

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Fr. John: The Blessings of Easter Joy Be With You All!

Dear Parishioners and Visitors of St. John the Evangelist Parish,

The Blessings of Easter Joy be with you all! I offer all of you my best wishes and prayers as we celebrate the highlight of the Church's Year. Included in my prayers are the members of your family both near and far. I am painfully aware of those among us who are shouldering the burdens of grief as they try to piece together their lives without the physical presence of their loved ones. My heart goes out to all of you and I devote my personal prayer offered in my chapel to you all. Easter reminds all of us that God's story does not end in the depth of the grave but in the heights of heaven. Our Easter celebration offers us the hope that we will be joined in the joy of God's kingdom with all those we have mourned over. Easter is the beginning of the journey towards the Father's house who has a room for us all.

It has been a wonderful Season during this Year of Mercy. During the "24 Hours for the Lord", our parish community witnessed several hundreds of people coming to the Church to pray and seek reconciliation and spiritual counsel. Many returned to the Church after being away for many years. Parishioners responded generously to my challenge to encourage friends who had fallen away from the Church to return home. God is working very much through you. Pope Francis continues to impress upon us that we all need to become vessels of God's mercy in order that Jesus' healing may be felt through us. I am grateful for all those who give positive witness to such mercy in all the outreach and organizations that make up this parish.

I offer my gratitude and thanks to all of you who create an environment of hospitality and love. This is carried out in many ways, i.e. through ministries, organizations, councils, commissions, and social groups. Your very presence in Church on Sundays and the way in which you participate in the celebration in the Mass and your generous offerings, allow the parish to be a conduit of Christ's love and mercy to the world. Our Easter joy cannot be complete without reaching out to those who struggle in life. It is here that we encounter God. It is here that we proclaim Jesus Risen and allow others to find hope in the reign of God.

May the joy of Christ's resurrection fill you with both His joy and new life!

Blessings

Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor



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Daily Masses: 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. — Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5:00 p.m.

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Mass for Deceased (*) and Special Intentions Requested by

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| March 26, 2016 | Holy Saturday | | |
| 8:00 AM | + | Morning Prayer | |
| | | Saturday Vigil Mass for Easter Sunday | |
| 8:00 PM | | Easter Vigil Gathering. Liturgy begins at sundown. | |
| March 27, 2016 | Easter Sunday | | |
| 7:00 AM | + | Philomena Perrotto Marsh | The Family |
| 9:00 AM | + | Britton Gibson (in Church) | Jackie Gibson |
| 9:00 AM | + | Paul Marinelli (in PLC) | Joan & Family |
| 11:15 AM | | For Our Parishioners (in Church and in PLC) | |
| 1:15 PM | + | Patricia Sullivan | Dick Sullivan |
| 5:00 PM | + | Christina Michelle Lansing | Maria & Josue Bernardes |
| March 28, 2016 | Monday | | |
| 8:00 AM | + | Bill Krause | Mary Ellen |
| 9:00 AM | + | John Cunningham | Parents |
| March 29, 2016 | Tuesday | | |
| 8:00 AM | + | Anne Early | Husband John |
| 9:00 AM | + | Anthony Jackapino | The Jackapino Family |
| March 30, 2016 | Wednesday | | |
| 8:00 AM | + | Donald Hudec | Paula Cohen |
| 9:00 AM | + | Henrietta Zalucki | Hubert & Gayle Vuillaume |
| March 31, 2016 | Thursday | | |
| 8:00 AM | + | Bob Stamant | Loretta & Marty Sullivan |
| 9:00 AM | + | Robert Seli | Bruce & Peg Reale |
| 6:30 PM | + | Patrick Finch | Jim & Jackie Finch & Family |
| April 1, 2016 | Friday | | |
| 8:00 AM | + | George A. VanNest | Ann Marie Dickens |
| 9:00 AM | + | Odette Yesline | Bruce & Peg Reale |
| April 2, 2016 | Saturday | | |
| 8:00 AM | + | Tom Shields | Thomas & Renata Griffin |
| | | Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday | |
| 3:00 PM | + | Carolann Shanahan | Gloria Carafa |
| 5:00 PM | + | Margaret Splinter | Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Devito |
| April 3, 2016 | Sunday | | |
| 7:00 AM | + | Katherine Defrancesca | Peter |
| 9:00 AM | + | Edna D'Antuano | Ladies of Charity |
| 11:15 AM | | For Our Parishioners | |
| 1:15 PM | + | Robert Maxwell | Lawrence & Pat Gillisk |
| 3:00 PM | + | Terezka Family | Maria Dublino |
| 5:00 PM | + | Joseph Carolla | Josephine & Frank Mello |

*Flowers, Hosts & Wine for the Intentions of Dublino Family
~ Requested by Maria Dublino*

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, March 26 Vigil Mass for Easter Sunday

Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

a) Gn 1:1 – 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 – 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday, March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or *(at an afternoon or evening Mass)* Lk 24:13-35

Monday, March 28, 2016

Monday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, March 31, 2016

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 1, 2016

Friday within the Octave of Easter; First Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Saturday within the Octave of Easter; First Saturday

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

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 emministy@sjecc.com. An Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist will bring Holy Communion at a mutually agreed upon time. Please note that the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Holy Communion to North Naples NCH on Monday through Friday.

MASS INTENTIONS...



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Campaign Corner

March 27, 2016

“Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone. Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, they should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet. It is not by proselytizing that the Church grows, but “by attraction”. — Pope Francis

Welcome to the Renewed St. John: A Joyous Catholic Community

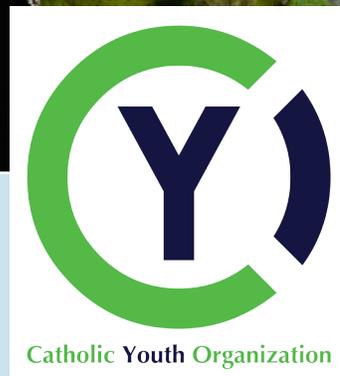
Pope Francis has asked for the Catholic Church to come up with new ways to engage both the Parish Family and the entire community with the love, joy, and healing of our faith. For some of you, this may be the first time you have been hearing about our Capital Campaign to **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past**. Others of you may have read the past 62 weeks of these articles I have been writing, presenting all the background, direction, and updates over this past year. We are so blessed to be able to say:

- We have met and exceeded our initial goal for the construction of the new Life Center. This building, which will house a set of constant activities for all ages, including food services, wellness programs, sports, social activities, music events and countless other functions. We have begun the construction planning. We expect to break ground this year.
- We have been granted the approval of Bishop Dewane to bring in NET Ministries (<http://www.netusa.org>) as full-time, programmatic support for our Youth Programs. This missionary group will enable us to go out where the youth of our community are and spread this joyous message while building a new focus for youth, our Catholic Youth Organization. They are the future of our Parish Family, and the Catholic Faith.
- We have so much more to do. Our Pinnacle Goal for our Campaign is \$14 million. The needs we are focusing on now include our church, our Ballroom (since those are some of the places you may be sitting right now), as well as the parking lot and the rest of the campus.

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

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

Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager
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PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

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|------------------------|---------------|
| 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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Parish Secretary

Deborah Marsh

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Tricia Schwarz

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

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Lan Tran

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Bookkeeper

Karen Beebe

Religious Boutique

Jackie Gibson: *Ext. 3921*

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566.8740

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Director of Religious Education

Natalie Campbell: *Ext. 3904 and 3909*

Coordinator, Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

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

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Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

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

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday Masses:

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

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

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

FOR OUR RECORDS

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

info@sjecc.com

Thank you!

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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

Mass Intentions

We are now accepting 2017 intentions.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH INFORMATION...

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Hymns for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, March 27

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| Readings: | 655 |
| Entrance Hymn: | 144 Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er |
| Preparation Hymn: | 136 Ye Sons and Daughters |
| Communion Hymn: | 137 Alleluia No. 1 |
| | 139 Regina Caeli |
| Closing Hymn: | 145 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today |

Choral Anthems at 9 & 11:15 AM Mass

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|--------------------|--|
| Prelude | Hallelujah (Messiah) Georg Friderich Händel |
| Preparation (9 AM) | No More Night Walt Harrah Children's Choir at 11:15! |
| Communion | Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ arr. B. Ellingboe |

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, March 28: Monday in the Octave of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ex 13: 5, 9*

The Lord has led you into a land flowing with milk and honey, that the law of the Lord may always be on your lips, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Rom 6: 9*

Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over him, alleluia.

Tuesday, March 29: Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Sir 15: 3-4*

He gave them the water of wisdom to drink; it will be made strong in them and will not be moved; it will raise them up for ever, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Col 3: 1-2*

If you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God; mind the things that are above, alleluia.

Wednesday, March 30: Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Mt 25: 34*

Come, you blessed of my Father; receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Lk 24: 35*

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Thursday, March 31: Thursday in the Octave of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Wis 10: 20-21*

They praised in unison your conquering hand, O Lord, for wisdom opened mouths that were mute and gave eloquence to the tongues of infants, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. 1 Pt 2: 9*

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

Friday, April 1: Friday in the Octave of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 78 (77): 53*

The Lord led his people in hope, while the sea engulfed their foes, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Jn 21: 12-13*

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Saturday, April 2: Saturday in the Octave of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 105 (104): 43*

The Lord brought out his people with joy, his chosen ones with shouts of rejoicing, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Gal 3: 27*

All of you who have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ, alleluia.

#ToKnow, #ToLove, #ToServe —
St. John at Easter: A Chance
for Spiritual Connection

Happy Easter to each and every one of you!

There is no doubt as you look around this church, or if you are lucky enough to have snagged a seat in the Ballroom, that the Catholic Church and our faith rooted in love, healing, and joy, is alive and well. From the excitement we all experienced with the Papal Visit this past fall, to the new programs and activities we are starting as part of the Life Center, to the over 50 people brought back to the church during our “24 Hours of Mercy”, we are truly living out the mission of St. John, To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community. This Easter, we have a unique opportunity to take hold of the vision of Pope Francis, who sees our faith in action as something we should be living every single day in the world, not just here within the campus of St. John:

Evangelization is the task of the Church. The Church, as the agent of evangelization, is more than an organic and hierarchical institution; she is first and foremost a people advancing on its pilgrim way towards God. She is certainly a mystery rooted in the Trinity, yet she exists concretely in history as a people of pilgrims and evangelizers, transcending any institutional expression, however necessary. I would like to dwell briefly on this way of understanding the Church, whose ultimate foundation is in the free and gracious initiative of God...

Today, as the Church seeks to experience a profound missionary renewal, there is a kind of preaching which falls to each of us as a daily responsibility. It has to do with bringing the Gospel to the people we meet, whether they be our neighbours or complete strangers. This is the informal preaching which takes place in the middle of a conversation, something along the lines of what a missionary does when visiting a home. Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.

In this preaching, which is always respectful and gentle, the first step is personal dialogue, when the other person speaks and shares his or her joys, hopes

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and concerns for loved ones, or so many other heartfelt needs. Only afterwards is it possible to bring up God’s word, perhaps by reading a Bible verse or relating a story, but always keeping in mind the fundamental message: the personal love of God who became man, who gave himself up for us, who is living and who offers us his salvation and his friendship. This message has to be shared humbly as a testimony on the part of one who is always willing to learn, in the awareness that the message is so rich and so deep that it always exceeds our grasp. – Pope Francis, EVANGELII GAUDIUM

Our Holy Father is telling us that it is all of our responsibility to treat every person in the world with respect and love. It is through those joyous moments of encounter where we touch another person in small ways and sometimes completely transform their life. It can be as small an act as a smile in the grocery store as you pass by or as big as forgiving someone that wronged you a decade ago.

So, as you attempt to get out of our parking lot after Mass today, I hope you will keep in your heart that our faith is made to be lived every moment and take that joy and love out into the world. Jesus died and rose from the grave for the love of us all. *Love is patient, Love is kind.* – 1 Corinthians 13:4



2015 Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Men’s Club.

Jamaica Outreach Program

Chronic Diseases Require Constant Treatment — Pocket Change Helps

Have you ever been in a position where your doctor tells you that you have a chronic condition that will require medications you will need to take for the rest of your life? In the United States there are programs in place that will help people who need assistance in buying medications. While the Jamaican government does provide free medicines, the number of the government pharmacies that distribute them are few and not readily accessible to the St. Pius neighborhood.

For years now the JOP has been supplying the St. Pius medical clinic with medications for chronic conditions like asthma, high blood pressure, glaucoma, diabetes, etc. It is a budgeted item in our financial records but is seldom mentioned in our articles about the work we do in the parish of St. Pius X in Kingston. The time has come to feature that element in our

ongoing coverage of what the JOP does in Jamaica in Christ's name and yours.

Next weekend a Pocket Change collection will be held after all the Masses. The revenue from that collection will be spent on stocking the infirmary at St. Pius with medications that are probably familiar to those of you who have chronic diseases which require constant treatment. These meds are costly necessities that are often missing in the health care of our Jamaican brothers and sisters in Christ. Last year \$20,000 worth of medicines were procured for the St. Pius infirmary. Our hope is that next weekend's Pocket Change Collection will help us meet that expenditure so that our commitment to St. Pius may continue in the area of medicinal aid. We thank you for what you do in His name, always.



The St. Pius medical dispensary is open three days a week plus Saturday. Another example of how your donations to the JOP are spent.

text and photo submitted by Martha Mador, JOP

Fr. Jim to Celebrate Silver Anniversary with a Special Mass



Fr. Jim was ordained a priest on June 8, 1991, for the Archdiocese of Denver.



A special anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Friday, April 1 at 5:00 p.m. here at St. John in honor of Fr. Jim Simko's 25th Anniversary of his Ordination of the Priesthood.

Everyone is invited to the Mass.

He is Risen!

The Clergy and Staff at Saint John the Evangelist wish all of our parishioners and their families and friends a Blessed and Joyous Easter season.



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Prayer Group:

Linda Reilly 821.8982

Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

Pastoral Stewardship Council:

President/Contact Rick Beebe

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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). **Winter Season Hours:** Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. If interested in volunteering in the gift shop contact Jackie Gibson: 228.3921**Divorced and Separated Support Group.**

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

Faith Chat. Wednesdays at 5:45-7:30 p.m. Nancy Griffin: 239.777.0575**Gospel Forum.** Group of men who join together to discuss the following Sunday's gospel and its application to everyday life. Prayer and casual discussion of various spiritual writings follows. Pizza and soft drinks offered. Meets Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807**Grief Support.** The next 7-session series begins February 16 and ends March 29 (Tuesdays only). For any concerns related to the Bereavement Ministry contact Dee: 594.7193**Hospitality Ministry.** Volunteers serve light refreshments for parishioners who gather after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses for sharing, communicating and extending fellowship.

If interested in helping contact Elida Gil: 239.597.8909 or Judy Hemond: 561.779.6024

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

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

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meets third Tuesday of every month at Noon except January and February when they meet at 6:30 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K Gary Ray: 821.5115**Knitting & Crocheting.** Tuesdays from 10:00 - Noon: Want to learn? We are a service group that knits & crochets to benefit those in need: blankets for soldiers, hats for cancer patients, baby hats & booties & prayer shawls. Vicki Brenner: 498.9900**Ladies of Charity.** Meets the second Friday of every month, volunteers in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank and visits local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. For friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound, call Carolyn McNichols at 239.919.2675 or carolyn@tsusa.us. If interested in joining, call MarieElaina Mullin: 273.1702.**Mah Jong.** Wednesday, Noon - 3 p.m. Beginners welcome. Lanelle Bishop: 352.1860**Men's Club.** Our organization combines service work in support of the parish with social activities. We always welcome new members. Monthly meetings are held at 2:00 p.m. on the second Thursday. Joe Lichwalla: 239.495.2001**Narcotics Anonymous.** Thursday, Saturday, 8 p.m.**Pinochle.** Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Joseph DeJesus: 598.9865**Project Rachel Lay Companion.** A post-abortion healing ministry providing one-on-one counseling. Loretta Judy: 239.293.5897 or lnbjudy@comcast.net**Respect Life.** A group of parishioners committed to protecting the sanctity of life in all of its stages. They coordinate all respect life activities within the parish as well as outreach to the community. Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941**Sewing Group.** Meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. New members are invited. 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**Women's Bible Study.** Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Mag: 566.8878.

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

PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

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PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

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

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

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| Cpl. Francisco Alvarenga U.S. Marines | Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army |
| Sp. Petrus Botha U.S. Army | LCpl. Randy A. Novak USMC |
| S. Isaiah Brutus U.S. Air Force | LCpl. Ryan D. Novak USMC |
| Ensign Stuart Campbell U.S. Navy | Ryan D. Novak USMC |
| BM2 Charley Davidson U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts) | Cpt. Daniel Palmer U.S. Army |
| Adam Decker U.S. Air Force | Cpt. John Palmer U.S. Army |
| Nicholas Detloff U.S. Air Force | Cpt. Martin Palmer U.S. Army (Afghanistan) |
| Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante U.S. Army | Lt. Robert Pedrigo U.S. Army |
| Joshua Emmons U.S. Air Force | Lt. Joseph Schafer U.S. Army |
| LCpl. Conor Fleurant USMC | Pvt. 1st Class Aron Siwek U.S. Army |
| Lt. Colin Flood U.S. Army, Special Forces | Ensign Gabriella Scudato U.S. Coast Guard |
| Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines | MidShipman Micaela Scudato U.S. Naval Academy |
| 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 | Staff Sgt. Brandon Waithe U.S. Air Force |
| Gunnery Sgt. Patrick H. Hammer USMC * Embassy Security (New Zealand) | |
| Specialist Douglas Hennessy U.S. Army | |
| Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett USMC | |

Divine Will Prayer Group

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

Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

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

Centering Prayer in the Parish Library following the morning Mass.

Liturgy of the Hours

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

Fred "Fritz" Fromert and Marcella Seneker

May they rest in eternal peace.

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| AJM Nicholas Acqaviva Rich Annunziata Fernando Ardila Tomas Ardila Paschal Arpaia Marge Baker Stewart Bain Jean and Emmunal Ballmiro Sam Bartel Richard Becker Howard Begley Margie Benefico Ryan Bennis Barbara Berg Jeanne Bennett Linda Berry Kathleen Bradach James Brant Steven Bratcher Brennan Familly Carol Brooks John Brooks Rich Brown Connie Cahill Ron Caiazzo Nancy Campbell Lauren Carr Tiffany Chill Frank & Joan Ciccarelli Kim Clayton Cindy M. Cleinman Rita Cooper Judy Coppinger Anthony D'Antuono Mark Dabronzo Chuck Dee Scott Delboccio Sandra Demski Rick Derkman Jim Diamante Julie Dieter Al DiMenna Lauren Di'Orio DK Ciaran Doherty Pat Doherty John E. Donegan Dee Donnelly Shelly Drummond Tricia Easton Dr. Steve Evans | Brian D. Fay Wendy Bui- Fewell Donna Flynn Anna Focht Susan Foster Kathy Fry Madeline Gaffey Janet Gainey Frank Galvanovits Veronica Gasperak Edward Gaynor David Gibson Dick Goepel Don Goodwillie Richard Granger Keri Grasso Josephine Hannigan Laura Harbrough Brad Harriet Luci Hartert Richard Henning Gerard Heyen Kim Hocker Charlotte Hollohan Donald Howe Mary Lou Howie Geri Hurkes Maria Janke JMG Charleen Kasabian Chester T. Kauffman Sean Keating Yvonne Keenan Karen Kelly Muriel Kiley Kevin Kincaid Bill Kinchla Krista Leigh Kozowyk Jim Krauser Family Joanne & Glenn Krumel John Kuryea Kim Kuryea Josephine Lancia Judy Lane Ray & Joan LaPointe Tiffany LaPointe Lindsay Lavery Dan & Lu LeBlanc K.T. Lee Mary Lou and Ned Leibig Dennis Lello Deik Lindaman Rosemary Litwin | Lynette Loleski Rosemarie Lopez Lillian Luchini Dawn Luderman Joni Luiso Jean Lydon Margie Lynch Pat M John Maas Jeanne Macari Patti Mahoney Alex Malloy Maria and Family Ann Maniuszko Elizabeth Marin Barb Marsh Max and Arlene Joan Maier Oliver Marcelli Ross Mart Max and Arlene Kenneth J. McAvoy Barbara McCabe Kevin McDonagh Anniemai McDonnell Simone McGaffee John McGlenn Patricia McGrath Mary McKay Elizabeth McKeever McReynolds Family Beth Ann Meloche Michael Heather Milner Shirley Monacelli Keith Nagy Paige Nelson Maxine Newman Gloria Oliver MaryLee Olsen Emma O'Rourke Patricia Oxx Maryla Panagos Anthony Parisi Sally Parmetier Peggy Mario Pelli Joanne Diamante Pesare Ann Petrillo Jamie Piazzon Pluc Family Susan Pomeroy Richard Pratt | Richard Quemy Renee Rake Jason Ray Aurelia Rein Charles S. Roberts, Jr. Ellen Roberts Rea Rossi Douglas Roth Teresa Roughan Jean Ruel Robert Sabatka Samowski Family Lisa Sanfelippo Darlene Scerbinski Isolde Scherer Eli Schneider Ben Sheweninger Leonard Seidl Griffin Shallow Shallow Family Jane & Bob Shengulet Teresa Shengulet Bruce Sherman Marilyn Shields Lisa Siegwarth Thomas Sissman Winnie Smith Nancy Stewart Susan Stokes Jeannie Sullivan Pat Sutter Joanmarie Switalski Lauren Taranto Rita Taranto James Thompson Joanne Timmerman Joseph Tomaszewski Maria Torres Andrew Torriero Jennifer Toth Patricia Trapnell Pat Velasquez Lena Vittolo Anne W. Patti Wakim Jonathon Warner Natalie Williams Brenda Wood Bob Wright John & Mary Yotis Helen Zaks Ed Zerrer |
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LET US PRAY...

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

MARCH 27, 2016 ~ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Sunday, March 13



St. Patrick's Day Mass and Reception Thursday, March 17

St. Vincent de Paul Society Scholarship Deadline April 15 for 2016-2017 School Year

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Naples District Council has announced its annual scholarship program to assist needy students and their families in attending our local Catholic schools — both high school and elementary for the 2016-17 school year.

The Council will once again award the Martin J. Cuniffe Scholarships for students in a Catholic high school or those seeking admission. The scholarships provides \$3,500 in financial aid.

Also being awarded will be \$3,000 scholarships for those attending or seeking admission in one of our local Catholic elementary schools.

To request an application, please call 775.1667 and ask for Samatha or Kim. All applications must be received by Friday, April 15, 2016 to be considered. The deadline is strictly observed.



**St. John Neumann High School
Faculty and Students**

invite our parish and school friends to join us for our

Pasquetta Picnic de Napoli

(Little Easter Picnic)

in appreciation to our parishes for supporting our school!

Monday, March 28th, Noon to 3:00 PM

at our School campus located at

3000 53rd Street SW, Naples, FL 34116

Great food, music and entertainment provided free as our gift to you, however, for planning purposes, pre-registration is required

Visit our online registration site and admission tickets will be mailed to you!

www.sjnceltics.org/picnic

To register by phone or for questions call

Mary Campo—239-307-9372

All are welcome!

Silent Ignatian Retreat from April 3 to April 6

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice invites those interested to an Ignatian Preached Retreat from Sunday, April 3 to Wednesday, April 6. This is a silent retreat that includes scheduled conferences each day, Mass, and an opportunity to meet with the retreat director.

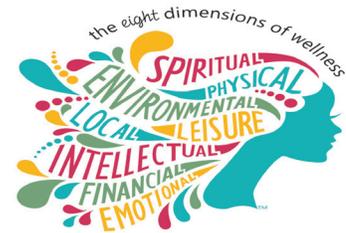
The topics center on Ignatian spirituality, prayer, and discernment. There will be opportunities provided for private prayer where the retreatant may bring into their own spiritual life those elements discussed within the conferences. Scripture passages will be provided for personal prayer and meditation.

All rooms are single occupancy with a full size bed and private bathroom and shower. Retreat Cost is \$395. For more information or to register for a retreat please call 941.486.0233 or email gazo@olph-retreat.org.

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Third announcement between

Tess Wallace
& Sevac Kachadoor



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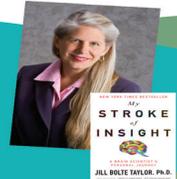
women's wellness summit

Join us for our 3rd annual summit, at the Saint John the Evangelist Church Ballroom, as we share the knowledge and services within our community that help women live physically, emotionally and financially richer lives.

Saturday, April 2, 2016

9:00 AM - Noon

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Jill Bolte Taylor, Ph.D.
TED Talk Presenter and
New York Times Bestselling
Author of *My Stroke of Insight*



Presenting:
"How to Get Your Brain to Do
What You Want it to Do."

Also featured will be four breakout sessions based on topics related to the Eight Dimensions of Wellness

Tickets: \$50.00
available at
<https://SLWWS2016.eventbrite.com>

Ticket includes admission into main keynote address and one breakout session; access to wellness resource booths of local businesses and entry into door prize drawings.

For more information call 239-262-6577



**St. Vincent de Paul of Naples
Golf Outing - Quail Creek Country Club
April 18, 2016**

\$150.00 per player

Open to women and men (limited to a field of 144)
(includes golf, continental breakfast and luncheon)

7:00 a.m. Practice/Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Play begins

12:30 p.m. Fellowship/Awards Luncheon

Register online at: www.svdpneples.org/svdp-golf-outing

For further information or to register by phone, call 239-775-1677 ext 305



The Collection Reports do not appear this weekend because the early deadline for the Easter bulletin was before the collections could be tallied.

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, March 27, 2016:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Opening Song **145 Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today** EASTER HYMN

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

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Response (v. 24)



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.



This is the day—the Lord has made; Al-le-lu-ia.

Sequence *Victimae paschali laudes* (Christians, praise the paschal victim)

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

Preparation Song **Christ Is Risen** Matt Maher CCLI Song # 5242683. Matt Maher | Mia Fieldes © 2009

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Verse 1) Let no one caught in sin remain
inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the Cross
and run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us—freely you've bled for us

Verse 2) Beneath the weight of all our sins,
You bowed to none but Heaven's will
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,
No burden great can hold you down
In strength you reign—forever let your Church proclaim

Chorus



Christ is risen from the dead, trampling o-ver death by death, come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave,
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with him a gain, come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave!

Bridge) O, death, where is your sting? O, hell, where is your victory?
O, Church, come stand in the light—the glory of God has defeated the night!
Singing, O, death, where is your sting? O, hell, where is your victory?
O, Church come stand in the light—Our God is not dead—he's alive! He's alive!!!

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*

How Great Is Our God Chris Tomlin CCLI Song # 4348399. Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Jesse

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v1) The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
 Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
 He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
 And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice

v2) Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands
 Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
 The Godhead, Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son;
 The Lion and the Lamb; the Lion and the Lamb!

Chorus

How great _____ is our God! _____ Sing with me: _____ how great is our God!

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 _____ And all _____ will see how great, how great _____ is our God! _____

Bridge) Name above all names, worthy of all praise, My heart will sing, 'How great is our God!' (*repeat*)

Closing Song **Mighty To Save** Morgan / Fielding CCLI Song #4591782 © 2006 Hillsong

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Verse 1) Everyone needs compassion,
 Love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.
 Everyone needs forgiveness,
 The kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations:

Verse 2) So take me as you find me,
 All my fears and failures; fill my life again.
 I give my life to follow
 Everything I believe in, now I surrender: (*to Chorus*)

Sav - iour, He can move the _____ moun - tains. My God is might - y to save. _____ He is
 might - y to save. _____ For - ev - er, Au - thor of Sal - va - tion. He rose and
 con - quered the grave. _____ Je - sus con - quered the grave. _____

Bridge) Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.
 Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of the risen King!



*Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord: Year C*

Acts 10:34A, 37-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

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1 Corinthians 5:6B-8)

John 20:1-9

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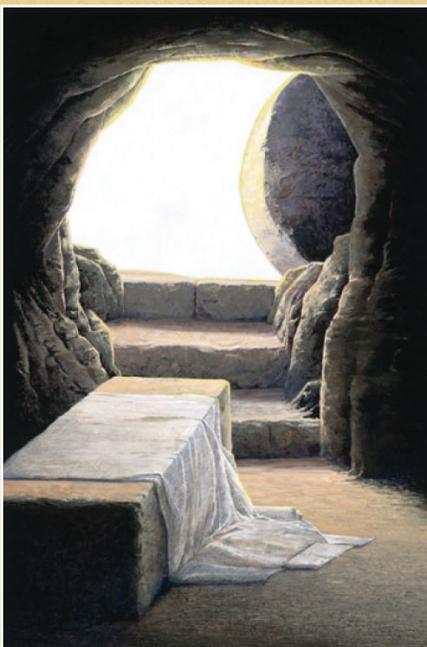
Luke 24:1-12;

or Luke 24:13-15)

The Word & Life

A The Gift of the Endless Possibilities

A few years ago I went out to lunch with a friend of mine to a Chinese restaurant. Of course at the end of the meal we picked up our fortune cookies and mine read: What is in an empty box? Strange! My friend responded, “There’s nothing in an empty box!” I jokingly told my friend that the optimist would probably say that there are *endless possibilities* in that empty box. The skeptics could draw many conclusions about the story of the tomb, but people of faith and hope can definitely open themselves to the endless possibilities witnessed at the Resurrection. The empty tomb does not just represent a vacant space, but realizes a promise of Jesus Christ – namely, that he would die and in three days rise again. The empty tomb releases us from sin and death and offers transformation to each one of us. The experience of resurrection celebrated today brings hope to all of us. Once we start to trust in the message of the Easter, it is then that we can be assured that we can rise above our experiences of pain and death. Many of us have faced the pain and reality of death as we stand at a grave of a loved one. The empty tomb reassures us of God’s promise of life with him in heaven. The empty tomb reminds us that “the grave becomes the sign of hope that even promised us resurrection” (*Order of Christian Funerals*).



When we look at ourselves as a people in Church we look around and see many faces – each face has a story. Sometimes people come to the Mass with a sense of joy and thanksgiving. Unfortunately, many carry the burdens of disappointment and the pain of fractured relationships. Parents sometimes struggle with their young ones or even go through the pain of losing them through illness and tragic death. There are those among us who sit by themselves in the pew because their spouse has gone to God. Unless you are in their position, you cannot imagine how painful that experience is. The young and the old among us struggle with faith sometimes asking what life is all about. Yes, these are the people sitting with you in the Church on this Easter Sunday and every Sunday – we all have our story. This day of resurrection secures the hopes and dreams of every individual in our congregation and peoples all over the world. Each individual story finds itself intertwined in salvation history as we discern the endless possibilities of the empty tomb.

The story of Easter brings us all together, reminding us that Jesus suffered greatly in order to understand us and the human condition. He died for our sins making it a once and for all sacrifice. Jesus’ rising means that we too can rise above the immediate concerns and eventually to eternal life.

Reflection Questions

1. Explore what death means to you.
2. Do you fear death? Why or why not?
3. Why do you think that Jesus' resurrection is significant?
4. What do you think happened on that day?
5. What did it mean for Christ to open the gates of heaven?
6. What does it mean for you to rise again?
7. During our baptism we are immersed into the paschal mystery, i.e., life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. How will this knowledge shape your understanding of life and its purpose?
8. How does the promise of eternal life change your life today?

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



Prayer

Risen Lord, may your light shine on us always. Take away the darkness that can bring us sorrow and pain. May we know that within the empty tomb come the endless possibilities of everlasting life. Amen.

Voices of Faith

The Empty Tomb

The garden of tears sits in sleep
Waiting for the dawn to open its flowers
All creatures are cast into sleep
The morning song of the bird yet to be heard

Tombs stand stark and cold
Death shrouded in darkness
Corpse upon corpse waits the triumphal day
When God shall speak and all will arise

The body of his Son lies in death's sleep
Wrapped in linen, torn and bruised
Crucified, rejected, and scorned
The Christ awaits resurrection and life

And so the divine plan moves on
The breath of God resuscitates death's decay
The Christ awakes before the break of day
The one who dared to love lives on

He leaves behind death's dark tomb
Void of the Anointed – its emptiness filled with endless possibilities
Burial cloths left behind
A sign of death cast aside

Mary of Magdala makes her way
The darkness of morning her unwelcomed companion
Leads her on to the place where her heart
Yearns to stand and weep

The empty tomb greets a broken heart
The stone moved aside
She runs along
To the place where companions dwell in fear

“They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
And we don't know where they put him.”
She desperately reports on
As disciples in haste journey along

The Beloved of Christ arrives first
To bend and stoop into empty tomb
He sees death's linens and dark veil cast aside
Awaiting Peter he waits to venture in

And so the Rock which crumbled
Enters forth to see his Sacred Friend gone
His fragile faith confused by the emptiness of death's dark tomb
The Beloved sees and believes in its endless possibilities

And so the dawn awakes
To the melody of birds sitting in the Tree of Life
The garden of tears no more
Sees the beauty of its flowers and smiles on

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

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Faith Formation

Presents

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: CAVE QUEST 2016

Following Jesus—
the Light of
the World



JUNE 13TH - 17TH • 9:00AM-12:00PM

- New friends • Amazing Experiments • Spelunker Sports
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At Cave Quest, kids explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus' love! Cave Quest VBS is filled with incredible Faith-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch and even taste!

Volunteer Registration OPEN NOW!

Volunteers Forms online: <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/forms>

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Student Registration for kids ages 4 - entering 5th grade begins April 3rd!
Stay tuned!

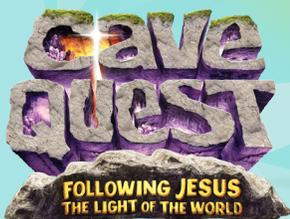
Early Donation Requests

As we prepare the CAVE and all the adventures, we are accepting the items listed below. Please take to Parish Office.

Wet Wipes
Ziploc Bags (any size)
Clipboards (used or new)
Pens & pencils
Band-aids
Solid colored bed sheets
Flashlights
Playdoh
Glue dots

Empty 2 liter or 1 liter soda bottles
Empty plastic spray bottles
Fishing net
Masking tape
Paper towel tubes
Wrapping paper tubes
Bags of cotton balls
Colored and white chalk
Plastic drinking straws

Jesus
Loves
you!





Faith and Wine

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

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

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

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

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

featuring

Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle



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

This Event Open to Men & Women

Appetizer Display:
European Cheese Display
Miniature Quiche

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

Cost: \$30 prepay • NO WALK-INS!

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

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

Go to www.FaithandWine.com to learn more!

"As By a New Pentecost" Series Begins March 29

With this DVD Series, participants can enjoy a spiritual journey with the Holy Spirit and uncover the riches of our Sacramental heritage and prepare for the feast of Pentecost 2016. Everyone is invited to attend a seven-week DVD series, "As by a New Pentecost", sponsored by Mother of Mercy Chapter of Magnificat. A prayer journal will be provided for mediation and personal responses for each participant.

The series begins Tuesday, March 29 and runs through Tuesday, May 10. It will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at St Cecilia's Parish Center, 5632 Sunrise Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33919. The cost is \$5 and includes the prayer journal. Please RSVP by Monday, March 21. For more information call Lois Mader at 218.8233.

Please send a check to Magnificat Mother of Mercy, care of Peg Mengle, 5017 Westminster Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33919.

Collier Harvest & the National Association of Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive May 14

The 24th annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive is May 14. Please consider donating unopened non-perishable food and deliver it to your local postal branch or your mail room. Also on May 14 you can leave the items next to your mail box. Your contribution will help to feed Collier County's less fortunate. Thanks for your kindness. For more information, please visit: CollierHarvest.org or call 239.455.Food (3663)

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreat April 2

If you have ever had an abortion, give yourself the gift of a Project Rachel Healing Retreat during the Year of Mercy - the perfect time to experience the healing provided through the retreat. The next one is scheduled for Saturday, April 2. For confidential information, contact Fonda at 239.719.7210 or Fonda.rachel@gmail.com.

Here's what a recent retreatant shared: "Many thanks for the experience of a day filled with love, understanding and not one ounce of judgement. Please thank all your staff...what marvelous ladies...and the priests showed such kindness and demonstrated what Pope Francis wants Jesus's disciples to do...teach us that God is MERCY and LOVE. I was blessed to have been in the company of ten women who were open, honest and caring. It was beyond my expectations. I know I was led there. What a nearness I feel with God."

Please join us for a special Mass to celebrate
The Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Church.

This feast of Divine Mercy, as recorded in the diary of Saint Faustina, receives from Jesus himself the biggest promises of Grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy. In specific, Jesus states that the soul that goes to Sacramental Confession (the confession may take place some days before) and receives Holy Eucharistic Communion on that day shall obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Additionally, the Roman Catholic Church grants a plenary indulgence (observing the usual rules) with the recitation of some simple prayers.

Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, reported visions and visitations from Jesus and conversations with Him. He asked her to paint the vision of his Merciful Divinity being poured from his sacred heart and specifically asked for a feast of Divine Mercy to be established on the first Sunday after Easter so mankind would take refuge in Him.

"I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter,



and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it." (Jesus' words, *Diary* 341)

On Mercy Sunday, April 10, 1991, two years prior to the beatification of Saint Faustina, Pope John Paul II spoke about Saint Faustina, relating her to his encyclical and emphasising her role in bringing the message of mercy to the world, "The words of the encyclical on Divine Mercy (*Dives in Misericordia*) are particularly close to us. They recall the figure of the Servant of God, Saint Faustina Kowalska. This simple woman religious particularly brought the Easter message of the merciful Christ closer to the whole world".

St. Faustina was beatified on April 18, 1993, and canonized on April 30, 2000. Pope John Paul II, who gave approval for Divine Mercy Sunday in 2000, died just after the Vigil of Divine Mercy Mass in his room in 2005, was declared Blessed on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2011, and he was canonized Saint John Paul on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2014.

info taken from: www.Marian.org and www.divinemercy.org

The singing of the Chaplet will begin at 3:00 p.m. followed by Mass on Sunday, April 3. One does not have to be present at the liturgy to obtain the indulgence.

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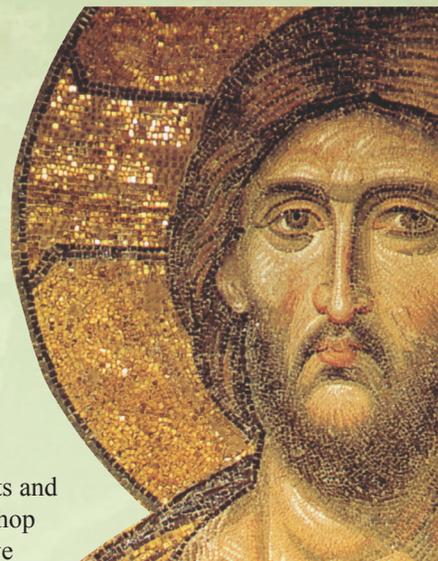
Monks, Missions, and the Rise of Christendom on April 19.

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The First 500 Years resumes Monday, March 29 in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center. Please register now at jack@sjecc.com or leave a voice mail message at 239.566.8740, ext. 3918.

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| 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 |
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