

June 26, 2016  
 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**EVANGELIST**  
 SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Saying Good-Bye to Father Jim:  
 A Man Who Lives the Joy of the Gospel*

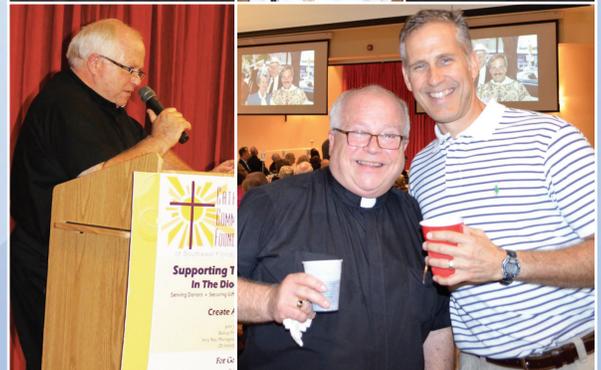
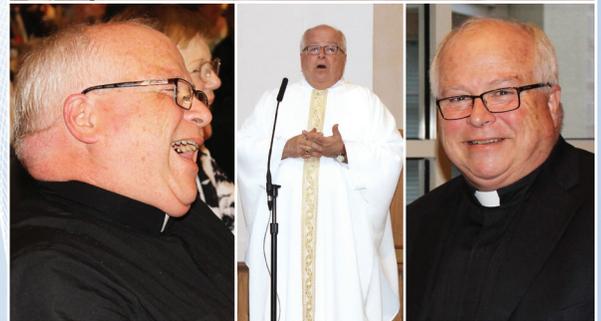
It is my sad duty to inform you all that Father Jim Simko, our Associate priest of three years, will be leaving us in July. We have all become enlivened in our faith by his wit, his infectious laugh, and his “homework”. He has tended to our Parish Family in so many ways, from the quiet moments with grieving families, to his powerful homilies that help us see the Gospel in a new light, to his raucous engagement with 500 youth and families at VBS and Families in Christ. He always has a smile and word of advice to help those around him. We will miss how our hallways and church rang with his laughter, and our campus will feel a little empty without its echo. His presence is needed at another Parish and so we can all take comfort in the fact that he has served us so well that his pastoral care is coveted elsewhere.

Additional details will be coming soon on a reception to be held at St. John before he leaves, so please look for that information in this bulletin (*page 11*). We will have a new priest assigned to our Parish Family and those details will also be forthcoming soon. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support of Saint John the Evangelist and our Mission, To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community.

*Fr. John J. Ludden*

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*please see page 11 for reception info*



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Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m.; Thursday Evening: 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. — Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 & 5:00 p.m.

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<b>Mass for Deceased (*) and Special Intentions</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
<b>June 25, 2016</b> <b>Saturday</b> 8:00 AM + Patrick D. Giordano      Wife & Children	
	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>
3:00 PM      Mass for the Unborn      Respect for Life Committee	
5:00 PM + John & Ann Matikitis      Ruth Miller	
<b>June 26, 2016</b> <b>Sunday</b> 7:00 AM + Fr. Al McPartland      Chryz Fisher	
9:00 AM + Philip Severs      Family	
11:00 AM      For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM + Holly Bunnell      Perez Family	
5:00 PM + Catherine Lombardo      Mary Rogier	
<b>June 27, 2016</b> <b>Monday</b> 8:30 AM + Joe Reid      Janet D'Addario	
<b>June 28, 2016</b> <b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 AM + Esther Riley      Nephew, David Piccorelli & Family	
<b>June 29, 2016</b> <b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 AM + Michael & Generosa DiNardo      Filina DiNardo	
<b>June 30, 2016</b> <b>Thursday</b> 8:30 AM + Joseph Hennessy      Brian Kirk	
6:30 PM + Bob Johnson      O'Sullivan Family	
<b>July 1, 2016</b> <b>Friday</b> 8:30 AM + Scott Wagner      Pete & Jane Grosso	
<b>July 2, 2016</b> <b>Saturday</b> 8:00 AM + Christopher Keating      Philip & Mickey Keating	
	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>
3:00 PM + Joseph Manes      Tony Manes	
5:00 PM + Christine & Anthony Mello      Josephine & Frank Mello	
<b>July 3, 2016</b> <b>Sunday</b> 7:00 AM + Victoria Martin      John Martin	
9:00 AM + Vito & Franco Nardulli      Giuseppe & Anna Nardulli	
11:00 AM      For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM + Joe Hennessy      Audrey & Charles Dee	
5:00 PM + Mrs. Victoria Kowalski      Mike & Kathy Mooney	

<b>SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>
<b>Saturday, June 25, 2016</b> Blessed Virgin Mary Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17
<b>Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62
<b>Sunday, June 26, 2016</b> Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62
<b>Monday, June 27, 2016</b> St. Cyril of Alexandria Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
<b>Tuesday, June 28, 2016</b> St. Irenaeus Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
<b>Wednesday, June 29, 2016</b> Ss. Peter and Paul Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
<b>Thursday, June 30, 2016</b> The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
<b>Friday, July 1, 2016</b> Blessed Junipero Serra; Canada Day; First Friday Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13
<b>Saturday, July 2, 2016</b> First Saturday Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
<b>Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday;</b> Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]
<b>Sunday, July 3, 2016</b> Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

***Holy Communion Available for the Hospitalized and Homebound***

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

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS...**

# Campaign Corner

June 26, 2016

*“We need lay people who take risks, who get their hands dirty, who are not afraid of making mistakes, who go forward. We need lay people with a vision of the future, not confined to the little things of life.” — Pope Francis*



A Capital Campaign for  
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Last Chance for Survey: Help Us Choose the Future

How is it that we are so in tune with Our Holy Father’s vision of the Catholic Church? The above quotation comes from a speech Pope Francis gave Friday, June 17 and could not be more apropos to what we are accomplishing here at St. John. We are opening the doors wide and need all the help we can get from every member of our Parish Family for the upcoming events and programs that start this year. Over the last month, we have had over 1,100 people fill out the new parish programs survey, and we are nearing the end of the opportunity to have your voice heard. I cannot stress how important it is for each and every family to take the time to fill out this survey. We will be making serious decisions on the focus of the resources of Saint John the Evangelist for three categories of programs:

- Sports and Wellness
- Social and Spiritual
- Arts and Music

These programs will cross the five age ranges of our Parish Family and the larger community:

- Children
- Youth
- Young Adults
- Adults
- Experienced

We all have a chance to create this vision of the future that Pope Francis is calling us to accomplish. The link for the survey can be found directly on our website and here: <http://tinyurl.com/hbmlx9j>

While the money has been pledged in our **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past** capital campaign to accomplish the facility and some of our other urgent needs, we still need our entire Parish Family to give in order to reach our additional goals, including the detailed execution of the above programs. If you have any questions, please contact Joe

Lichwalla, the Campaign Coordinator at 239.495.2001 or email: [campaign@sjecc.com](mailto:campaign@sjecc.com).

You can also learn more information about the Campaign at: [www.sjecc.com/future](http://www.sjecc.com/future).

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

New Programs at Saint John



**New Programs at Saint John**

Saint John the Evangelist will be creating new and persistent programs to enliven and engage our Parish Family and the larger community.

In order to accomplish this feat, we need to know what activities and programs would be most impactful to you. There will be activities for Sports and Wellness to Arts and Music to Social and Spiritual.

Please choose the various age groups you are interested in providing feedback and you will have an opportunity to voice your opinion. Thank you so much!

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New Programs at Saint John



What age group(s) of programs are you interested in?

Children (Infant - 12)

Youth (13 - 18)

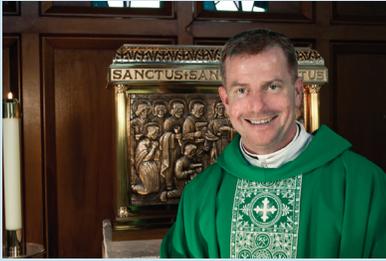
Young Adult (19 - 35)

Confirm Choice?

Experienced (61+)

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## 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**  
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*jp@sjecc.com*

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Deborah Marsh  
**Assistant to the Pastor**  
Tricia Schwarz

**Pastoral Musician and Liturgist**  
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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*

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Natalie Campbell: *Ext. 3904 and 3909*  
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Jack Kindsvater: *Ext. 3918*  
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*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](http://www.sjecc.com) When on the website, click on the **Forms** tab at the top of the home page and select New Parishioner Form. Download the form, complete it and return the completed form to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

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## Administrative Office Hours are:

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

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
(until all are heard)

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass:

*Monday-Friday*  
8:30 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.,  
11:00 a.m. & 1:00 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 25 & 26

Readings:	719
Entrance Hymn:	475 Christ Be Beside Me
Preparation Hymn:	491 We Have Been Told
Communion Hymn:	123 The Servant Song
	448 Where Charity and Love Prevail
Closing Hymn:	581 Sent Forth By God's Blessing

## Choral Anthem at 11 AM Mass

Prelude:	Ubi Caritas <i>Durufle</i>
Presentation:	Only This I Want <i>Schutte</i>
Communion:	The Summons <i>Fischer</i>

## ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

**Monday, June 27: Monday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Cf. Ez 34:11, 23-24*

I will look after my sheep, says the Lord,  
and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them,  
and I, the Lord, will be their God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Remember this, you who never think of God.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Cf. Jn 15:16*

It was not you who chose me, says the Lord,  
but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear  
fruit, fruit that will last.

**Tuesday, June 28: Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Mal 2:6*

The law of truth was in his mouth; no dishonesty was  
found on his lips. He walked with me in integrity and  
peace, and turned many away from evil.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Lead me in your justice, Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Jn 15:4-5*

Remain in me, as I remain in you, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty.

**Wednesday, June 29: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,  
planted the Church with their blood;  
they drank the chalice of the Lord  
and became the friends of God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Cf. Mt 16:16, 18*

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the  
living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter,  
and upon this rock I will build my Church.

**Thursday, June 30: Thursday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven,  
the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ,  
and since for love of him they shed their blood,  
they now exult with Christ for ever.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. The judgments of the Lord are true, and all of them are  
just.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Lk 22:28-30*

It is you who have stood by me in my trials;  
and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord,  
that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.

**Friday, July 1: Friday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of him  
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that comes from the mouth of God.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Ez 34:15*

I will pasture my sheep;  
I myself will give them rest, says the Lord.

**Saturday, July 2: Saturday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King  
who rules heaven and earth for ever.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Cf. Lk 11:27*

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary,  
which bore the son of the eternal Father.

## #ToLove , #ToServe – We Are St. John: Pope Francis Calls All of Us

Isn't it interesting how we discussed the new parish-wide events just last week and Our Holy Father decided to give us all a pep talk on how the future of the Catholic Church rests on the shoulders of all of us, including the majority of people in the Catholic Church, called the laity. Did you know you are part of the laity? The Second Vatican Council states:

*The term laity is here understood to mean all the faithful except those in holy orders and those in the state of religious life specially approved by the Church. These faithful are by baptism made one body with Christ and are constituted among the People of God; they are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ; and they carry out for their own part the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the world. – LUMEN GENTIUM, Section 31*

It is our responsibility as the laity to involve ourselves in our church and to spread the joy and love of the Catholic faith to all those around us. That is why we put such special emphasis here on our mission and ministerial works, from JOP and Knights of Columbus, to the Simple Gesture food pantry support and Saint Vincent DePaul Society. Pope Francis spoke about this focus and drive for the laity on Friday, June 17 in a powerful speech on the future of the Catholic Church. Please forgive my Italian translation skills, as the speech is so new that the Vatican has yet to provide an official English version:

*In light of this path taken, it is time to once again look with hope to the future. Much remains to be done by widening the horizons and gathering new challenges that reality presents...*

*You too, then, look up and look "out" to many "distant" of our world, to the many families in trouble and in need of mercy, to the many fields of apostolate still unexplored, the many lay people of good heart and generosity who willingly put at the service of the Gospel their energy, their time, their skills if they were involved, valued and accompanied with affection and dedication on the part of pastors and church institutions. We need well-trained lay people, animated by a sincere faith and limpid, whose life has been touched from the personal and merciful love of Christ Jesus. We need lay people who take risks, who get their hands dirty, who are not afraid of making mistakes, who go forward. We need lay people with a vision of the future, not confined to the little things of life. And I told the young people: we need lay people with experience flavor of life, who dare to dream. Today is the time when*

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*young people need the elders' dreams. This culture does not become accustomed to discard the elderly! I urge, urge you to dream of and - as the prophet Joel - "have dreams", the ability to dream, and give us all the strength to new apostolic visions. – Pope Francis 6/17/2016 ([http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/it/speeches/2016/june/documents/papa-francesco\\_20160617\\_plenaria-pc-laici.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/it/speeches/2016/june/documents/papa-francesco_20160617_plenaria-pc-laici.html))*

The ministries here at St. John, along with the new events we discussed last week, do not take a lot of individual sacrifice if our entire Parish Family works together. If we can come together as a Parish Family, with all the time, talent, and treasure we have, we can change the world. For example, we plan on making 20,000 meals on August 4, as part of the Helping Hands Catholic Relief Services event. Our efforts for 1 ½ hours could literally change the lives of an entire refugee camp, saving them from starvation. Please join our Parish Family as laity living out both our Pope's vision and our mission.

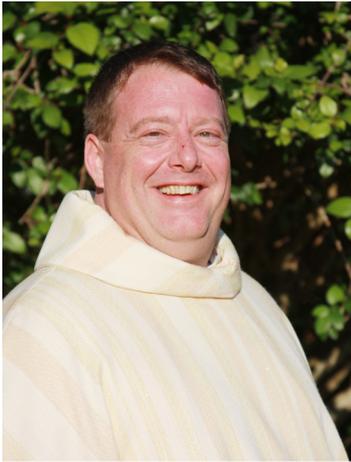


*Pope Francis speaks as he visits the headquarters of the World Food Programme in Rome Monday, June 13. (Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)*

# Fr. Dan, a Priest Who Loved the Lord, Passes to Eternal Rest

Dear Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist,

It is with deep regret and profound sadness that I report to you that Fr. Dan Smith who served our community from 2008-2011 died suddenly in his home over Father's Day weekend. He was 53 years old. Fr. Dan will be remembered as a dedicated and hard working priest. His love for the Lord and the traditions of the Church were very evident in his life. While he was here, Fr. Dan initiated many learning opportunities for our parishioners by offering many adult faith formation classes. He was most certainly a brother to me as priest. We had worked together as parochial vicars many years ago at Incarnation in Sarasota. Later I became his Spiritual Director. Eventually, I was assigned as his pastor here at Saint John the Evangelist. What I learned during my time with Fr. Dan is that he had a tender heart and a deep concern for people. He was always dedicated to opening the People of God's hearts to the presence of Christ.



Fr. Dan left us in February of 2011 to take a leadership role at Our Lady of the Angels, Lakewood Ranch, Florida. He was assigned as pastor to help with the future growth of his community. In the past few months, Fr. Dan shared with me his excitement about his fundraising campaign which would

provide funds to build a new church for his community. He gave his "all" to the priesthood to the very end!!

Please join me in praying for Fr. Dan that he will rest eternally in peace with the Angels and Saints. May Christ, the Good Shepherd, embrace him in his mercy.

With God's Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. John J. Ludden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. John J. Ludden



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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. Call the office: 566.8740

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

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

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

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

**Circle of Comfort.** If you have cancer, or are taking care of someone who does, you may be facing challenges that may leave you feeling overwhelmed, frightened, alone and in need of comfort. Let us share our experience of faith, strength and prayer with you. We help each other live one day at a time through encouragement, prayer, laughter or whatever it takes to bring comfort to each other. Jim or Darlene 566.8740**Companion Driving Ministry.** Ongoing "Need a Ride/Give a Ride" program offered to anyone in need of transportation to attend church services. For more information or to sign up for a ride or to become a volunteer driver, contact the parish office at 566.8740 or the ministry director, Beth Lucci at 877.6254 or email sjeride@gmail.com**Cursillistas.** Third Tuesday monthly at 7:00 p.m. The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas and visitors welcome. Robyn DeVille: 253.6275 or robyndeville@earthlink.net**Divine Gift Boutique** (located across from the restrooms). **SUMMER Hours:** Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed Monday through Friday. 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. Meets every other Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meeting dates are: May 4 and 18 and June 1, 15 and 29. Lhara Echeverria: 239.293.3694 or Lhara@sjecc.com and Beth Lucci: 239.877.6254.

**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.** Keep checking here for the next 7-session series. For any concerns related to the Bereavement Ministry call the office: 566.8740**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. Lessons NOT provided. Lanell Bishop: 352.1860**Men's Club and Ladies Auxiliary.** 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 from October to May. Jack Nalipinski: 412.613.3551.**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**Recovering Couples Anonymous.** Saturday, 7 p.m. Britta: 348.5031 or Roger: 250.6888**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. Phyllis Crivelli: 594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: 250.4162**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

■ 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...**

## 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:

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

### Divine Will Prayer Group

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

### Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

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

Centering Prayer will resume in the fall.

### Liturgy of the Hours

Members of the third order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites pray the Morning Prayer after the 8:30 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:

Mignon Jensen, Fr. Dan Smith and Anna Stanojev

May they rest in eternal peace.

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

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

ADD	Richard Granger	Cindy Renner
AJM	Keri Grasso	Ellen Roberts
Rich Annunizata	Donald Howe	Rea Rossi
Fernando Ardila	Chester Kauffman	Jean Ruel
Thomas Ardila	Sean Keating	Lisa Sanfelippo
Jean & Emmunale Ballmiro	Yvonne Keenan	Peter Scariati
Kristen Barson	Krista Leigh Kozowyk	Eli Schneider
Richard Becker	Jim Krauser & family	Pat Schuler
Margie Benefico	Glenn & Joanne Krumel	Ben Schweninger
Ryan Bennis	John Kuryea	Leonard Seidi
Barbara Berg	Jerry Lane	Bruce Sherman
Linda Berry	Tiffany LaPointe	Marilyn Shields
Kathleen Bradach	Lindsay Lavery	Lisa Siegwarth
Brooks Family	Ned & Mary Lou Leibig	Winnie Smith
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Nancy Campbell	Lynette Loleski	Susan Stokes
Steve Caputo	Lillian Luchini	Kathy & David Struble
Tiffany Chill	Margie Lynch	JoanMarie Switalski
Frank & Joan Ciccarella	Katherine Malatespa	Lauren Taranto
Fran & Becky Comeriato	Gloria Maloney	Rita Taranto
Sam Comeriato	Ann Maniuske	TG
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Florence Demski	Barb Marsh	Joanne Timmerman
Sandra Demski	John Mass	Maria Torres
Carol Donovan	Kenneth J. McAvoy	Jennifer Toth
Veronica Fawcett	Simone McGaffee	Patricia Trapnell
George Ferdinand	John McGlenn	Fay VanWie
Wendy Bui Fewell	Carolyn McNichols	Pat Velasques
Donna Flynn	McReynolds Family	Lena Vittolo
Anna Focht	Beth Ann Meloche	Anne W
Susan Foster	Amanda Merhige	Patti Wakim
Janet Gainey	Heather Milner	Jonathon Werner
Edward Gaynor	Shirley Monacelli	Bob Wright
John Gazzola	Marylee Olsen	Helen Zaks
Michael Getty	Maryla Panagos	Robert Zazzara
Jackie Gibson	Anthony Parisi	Ed Zerrer
Emma Gilardi	Ann Petrillo	
Don Goodwillie	Jamie Piazzon	
Joe Goss	Renee Rake	

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

LET US PRAY...

To submit a one-month prayer request call 566.8740, or email: [prayerlist@sjecc.com](mailto:prayerlist@sjecc.com)

JUNE 26, 2016 ~ THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Mary Immaculate  
Patroness of Our Country  
Pray for Us**

## Prayer For the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

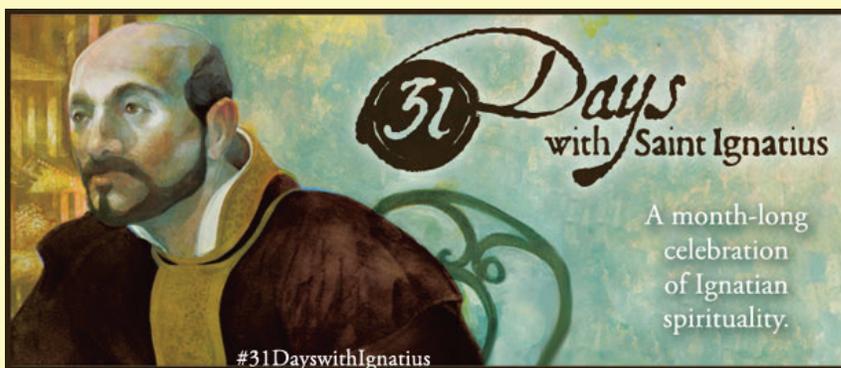
Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Celebrating the Seventh Annual 31 Days with St. Ignatius

July is almost here, which means getting ready for the seventh annual *31 Days with St. Ignatius*. This month-long celebration of Ignatian spirituality leads up to the feast day of its namesake on July 31. We've (*dotMagis* Editor) put together a calendar of Ignatian articles and more for you to be inspired daily.

We'll (*dotMagis* Editor) also be welcoming some guest bloggers here at *dotMagis* during July, joining our regular bloggers in exploring ways of encountering God through using the five senses. Look for posts from writers including Ginny Kubitz Moyer; James Martin, SJ; Becky Eldredge; Joseph Tetlow, SJ; Tim Muldoon; Vinita Hampton Wright;



Gary Jansen; Jim Manney; Mark Thibodeaux, SJ; and Kerry Weber.

Please join in the celebration by adding your own thoughts in the comments to this or any post. Use the hashtag on your favorite social media, and

share the ways you've been touched by St. Ignatius and the spiritual outlook that bears his name.

Subscribe to *dotMagis*, the blog of Ignatian Spirituality. July's *dotMagis* posts will include the link to each day's *31 Days with St. Ignatius* reading/viewing. To get those daily reminders, you must subscribe to *dotMagis*.

# Saying Good-bye to Fr. Jim Everyone Is Invited



A reception to say good-bye to Fr. Jim will be held on Sunday, July 3 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Fr. Jim will celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

The reception will give everyone an opportunity to wish Fr. Jim well on his new journey to St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Sarasota. Very light refreshments will be served.

## Companion Driving Ministry in Need of More Drivers

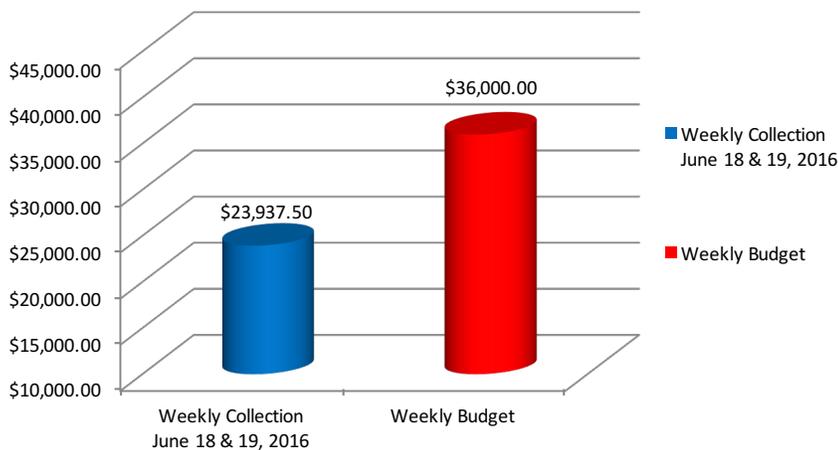
The Companion Driving Ministry needs more drivers in order to meet all the ride requests for the following:

- Bentley Village ~ 5
- Arbor Trace ~ 3
- Pelican Bay ~ 1
- Naples Pak ~ 1
- Pelican Marsh ~ 1

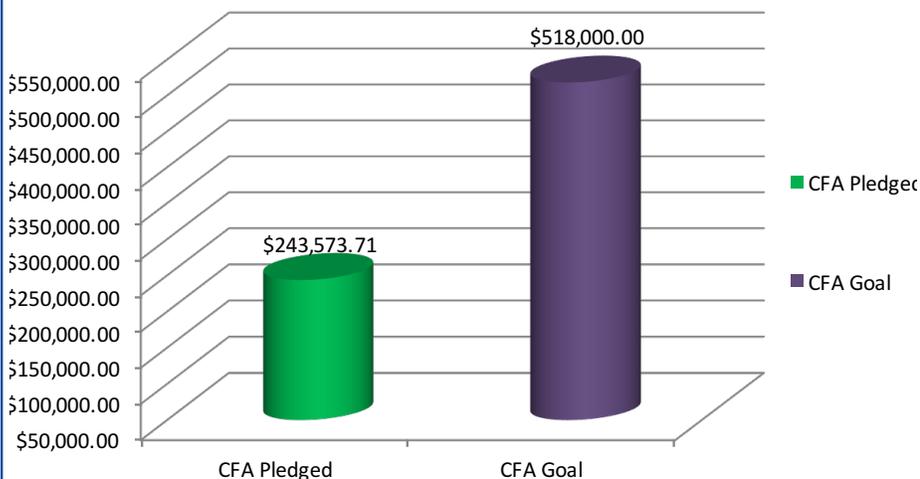
If you have space available in your vehicle to allow a fellow parishioner to ride along with you and attend a daily or weekend Mass, please contact the Driving Ministry at [sjeride@gmail.com](mailto:sjeride@gmail.com) or Beth Lucci at 877.6254. Thank you!



### Weekly Collection Summary



### CFA Summary



## Diocese of Venice Fortnight to Freedom Closing Mass

Bishop Frank J. Dewane invites the faithful to a closing Mass for the Fortnight for Freedom on Sunday, July 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., Venice. The Mass is open to everyone and is for the special intention of protecting religious freedom.

# 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

## Sunday, June 26, 2016: the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song

### Shout To the North

Martin Smith

Verse 1) Men of faith, rise up and sing  
of the great and glorious King!  
You are strong when you feel weak,  
In your brokenness, complete (to Chorus)

Verse 2) Rise up, women of the truth  
Stand and sing to broken hearts  
who can know the healing power  
of our awesome King of love (to Chorus)



Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west. Je - sus is



Sav - ior to all, Lord of heav - en and earth.

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Kyrie • spoken

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

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Response  
(cf. v.1)

You are my in - her - it - ance, O Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

*The Mass of St. John the Evangelist* (please see worship aid in pew)

Preparation Song

### Overflow

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Verse 1) Your grace is power  
Your will, forever  
Your love is a river  
Overflow in me! (to Chorus)

Verse 2) Your Word, true presence  
Your Body, our recompense  
Your Blood, salvation  
Overflow in me! (to Chorus)

Verse 3) Our worship of you,  
It's your gift to us from you.  
No one could give this gift but you  
Overflow in me! (to Chorus)



Over - flow in me, my Lord, O - ver - flow in me, my Lord! Let your people bless you as your



Cup is poured, o - ver - flow in me, my Lord; o - ver - flow in me, my Lord!

Bridge) We lift up our hearts; we lift up our souls; we lift up our minds  
And ev'ry good thing is yours, yeah, ev'ry good thing is yours, so overflow

Sanctus • Memorial Acclamation (C) • Great Amen • *Agnus Dei*

*The Mass of St. John the Evangelist* (please see worship aid in pew)

Communion Songs

### The Heart of Worship

Matt Redman

Verse 1) When the music fades, all is stripped away and I simply come; longing just to bring

something that's of worth, that will bless your heart

*Pre-chorus*) I'll bring you more than a song,  
for a song in itself is not what you have required.  
You search much deeper within, through the way  
things appear—you're looking into my heart...

*Chorus*) **I'm coming back to the heart of worship,  
And it's all about you, all about you Jesus.  
I'm sorry Lord, for the thing I've made it,  
When it's all about you, all about you, Jesus.**

Verse 2)

King of endless worth, no one could express  
How much you deserve; Though I'm weak and  
poor, all I have is yours, ev'ry single breath.

Verse 3)

And as I receive your Body and your Blood,  
given up for me; Take me as I am, call me to the  
Feast—say the word, I'm healed—

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**523 The Servant Song**

Richard Gillard

Closing Song

**581 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

Westendorf

# Summer Choir Rehearsal at the Beach

The summer Adult Choir, misplaced from rehearsal space to make room for VBS, held choir rehearsal at Bonita Bay Beach on Wednesday evening, June 15. After enjoying pizza, fellowship and rehearsal for Sunday Mass, they enjoyed a beautiful sunset.

In order for more parishioners to enjoy their beautiful music, the summer Adult Choir, is alternating their weekend performances, sometimes singing at the 3:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, rather than the Sunday morning Masses.

The summer Adult Choir, next Saturday performance will be July 16 at the 3:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

Anyone interested in joining the Adult Choir should contact Ellie Roberts, choir director, at [ellie@sjecc.com](mailto:ellie@sjecc.com).



*1 Kings 19:16B, 19-21*

*Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11*

*Galatians 5:1, 13-18*

*Luke 9:51-62*

# The Word & Life

## No Looking Back



There is intensity about the gospel today. The gentle Jesus, to whom everyone looks for support, speaks to the disciple who followed him in very real and very hard terms. One man wishes to say goodbye to his family before following Jesus, the other to bury his father. Both seemed reasonable requests. However,

Jesus tells the people that in order to follow him there is no looking back. Jesus uses a vivid rural image to make his point. For those of us who come from agricultural backgrounds or farming areas, we see the importance of not looking back after you take your hand to the plow. In order to make a straight furrow in the soil for planting, you have to look forward to achieve your objective. If you keep looking back the path becomes crooked making it harder to plant. Jesus is simply telling us today that it is all or nothing. We cannot hold on to things that hold us back from God. Jesus also introduces the element of sacrifice as an integral part of answering his call. We cannot enter into the kingdom without first showing our commitment to the kingdom.

Today's scriptures are calling us to a greater sense of accountability and responsibility where the gospel is concerned. In order to call ourselves Christian we must embrace the height and depth and the length and width of the entirety of Jesus to honor the title of Christian. If we are committed to the message and life of Jesus, it requires a change of heart and a total dedication to the heart and will of the Nazarene. In order to truly follow Jesus we must love as He loved, forgive as he forgave, and nurture and make whole as he did. Jesus did everything out of unconditional love for all peoples. Our efforts and daily choices have to, in some way, reflect that unconditional commitment of love that Jesus offered the world.

### Reflection Questions

1. How does Jesus react to the rejection he received?
2. Have you ever been rejected? If so, how did it make you feel and what was your response?
3. What does it mean to bear the name Christian?
4. Do you follow Christ dictated to you by conscience?
5. Are you able to follow the laws of the Church with regard to your personal choices? Why or why not?
6. In what ways do you follow the gospel?
7. What hinders you from responding to the gospel as a responsible Christian?
8. Have there been times when your response to a difficult situation has made that situation worse?
9. What wisdom does Jesus employ during the difficult situations of life?
10. What is the main teaching of today's gospel for you?

It is not easy to live the gospel. The complexity of human emotions and world events can obscure the call of the gospel. When Jesus invites us to follow him and to love our enemies, the task seems almost unbearable in the face of violent individuals who constantly seek ways to take away our freedoms. We may extend the hand of friendship in Jesus' name, only to be met with hostility and rejection. In today's gospel, Jesus was rejected not only by his own, but by the stranger as well. The disciples reacted like most of us would; they wanted retribution for the rejection they had been shown. Jesus humbly moves forward inviting people to participate along the way. Jesus' way is contrary to the world's way — our task may be to begin by praying for conversion, and then putting that prayer into practice

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



### Prayer

*Lord, help us to follow you with all our hearts. May we look forward to a future filled with hope as we embrace your message. If the past hinders us in following your call, then please help us to resolve the past. May we know the height, the depth, the length, and width of all the furrows made by your life and with our whole hearts seek to follow you. Amen.*

## Voices of Faith

### The Furrow

The laborer sets his hand to the plough  
Which penetrates the rich soil  
The landowner bids his servant on  
Look back not lest the furrow be destroyed  
See what is before your eyes  
Prepare the land to receive the seed

Look not behind where memories entrap  
Imprison not the seed planted within  
Let your soul nurture your faith  
Where the call of God is waiting to be discovered  
Let not the wounds of past  
Stifle the spirit of God's love

Set your hand to the plough  
Which penetrates the rich soil of faith  
Listen to the voice of God who bids you on  
Create a straight furrow where seeds may be planted  
Seeds of faith, hope and love  
Let your eyes behold future's promise

The furrow's line is traced in soil's abundance  
Seeds buried within hold the promise waiting to  
become  
The seed dies in order to give life  
The light of heaven draws forth the shoot  
Watered by the skies  
New life is given strength

Man journeys through life tracing a furrow  
Which leads him forth to a destiny  
Using the gifts of love, mercy and forgiveness  
He is strengthened by grace  
To reach heavenward toward the Father's Place  
Where life is blessed and hope is sure

— *"Peaceful Moments"* by Fr. John J. Ludden



*Farmer plowing/Ralf Roletschek/ Wikimedia Commons*

# Following the Light of the World

Vacation Bible School: Days 3, 4, 5



A special thank you to the many volunteers who gave countless hours of their time to ensure that the over 260 children had an amazing experience. It took many hearts and hands to make this so special for our VBS families! Thank you to all in our parish community who donated items to support our program and to the many groups in the parish who gave up their regular use of the classrooms to allow our children to experience Vacation Bible School. A big thank you also to our wonderful and supportive SJE staff who went above and beyond behind the scenes to make sure that are children were safe, had plenty of water and families were well taken care of during the week. — Natalie Campbell, VBS Director

photos by Monica Gatt

# Following the Light of the World

Vacation Bible School Children End Week with Family Dinner and Mass



## Shining the Light on a Personal Level

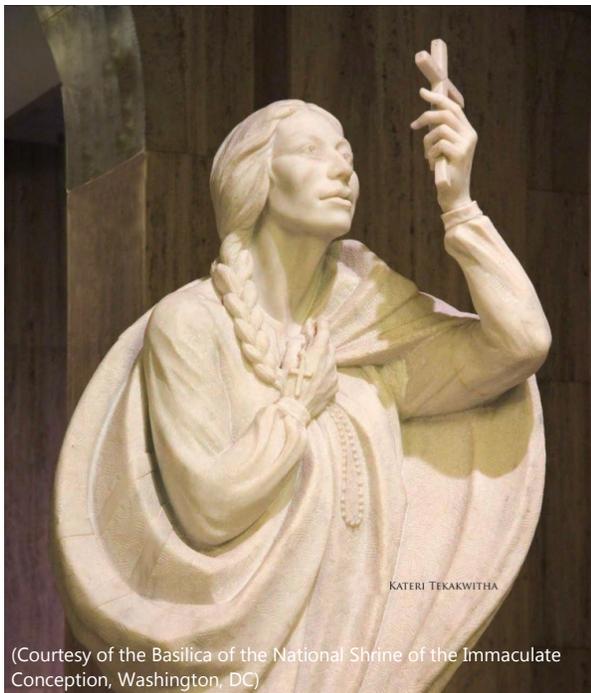


After watching a video in VBS about a little girl who donated her hair for kids who have cancer to make wigs, our very own Sophie Braun decided to do the same! 12 inches! Way to go, Sophie! Just a wonderful example of kids shining the Light of Jesus this week!



# WITNESS TO FREEDOM

## ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA



(Courtesy of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC)

*"I have deliberated enough.  
For a long time my decision on  
what I will do has been made."*

Kateri Tekakwitha is revered today as the first Native American saint. Only 24 when she died, Kateri is an example of purity, prayer, and most especially endurance in faith. Born in 1656, in a Mohawk village in what is now upstate New York, she was an outsider. Her mother was an Algonquin who was catechized and baptized Roman Catholic by French missionaries in Trois-Rivières, east of Montreal. Her mother was captured by the Mohawks in a raid and was taken to be the wife of the Mohawk chief Kenneronkwa near present-day Auriesville, New York.

At an early age, Kateri's village suffered a severe smallpox epidemic, which killed her parents and left her scarred and her vision impaired. Her name, "Tekakwitha", means "she who bumps into things." She was adopted by her Mohawk relatives who survived the epidemic, and the survivors of the plague moved to the new village of Caughnawaga.

Like her mother, Tekakwitha sought out instruction from Catholic missionaries that led to her eventual baptism at the age of 19 and her taking the name "Kateri" after St. Catherine of Siena on Easter Sunday 1676.

Kateri faced severe obstacles from the Mohawk tribal leaders, as well as from her adopted family. On Holy Days, Kateri received no food, since she prayed rather than work in the fields. When she walked to chapel, she was cursed and pelted with stones. Nevertheless, she persevered. She refused to marry despite pressure from her tribe. According to Fr. Pierre Cholenec, a Jesuit priest who was a mentor, Kateri said, "I have deliberated enough. For a long time my decision on what I will do has been made. I have consecrated myself entirely to Jesus, son of Mary, I have chosen Him for husband and He alone will take me for wife."

The French missionaries encouraged her to leave her hostile environment and travel to Canada to the St. Francois Xavier mission. Her uncle opposed this move, because he was suspicious of the French and feared it was a ruse to depopulate the village. Even so, Kateri prevailed and traveled the 200 miles by foot and canoe to Canada, where she lived a devout and exemplary life. Called the "Lily of the Mohawks," she is a symbol of chastity and purity as she sought to do penance to commit her life to God. When she died due to failing health, witnesses noted that her face was miraculously transformed so that all her smallpox scars disappeared. Over the years, people have asked Kateri for divine intercession when suffering from serious illnesses, and their prayers have been answered. Her legacy of healing continues. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized on October 21, 2012.

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, pray for us!**



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# Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

## The Political Season Is Here Too!

*“Democratic life depends on a people with the reasoning skills to see through the chicanery that often goes with political debate...” (page 141)*

As we finally enter the final stages of this political season, ***Render Unto Caesar: Serving the Nation by Living Our Catholic Beliefs in Political Life***, by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput (Doubleday 2008), is a timely as it was published at the beginning of the 2008 races. Archbishop Chaput empowers Catholics to bring their beliefs into the political sphere.

“Few topics in recent years have ignited as much public debate as the balance between religion and politics. Does religious thought have any place in political discourse? Do religious believers have the right to turn their values into political action? What does it truly mean to have separation of church and state? The very heart of these important questions is here addressed by one of the leading voices on the topic.” (front flap)

The timeless principles and historic examples in this book will help navigate the political confusion and discover the difference your faith can make. “We make the future of our country and our world by the history we create in our actions *now*. We need to remember why we’re here.” (page 233)

This is what has been said about this book:

“In response to the chorus of voices that would banish Catholic thought from public life, Chaput has written a statement of common sense amply supported by history, public record and fact. His book is nonpartisan and non-scholarly yet highly informative and inspiring, a well-reasoned plea for his readers to find again the courage to be Catholic Christians first – not in opposition to our country, but to serve its best ideals.” — Michael J. Miller, book reviewer

“This isn’t just a book for Catholics, but for anyone who cares about the state of America’s soul.” — John L. Allen Jr., CNN Correspondent

“Archbishop Chaput has made a unique and significant contribution to the Church and the nation at a time when voices like his are needed to be raised and heard.” — David O’Connell, President of Catholic University of America

So this book can get into the hands of as many Americans as possible, Lighthouse Catholic Media has offered a special price, ***and we have bought 20 copies that will soon be available in the Parish Office for only \$3 each.***

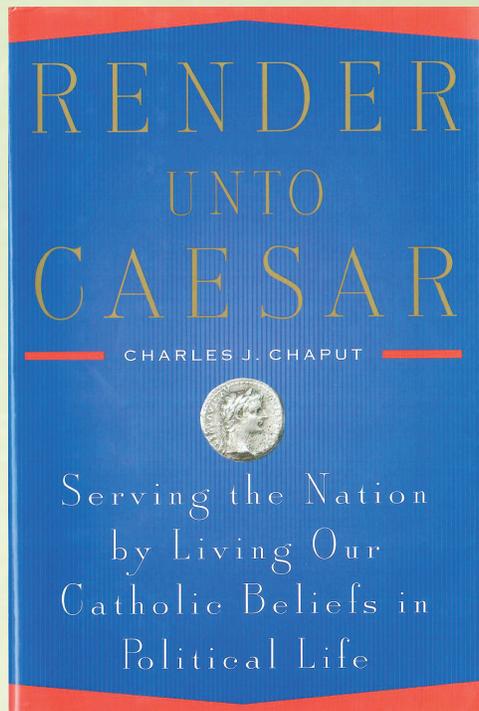
If you are interested we will form a discussion group to address questions including:

- Why is Catholic public engagement not only good for society but necessary for each of us to partake?
- How are we failing in our duties as citizens when we don’t fight for our beliefs as Catholics? How are we failing ourselves?
- Why does American democracy need Catholics to voice their beliefs in

order to survive?

- Why are Catholics called to love rather than tolerate?
- Is there one particular area in your life where God may be calling you to be more bold in your witness? Is there a part of the faith you are ignoring because of discomfort?

If you’d like to be part of the conversation, just call or send a message!



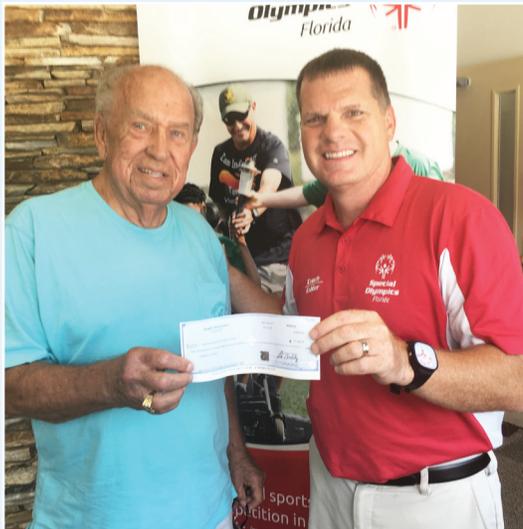
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# Knights Presents Checks from Fund for Fundamentally Disabled Drive

The annual Knights of Columbus' Fund for Fundamentally Disabled Drive, formerly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive, held this past spring yielded \$1,175.00 for each of three different organizations: Foundation for the Fundamentally Disabled, Special Olympics and United Cerebral Palsy Foundation in Naples. Knight Jim Follese, who was in charge of the drive, recently delivered the checks to the three groups. "This could not have happened without the help and generosity of our parishioners and The Knights of Columbus," said Jim.



Foundation for the Fundamentally Disabled



Special Olympics



United Cerebral Palsy Foundation in Naples



Two volunteers who collected money for the Fund for the Fundamentally Disabled Drive.

Knights of Columbus photos

## 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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# Thanksgiving at Sea

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## CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE

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



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  - Classic beverage package for two
  - Prepaid Gratuities for two
  - Unlimited internet for two
  - \$300 to spend onboard for two

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#### Balcony

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

#### Ocean View

Category 8:	\$1,074
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#### Interior

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

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

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



## CELEBRITY EQUINOX

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



**Pre-cruise Reception  
January 7, 2017**



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### Booking Bonuses:

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

### Exclusive Cruise Rates:

#### Suite

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

#### Balcony

Category C2 (Concierge class): Prevailing rate  
Category C3 (Concierge class): Prevailing rate  
Category 1A: Prevailing rate  
Category 1B: \$1,864  
Category 1C: Prevailing rate  
Category 2B: Prevailing rate  
Category 2D: \$1,744

#### Ocean View

Category 8: Prevailing rate

#### Interior

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

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

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

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