM	+	Ruth Parry	Tom & Nancy Garlick
6:30 PM	+	Michael Griffin	The Family
January 8, 2016	Friday		
8:00 AM		Joan & Frank Galuppo	50th Wedding Anniversary
9:00 AM	+	Linda Szwast	Glavanovits Family
January 9, 2016	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Walter Otto	Sandra Lodwig
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM	+	Sean Michael Heaney	Dolores Kernochan
5:00 PM	+	Rose Ann Webster	The Family
January 10, 2016	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Nico Aespinoza	Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM	+	Lena Homer	Al & Penny Legittino
11:15 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:15 PM	+	Mary LaBarbera	Nancy & Art Goldstein
5:00 PM	+	Maureen Knoblock	Aunt Terry

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.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 2, 2016
 Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen;
 First Saturday
 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday
 Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Sunday, January 3, 2016
 The Epiphany of the Lord;
 National Migration Week
 Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
 Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 4, 2016
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17,
 23-25

Tuesday, January 5, 2016
 St. John Neumann
 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 6, 2016
 St. André Bessette
 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 7, 2016
 St. Raymond of Penyafort;
 Julian Calendar Christmas
 1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 8, 2016
 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 9, 2016
 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or
 Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38
 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Sunday, January 10, 2016
 The Baptism of the Lord
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38
 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

*January 1 Flowers in Memory of
 Fr. Al McPartland
 ~ requested by Dennis & Fran Powers*

MASS INTENTIONS...



Campaign Corner

January 3, 2016

“In the spirit of the Jubilee of Mercy, all of us are called to realize how indifference can manifest itself in our lives and to work concretely to improve the world around us, beginning with our families, neighbours and places of employment.”

— Pope Francis

**A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church**

Manifest Destiny: Life Center and Programs Start in 2016

Happy 2016!

This is a very big year for Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Due to all of your generosity, we will be breaking ground on our new Life Center this year. Additionally, those gifts have helped us begin developing new programs that will help us all live out Our Holy Father's call for us to improve the world around us, beginning with our own community.

This gives us an opportunity now to engage all the members of our Parish Family with additional details on what else we are looking forward to accomplishing if those who have not pledged yet would prayerfully consider giving.

- **Church Renovation:** As a nearly 27-year-old building, our church needs significant renovation support. From clearing away the old skylight that has been covered for years to creating handicapped accessible options for our altar, our church has several priorities. Additionally, we want to implement some essential components to our church, like more traditional confessionals.
- **PLC Renovation, including Ballroom:** Our Ballroom and other parts of the Parish Life Center require significant work in order to reinvigorate their capabilities for our Parish Family and the community. From new floors to increase the danceable space since Big Band dances and Sock Hops have people dancing between the tables, to appropriate window coverings to allow for videos to be shown during the day, and our beautiful view to the outside in the evening, we have a significant investment to make.
- **Grounds:** We have several plans for the grounds of the campus to assist our Parish Family, including adding covered parking, especially for the handicapped spaces, so people can arrive and leave church without getting wet during the downpours so common here in Southwest Florida. This would also allow us to “go green” by giving us additional locations for solar panels, saving the church in the long run on our power bills.

These are just a few of the plans we have. Please help us make these and other improvements a reality. 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. *Please see page 10 for a pledge card.* 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
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BUILD OUR FUTURE - SERVE OUR PAST CAMPAIGN

JANUARY 3, 2016 ~ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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)

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info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: www.saintjohntheevangelist.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.

Thursday Evening
6:30 p.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

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@saintjohntheevangelist.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@saintjohntheevangelist.com or drop your submission off in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

We will accept 2017 intentions starting January 4.

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 Epiphany of the Lord, January 2 & 3

Readings:	630
Entrance Hymn:	96 We Three Kings
Preparation Hymn:	98 The First Nowell
Communion Hymn:	on pg. 12 & 13 of this bulletin Behold the Lamb
	374 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Closing Hymn:	99 As With Gladness Men of Old

Choral Anthems at 9 & 11 AM Mass

Prelude	Come, Follow that Star <i>Don Besig & Nancy Price</i>
Communion	Surely the Presence <i>Lanny Wolfe</i>

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, January 4: Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann

Seton, religious

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Wis 18:14-15*

A holy day has dawned upon us:
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord,
for a great light has come down upon the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will give you all the nations for an inheritance.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Jn 1:14*

We have seen his glory, the glory of an only Son coming from
the Father,
filled with grace and truth.

Tuesday, January 5: Memorial of St. John Neumann,

Bishop

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 118 (117): 26-27*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:
The Lord is God and has given us light.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Eph 2:4; Rom 8:3*

Because of that great love of his with which God loved us,
he sent his Son in the likeness of sinful flesh.

Wednesday, January 6: Wednesday after Epiphany

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Is 9:1*

A people who walked in darkness has seen a great light;
for those dwelling in a land of deep gloom, a light has shone.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *1 Jn 1: 2*

That life which was with the Father became visible, and has
appeared to us.

Thursday, January 7: Thursday after Epiphany

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 1: 1

In the beginning and before all ages, the Word was God
and he humbled himself to be born the Savior of the world.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 3: 16

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have
eternal life.

Friday, January 8: Friday after Epiphany

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 112 (111): 4

A light has risen in the darkness for the upright of heart;
the Lord is generous, merciful and just.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

1 Jn 4: 9

By this the love of God was revealed to us:
God sent his Only Begotten Son into the world,
so that we might have life through him.

Saturday, January 9: Saturday after Epiphany

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Gal 4: 4-5

God sent his Son, born of a woman,
so that we might receive adoption as children.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord takes delight in his people.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 1: 16

From his fullness we have all received,
grace upon grace.



Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal continues through January 2016.

To donate please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or mail a donation to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., 5824 Bee Ridge Road PMB 409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065.

by Jean-Paul Boucher

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#ToLove — Love, Peace, and Mercy

Our Holy Father released his message for 2016, on the Celebration of the World Day of Peace, January 1. This past year has illustrated the desperate need around the world for not only the Catholic message of love, healing, and mercy, but our direct actions to directly combat hatred and fear with understanding, collaboration, and joy. Pope Francis calls on us to live our faith outwardly to create peace by way of love and mercy:

I want to invite the Church to pray and work so that every Christian will have a humble and compassionate heart, one capable of proclaiming and witnessing to mercy. It is my hope that all of us will learn to “forgive and give”, to become more open “to those living on the outermost fringes of society - fringes which modern society itself creates”, and to refuse to fall into “a humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine which prevents us from discovering what is new! Let us ward off destructive cynicism!”



There are many good reasons to believe in mankind’s capacity to act together in solidarity and, on the basis of our interconnection and interdependence, to demonstrate concern for the more vulnerable of our brothers and sisters and for the protection of the common good. This attitude of mutual responsibility is rooted in our fundamental vocation to fraternity and a life in common. Personal dignity and interpersonal relationships are what constitute us as human beings whom God willed to create in his own image and likeness. As creatures endowed with inalienable dignity, we are related to all our brothers and sisters, for whom we are responsible and with whom we act in solidarity. Lacking this relationship, we would be less human. We see, then, how indifference represents a menace to the human family. As we approach a new year, I would ask everyone to take

stock of this reality, in order to overcome indifference and to win peace...

This then is why “it is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father. The Church’s first truth is the love of Christ. The Church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of oneself. Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy.”

We too, then, are called to make compassion, love, mercy and solidarity a true way of life, a rule of conduct in our relationships with one another. – Pope Francis, Message for the Celebration of the XLIX World Day of Peace, 1/1/2016

Saint John the Evangelist is committed to this message and our Mission. 2016 is going to be such an exciting year of new and renewed efforts here at our parish, all focused on knowing, loving, and serving God through our good works. Please join us in these efforts.

*Image: Pope Francis delivers his blessing during his general audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican December 16, 2016.
(Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)*

St. John Welcomes 5 Newly Baptized in December, 2015

December 6 Grace Marie Nicoletta
Parker Matthew Vespi
December 26 Dior Sophia Galt
December 27 Carter John Kaiser
Reed Theodore Kaiser

The Catholic Community of
Saint John the Evangelist,
along with our Clergy and Baptism Team,
will celebrate our newest baptized members from
2015 at the 11:15 a.m. Mass on January 10, 2016,
the special Feast Day of The Baptism of the Lord.
All are welcomed to attend.

The Christmas Story

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Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.

Offers adult education programming for continued growth in our faith through such activities as retreats, Bible & Catechism studies, lectures, seminars, social action opportunities and workshops. Jack Kindsvater: 566.8740, ext. 3918

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; all in PLC. Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. St. Leo Catholic Church, Juan Diego Building. Carol: 804.306.5323

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. Call office: 239.566.8740

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 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. Call the office: 566.8740

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 lnjudy@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 mornings at 9:30 a.m. and Monday evenings. (Will resume on first Thursday in January.) Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687 or maggana@comcast.net or Linda Reilly, 821.8982

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

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

St. John Charismatic Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

Prayer group meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Linda Reilly: 821.8982

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Michael Loren Grossklas, Scott Kruthaupt and Mary Lou Samowski

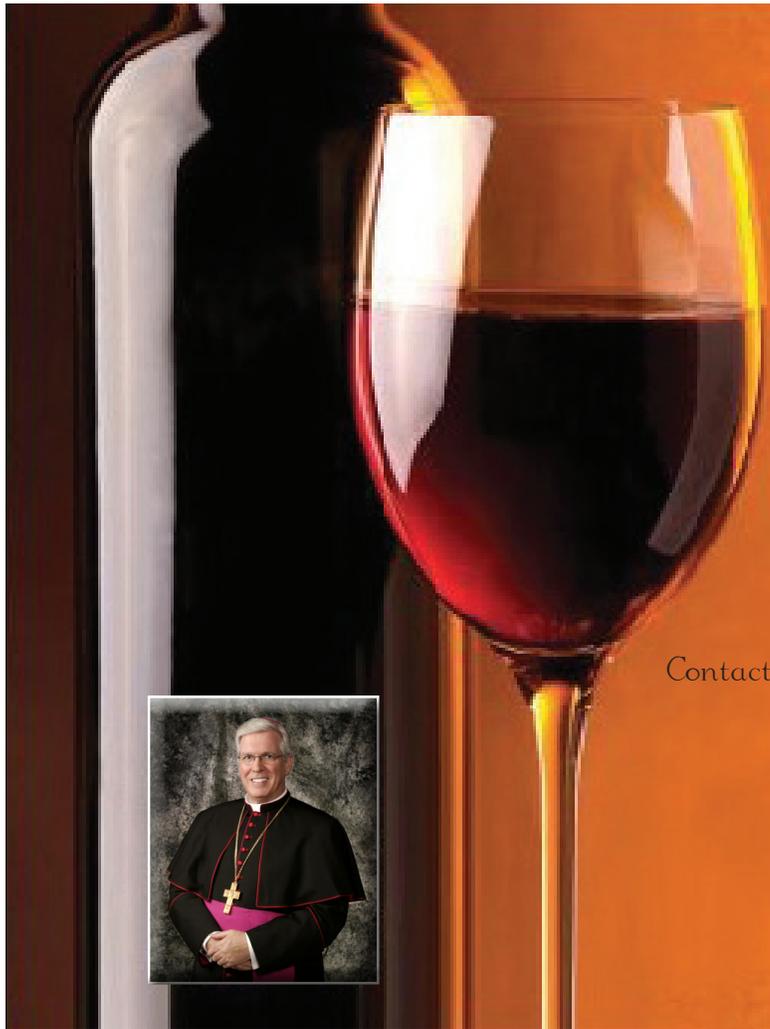
May they rest in eternal peace.

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LET US PRAY...

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

JANUARY 3, 2016 ~ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Knights of Columbus Council 11281
 Vocations Auction Dinner

A Philharmonic Evening
 and Elegant
 5-Course French Dinner
 with Most Reverend Bishop J. Dewane
 Friday, January 29, 2016

6:00 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist Church
 PLC Library

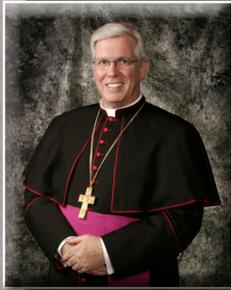
\$125.00 Donation Per Person

Contact Lou Altieri at 239.450.6004 to purchase tickets.

Dress: Jacket and Tie Requested

Musical Medley by Ellie and Tom
 French Accordion Sevenade

Thank you for your donation.
 Your generosity assists Seminarians
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Jamaica Outreach Program

Is There Room in Your Inn?

As the arrival date of the Jamaican Choir nears, we are in need of seven hosts who are willing and able to host one or two choir members between February 5 and February 8. The duties are light: lodging, breakfast, lunch, and transportation to and from church for performance at Masses on the weekend. Most of the choir members are gainfully employed or students at a Jamaican University. Opening a home to a perfect stranger is a step in faith that has many rewards.

If you think this year it might be your turn, call Martha Mador at 860.449.2105 for further information.

Seminary Collection Weekend of January 9 and 10

January, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are blessed in this Diocese with generous and dedicated priests who have followed Christ's call to act in His Person. Pope Francis reminds every Catholic, and the Community of Believers, that we have a responsibility to pray for vocations, and encourage individuals suited to the priesthood or religious life, giving them the care and support needed. It is precisely for support of the Annual Seminary Collection of the Diocese of Venice, that I write you.

This Seminary Collection ensures that we continue to have priests to serve you and your family. It enables the Church's mission of cultivating and fostering priestly vocations, supporting the next generation of diocesan priests in their studies, room and board, health care, transportation, and other expenses. Programs to invite more men to consider the priesthood must also be organized and funded.

Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will conduct this Annual Seminary Collection the weekend of January 9 and 10, 2016. Your generous gift is a vital factor for the present and future of the Catholic Church in Florida. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my prayers for the New Year. Do have a Blessed and healthy New Year!!

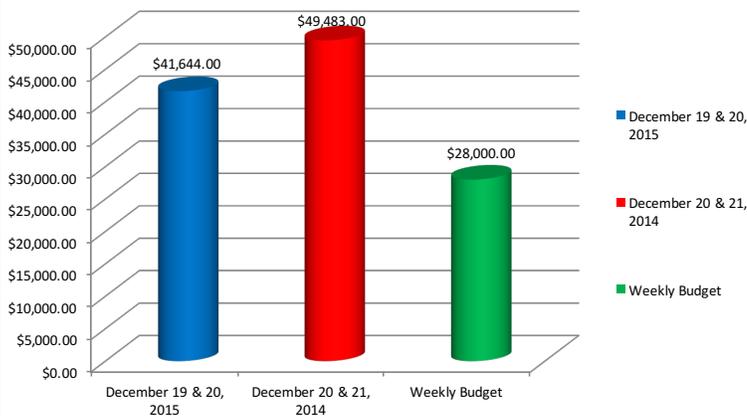
Sincerely yours in Christ,



+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida



Collection Summary



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



Bishop Dewane to Offer Diocesan Mass to Celebrate Volunteers Saturday, January 16

In appreciation of the volunteers of the Diocese of Venice, Bishop Frank J. Dewane invites all volunteers to a Mass on Saturday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Leo Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs.

The Mass is an opportunity to extend gratitude and appreciation for those who generously give of their time and talent. All priests, deacons and the faithful are invited to participate in a celebration of the active stewardship of our laity. A lunch will follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.

No registration is required, all are welcome.

Renate Mross

*will speak about prayer
at the January 13 Faith Chat*

Join the group for an informal evening
of friendship and sharing
of the Catholic Faith.

Wednesdays 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.

For more info, call 777.0575

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, January 3, 2016: the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Prelude **In the Light** Charlie Peacock

Opening Song **228 We Three Kings** KINGS OF ORIENT / John H. Hopkins, Jr.

Kyrie & Gloria • *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

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Response (cf. v.11)



Lord, ev' ry na tion on earth will a dore _____ you.

Gospel Acclamation *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

Preparation Song **98 The First Nowell** THE FIRST NOWELL / Traditional Carol

Sanctus • *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

Memorial Acclamation (B) • *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

Great Amen • *The Glendalough Mass* (please see worship aid in pew)

The Lord's Prayer • *chanted*

Agnus Dei • *The Glendalough Mass*

Communion Songs **Communion** Mac Powell / 3rd Day

Chorus) **This is the Body; this is the Blood;
broken and poured out for all of us.**

In this Communion, we share in his love...

This is the Body; this is the Blood.

Verse 1) I will remember ev'rything, Lord, that you've done for me
I won't take for granted the Sacrifice that set me free
I hunger and thirst for your love, come fill me today

Verse 2) We hunger and thirst for your love and your righteousness
We long for your Presence here, Lord...Be with us again...

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Paul Baloche

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Verse 1

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star;
While angels sang to lowly shepherds,
Three wise men seeking truth travelled from afar
Hoping to find the Child from heaven,
Falling on their knees they bowed
Before the humble Prince of Peace [to chorus ↓]

Verse 2

The sun cannot compare to the glory of your love,
There is no shadow in your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before your throne,
before the Holy One of heaven—
It's only by your Blood,
and it's only through your mercy, Lord, I come

Chorus

I bring an of - fer - ing ___ of wor - ship to ___ my King. ___ No one on earth
 3 ___ de - serves ___ the prai - ses that ___ I sing. ___ Je - sus, may you
 5 ___re - ceive the hon - or that ___you're due. ___ O Lord, ___ I bring an of - fer - ing ___ to you. ___

Closing Song

Let God Arise

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Verse 1) Hear the holy roar of God resound
Watch the waters part before us now
Come and see what he has done for us
Tell the world of his great love
Our God is a God who saves (repeat line, to Chorus)

Verse 2) His enemies will run for sure
The Church will stand, she will endure
He holds the keys of life, our Lord
Death has no sting, no final word
Our God is a God who saves (repeat line, to Chorus)



Let God _ a - rise, ___ let God _ a - rise. ___ Our _ God reigns.
 ___ now and for - ev - er, He reigns ___ now and for - ev - er. ___

The Epiphany of the Lord: Year C

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

The Word & Life

The Fourth Gift of the Magi

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word “Epiphany” literally translated means “manifestation of the Lord”. We recall on this day how Jesus was revealed to the world through the visit of the magi. Much has been written about the arrival of the magi. We know that they came from countries from the east. Some say they were kings, others astrologers. It is more likely that they were astrologers because kings of that time could not simply enter the Kingdom of another monarch. It would have been considered an intrusion and a threat against the king. In the account of the gospel, we find that Herod was troubled at the announcement of the birth of the newborn

king of the Jews. He, after all, was the king. However, Herod is frightened by the fact that what these men had observed was the fulfillment of prophecy. His request made to the magi of sending word of where Jesus was so he could do Him homage was not a gesture to bless Jesus’ presence in the world, but to destroy it! Listening to a dream, these men avoid Herod and return using another route.

The magi offer their homage to Jesus and offer their gifts. They also followed their dreams and learned to discern signs. These people recognized how creation heralded the coming of Christ by using a star and how it led them to the place where the Holy Family was staying. The magi not only offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, but also the gift of tolerance. The magi were strangers in a foreign land who sought out a newborn king so they could offer their homage and respect. These discerners recognized that the world could celebrate the positive events of cosmic time. The wise men were familiar with scripture – together they reflected on the Word and acted upon it. They welcomed the great sign in the cosmos in which was brought forth a great light.

Reflection Questions

1. How has God manifested himself in my life?
2. What experiences of life have led me to God?
3. What gifts can I offer to Jesus Christ?
4. How do I cherish the gift of tolerance within my own life?
5. Where do I see myself going in life?
6. What is my purpose?
7. What is my ultimate goal?
8. How will I achieve this goal and purpose?
9. How do I regard people of different faith?
10. How is God manifesting his presence in the world today?

They followed that light that led them to Christ and they freely offered their gifts. Most of all, the wise men, like Simeon, recognized Jesus for who he was – they just knew.

The Epiphany of the Lord is a reminder to us that the Christ event is for the whole world. It calls us to question how we welcome Christ into our own lives and how we give of ourselves. The gift of tolerance that the magi embraced also prompts countries of the world to celebrate the gift of diversity and to come to unity. The problem with our world is that people have a desire to make a particular faith absolute to the point that it excludes and even tries to destroy others. We only have to look at the Muslim extremists and the terrorist attacks in recent years to see how people use differences to create a chasm between one another. Within Christianity we also find fundamentalism which creates division rather than unity. The witness of the magi urges us to celebrate the gift of faith holding onto our similarities rather than our differences. As Catholics, we have been given the fullness of faith and we are asked to give witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. The magisterium of the Church recognizes that all faiths possess something of the spirit of truth. We are called, therefore, to open and honest dialogue.

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



Prayer

Lord we present to you four gifts. We offer you gold – it is the treasure found within our faith and the way that we love. We offer you frankincense – the sweet aroma of Christ working through us. We offer you myrrh – the anointing of our very baptism calling us to bring the truth of the gospel alive. Finally, we offer you the gift of tolerance, the unspoken fourth gift of the magi, so that we can recognize the riches of faith in all peoples. Amen.

Voices of Faith

The Magi

Gazing upon the heavens
The magi are the seekers
They patiently watch the night skies
Waiting to see the light of promise
That prophets hoped and longed for

Then all of creation celebrates
The manifestation of God’s love
The constellations witness the birth
Of a great shining star that leads
To the Light of Life

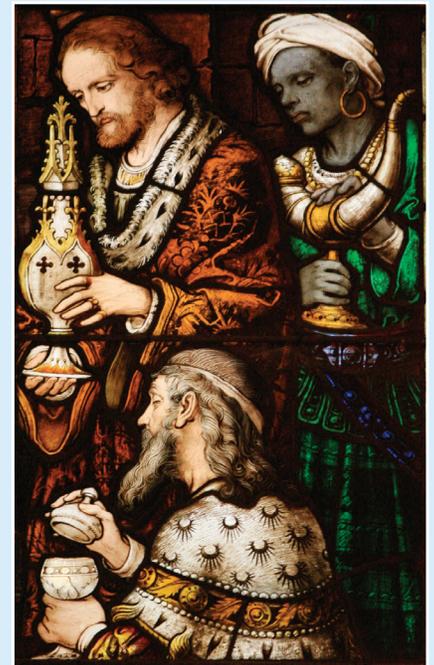
Caravans set out on a journey
The seekers pursue this star of wonder
Heading out to a far and distant land
Their destination is filled with promise
But first they must follow the light

The star leads them to a journey’s end
In which they find a new beginning
Wrapped up in swaddling clothes
They find a new born king
Illuminated by heaven’s light

The seekers offer their gold
For the majesty of God born here below
Frankincense is gifted for fitting worship
Myrrh, the costly perfumed ointment,
Is place before the Christ-child as a reminder of his
journey’s end

Homage the magi pay
To this infant king
Light of the world sends them forth
In the world of dream does God thus speak
Sending them home to share this tale of promise

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



The visit of the Magi as portrayed in a stained-glass window at St. Michael’s Cathedral in Toronto. (Catholic News Service/Nancy Wiechec)

Faith Formation

2015-2016 School Year

JANUARY 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.

6 ~ Wednesday, Faith Formation Class

10 ~ Sunday, Faith Formation Class
High School Confirmation Class 6:15-7:30 p.m.

17 ~ Sunday, No Faith Formation Class

20 ~ Wednesday, No Faith Formation Class

24 ~ Sunday, Faith Formation Class

27 ~ Wednesday, Faith Formation Class

27 ~ **First Reconciliation Rehearsal in the Church 5:45 p.m.**

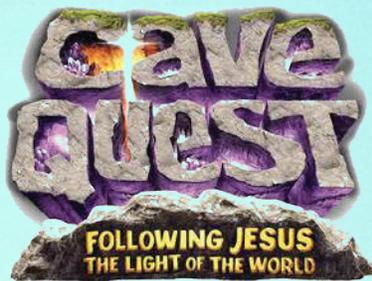
31 ~ Sunday, Faith Formation Class
High School Confirmation Class 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Save the Dates! 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!



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)

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

Sacramental Students:

Important Upcoming Dates

January 27 ~ First Reconciliation Rehearsal ~ 5:45 p.m.
~ Church (*Date Change*)

February 3 ~ First Reconciliation Ceremony ~ 5:45 p.m.
~ Church (*Date Change*)

March 30 ~ First Communion Activity Night ~ 5:45 p.m.
~ Ballroom

April 17 ~ First Communion Parent Meeting, Sunday Classes
~ 9:30 a.m.

April 20 ~ First Communion Parent Meeting,
Wednesday Classes ~ 5:45 p.m.

May 6 ~ First Communion Rehearsal ~ 5:45 p.m. ~ Church

May 7 ~ First Communion Ceremony ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ Church

May 8 ~ May Crowning of Mary ~ 11:00 a.m. Mass ~ Church

May 11 ~ First Communion Family Celebration ~ 5:45 p.m.
~ Dinner

Faith Formation for Parents

On the following dates, our Adult Faith Formation
Coordinator, Jack Kindsvater, will offer mini-sessions for
parents on the Beatitudes and the Mass. These classes will
feature clips from Bishop Robert Barron's CATHOLICISM
DVD Series.

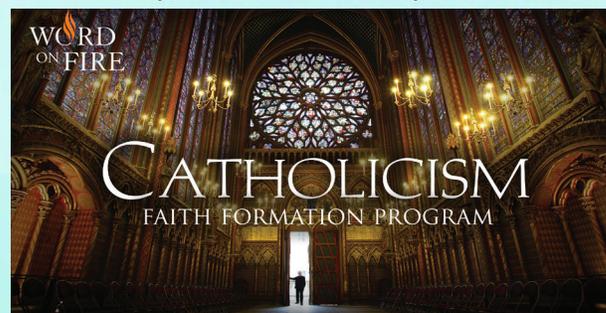
Sessions are open to all parents and will take place while
children are in Faith Formation class. Please RSVP if you plan
to attend and indicate if you will need childcare.

Topics:

Session 1: The Beatitudes: Jesus' commandments
Wednesday, January 13 & Sunday, January 24

Session 2: The Mass: Communion with the Lord
Sunday, February 7 & Wednesday, February 17

Session 3: The Eucharist: the Real Presence
Sunday, March 2 & Wednesday, March 6



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 will be through the local parishes.

Wanted - Business Owners

for Business Expo Sunday, January 17

If you are a registered business owner and a parishioner of Saint John the Evangelist, you qualify to participate in our annual Business Expo to be held on Sunday, January 17 after all the masses.

It is an opportunity for fellow parishioners to meet business owners who are also members of Saint John the Evangelist parish.

If you would like to participate at no cost, please call Carol Marlow at 239.948.0050 or email her at carolmarlow@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

**Bonita Village Band
Annual FREE Concert
Saturday, January 30,
2016**

**at Saint John the
Evangelist.**

**More details will
follow.**

**For more info:
Pat Lampe at 592.7845**

The 2016

**Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Calendar
is now available. You may pick up your copy
at any of the church entrances.**

Save the Date for Superbowl Party

The game is Sunday,
February 7, 2016.

“Tailgating starts at
3:00 p.m.

Details coming soon!

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Catholic-Jewish Dialogue

“The Jewish Cardinal” Screening Wednesday, January 6 at St. John

“The Jewish Cardinal” may sound like a punch line, but it accurately describes a real man, Jean-Marie Lustiger, the Paris-born son of Jewish immigrants from Poland, who at 13, bar mitzvah



age, converted to Catholicism in the fraught year of 1940.

It is the amazing true story of a man who maintained his cultural identity as a Jew even after converting to Catholicism and joining the priesthood. Lustiger was

appointed Archbishop of Paris by Pope Jean Paul II and found a new platform to celebrate his dual identity as a Catholic Jew. When nuns plan to build a convent within the walls of Auschwitz, Lustiger may be forced at last to choose his side.

This haunting film is about reconciliation, the reconciliation of two faiths, Judaism and Christianity. “The Jewish Cardinal” reminds us of the possibility for goodness if there is respect, love and forgiveness between and among cultures and those of faith.

This family film will be shown in the St. John PLC on Wednesday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Please RSVP to cjdialogue@naples.net

image: Le cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger sur le parvis de Notre Dame de Paris le 15 août 1988. source: Claude Truong-Ngoc [CC BY-SA 3.0] (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/>), via Wikimedia Commons

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, January 28th 6:30pm-8:30pm
doors open at 6 pm

Open to Men & Women



Gus Lloyd, the exciting and engaging host of “Seize the Day” on Sirius XM 129: The Catholic Channel, is coming to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church for the Faith & Wine. His topic for the evening will be “Proclaiming the Gospel of Joy”

Are we a people of joy? Are we preaching the Gospel? Are we putting the two together? At the next Faith and Wine, Gus Lloyd, host of Seize the Day, the morning radio show on The Catholic Channel on Sirius XM, will talk about proclaiming the Gospel OF Joy and WITH Joy! Don't miss one of the most magnetic speakers in America today as he shares the Joy of the Gospel with us.

 *Faith and Wine*

GUS LLOYD

CATHOLIC *Apologetics*

Please prepay for this event no later than noon on January 26th, 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 January 21st) your check to Kathleen Millard at 1937 Crestview Way Unit 172; Naples, FL. 34119

DONT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR GUS SPEAK AND GROW IN THE GIFT OF JOY

5 Life Saving Screenings Here Thursday, January 7

Once again we will offer a preventive health event on Thursday, January 7 in conjunction with Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings. For those people who are unsure, vascular disease is progressive and this means that if it's been longer than a year since you were last screened, it's time again to go through the safe, non-invasive process.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: **blocked arteries**, which is a leading cause of stroke; **abdominal aortic aneurysms**, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; **hardening of the arteries in the legs**, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; **atrial fibrillation or irregular heartbeat**, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a **bone density screening**, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. You will receive a \$10 discount on the screening packages by calling 888.653.6441 to pre-register.

Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

For 8 Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The First 500 Years: The Fathers, Councils, and Doctrines of the Early Church

The Fathers of the Church not only helped write the words to define what Catholics have believed for millennia, they debated about these doctrines to clarify them under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Their writings and thoughts on doctrine helped shape theology as it developed over the first few centuries of the Church.

If you want to know why we believe what we believe, start with the Church. This course is more than apologetics — it is a comprehensive look at the formative years of the Catholic Church. Discover where our doctrines about Mary, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit came from and understand the influence of the great saints Cyril, Pope Leo, and Augustine.

In a series of eight video lectures, Father David Meconi, SJ, discusses the development of doctrines in the Early Church. He discusses:

- The Purpose and Persons of Patristic Thought
- The Church Under Persecution
- Constantine, Conversion, and Councils
- The Cappadocian Fathers and the Holy Spirit
- Theotokos: Mary as the Mother of God
- Saint Augustine and the Beauty of Confession
- Pope Leo the Great and Humanity's Newness in Christ
- Monks, Missions, and the Rise of Christendom

This program provides more than a few simple explanations or brief answers to frequently asked questions. It goes deep into Church history and doctrine with real theological substance and perspective.

Michael Viola, Ph.D. will facilitate this program. He is from Boston, but Naples is his winter residence and he considers St. John his "spiritual home". Mike is currently enrolled in the graduate program for Spiritual Direction at the Aquinas Institute of Theology (AIT) in St. Louis. While in Naples, he is very active promoting contemplative prayer practices, in particular "Centering Prayer".

The First 500 Years begins February 2, 2016, in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Center. Please register online or in the Parish Office.

For 5 Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Vatican II: The Faithful Revolution at 50, with a special focus on the Role of the Laity

The recent feast of the Immaculate Conception marked the 50th anniversary of the formal closing of the Second Vatican Council. Over twenty-five hundred bishops, theological experts, other officials and observers from around the world gathered at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to debate the future of Catholicism.

Unlike previous councils, Vatican II was not called to combat some threat to the church such as heresy or schism. Instead, it was called to respond positively to the challenges facing the modern world, to update those aspects of the church that could be updated, and to reach out to other Christians in a spirit of reconciliation.

By placing the laity as a major issue on the agenda, Pope John XXIII set Vatican II apart from all previous councils.

The 16 documents produced by that Council are the most important texts produced by the Catholic Church in the past 400 years; they shape virtually every aspect of church life today.

Shortly after his election, Pope Francis offered his support of the work of the Second Vatican Council, saying it was "a beautiful work of the Holy Spirit." He then went on to ask "Have we done everything the Holy Spirit was asking us to do during the Council?" The answer is "No," he said.

In the mid-1990s a documentary video series was produced to keep alive the vision and spirit of Vatican II. It was shown on PBS in 1998. This material has recently been re-released in DVD format and will provide the basis for this program.

There will be a special focus on the documents that are most applicable to the role of the laity, including the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *Gaudium et Spes* and the Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People, *Apostolicam Actuositatem*.

Susan Hamilton and Jack Kindsvater will facilitate this program. Sue has been a leader in the Christian Family Movement for over 30 years. Both have Masters Degrees in Theology.

Vatican II: The Faithful Revolution begins January 27, 2016, in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Center. Please register online or in the Parish Office.

More information about any of these programs can be obtained by contacting:

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

Would You like to be of service to our church?

Have you ever wondered if there is a way for YOU to support our church in return for all our church does for each one of US?

The St. John's Men's Club would like to invite you to an Informational Cocktail Party on Sunday, January 30th at 6:00 p.m. in the Claussen Center Seminar Room. Enjoy complimentary cocktails and learn about who we are and all we do.

Our Men's Club is a service organization that supports St. John events that are enjoyed by the entire Parish, including Big Band Dances, Sock Hops, the annual Parish Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt.

The Men's Club and **our newly formed Ladies Auxiliary** also provide opportunities to get to know and socialize with the men and women of our Parish community while supporting so many important activities.

Don't forget – cocktails and answers – January 30th at 6:00 p.m.

See you there!
The St. John's Men's Club

Big Band Dance Schedule

Tuesday,
January 12

Tuesday,
January 26

Tuesday,
February 9

Tuesday,
February 23

Tuesday,
March 8

Tuesday,
March 22

Tuesday,
April 12

BIG BAND DANCE

EVERYONE WELCOME! First Dance of the Season

Tuesday, January 12, 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



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*

Casino Night

To Benefit Jamaica Outreach Program

Very Casual Attire, Open Bar, 5000 Free gaming chips

Buffet Dinner (5:30-7:00 pm) - Gaming (6:30-9:00 pm)

Play games like Craps, Roulette, Blackjack, Poker, Slots on Genuine Vegas Tables

Professional Dealers will coach and entertain you.

Win A CRUISE & other great Raffle prizes— you must be present to win.

Note: no cash prizes per FL law, chips exchanged for Raffle tickets



Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016 5:30 p.m.

St. John Ballroom - 625 111th Ave N.

tickets \$55 per person



* Mail checks payable to Jamaica Outreach, P.O. Box 110581, Naples, FL 34108-1929
Or, call Jeanne Stamant 514-0290. Or buy/donate at JamaicaOutreach.org

*The Casino gaming tables are provided for entertainment purposes only by:
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The Knights of Columbus at St. John the Evangelist

Proudly Presents

The Valentine's Day Dance

Thursday, February 11, 2016

With Billy Dean and Dawn

6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

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

Entertainment and dinner begin at 6:30 p.m.)

Tickets: \$50 per person.

On sale after all weekend Masses starting January 2, 2016.

Please make checks payable to: The Knights of Columbus

Tickets are also on sale online at:

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

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No sales after February 7 or at the door.



**JACKETS
REQUIRED.**

Music

Dancing

50/50

Frisco's Catering



For more information, please contact **Jim McDonald** at **947-6454**

Pro-Life - Chili Supper, Contest and Social



Sponsored by St. John Council
Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, January, 27, 2016

6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Life Center



Cost: A Good Will Offering for the benefit of local Pro-Life organizations

This is an open invitation to all parishioners to participate in a combination "chili contest", supper and pro-life fundraiser. The Knights of Columbus are conducting a chili contest. Several variations of chili will be available along with cornbread and dessert. Soft drinks, beer and wine will be available.



You must reserve your seat by calling
Jerry Detloff at 239-821-9395 or Gary Ray at 239-821-5115.

CONTESTANTS INVITED: Do you have a favorite chili recipe you want to enter? Call Jerry or Gary to arrange your entry. The more the better! First & Second place prizes to be awarded. **ENTER YOUR CHILI!**

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