November 20, 2016

The Solemnity of Christ the King and Thanksgiving

# VANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## The Solemnity of Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year of the Church. It is the crowning feast and it casts light on all the teachings we have received this year.

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Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 24 will be at 9:00 a.m.

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only one Mass on Thanksgiving Day

Liturgical Year A Begins Sunday, November 27 with new Breaking Bread Missal

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Fourth Annual Sneaker and Sock Drive Begins November 26-27

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2016 Christmas Choral Concert Friday, December 9

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625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108 • Phone 239.566.8740 • Fax 239.566.9117 www.sjecc.com • E-mail: info@sjecc.com Daily Mass: 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.; Wednesday 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, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5:00 p.m.

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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by						
Novemb	er 19, 2016	Saturday				
8:00	AM	William & Florence Sinnott - 5	50th Wedding Anni <mark>versary</mark>			
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sund	ay			
3:00	PM +	Cecilia & Wm Schultz	The Family			
5:00	PM +	Patrick Cassidy	Grandmother			
Novembe	er 20, 201	5 Sunday				
7:00	AM +	Gloria Tenerow	John			
9:00	AM +	Marty Welzmuller	Marian Welzmuller			
11:15	AM	For Our Parishioners				
1:15	PM +	Steve Golia	Camille & Ray Priore			
5:00	PM +	Carol Markovich	James Richmond			
Novemb	er 21, 2016	Monday				
8:00	AM +	Julia Lapkowicz	Bocchini Family			
9:00	AM +	Britton Gibson	Jackie Gibson			
Novemb	er 22, 2010	o Tuesday				
		Peter Tenerowicz	Barbara & Ed Duff			
9:00	AM +	Arthur Hildebrand	Family & Friends			
Novemb	er 23, 2010	o Wednesday				
	AM +		Dolores Kernochan			
9:00	AM	Frank & Mary Lou Kreber	Joe Kreber			
6:30		Thomas Foley	Kathleen Schmacht			
Novemb	er 24, 201	5 Thursday - Thanksgiving				
9:00			Daughter-Roseanne			
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Novemb	er 25, 2010	5 Friday				
8:00		The Hyland Family	The Jerris Family			
9:00	AM	Mass For the Unborn	Respect For Life Committee			
Novemb	er 26. 201	5 Saturday				
8:00		Lucy Bruce	Bocchini Family			
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday				
3:00	PM +	Jerome Paul VanderHorst	Janet VanderHorst			
5:00	PM +	Susan Wynn	Mother & Richard			
0.00						
Novemb	er 27, 2016	Sunday				
7:00	AM +	Deceased Members of	Ray Walenga			
,		Walenga Family				
9:00	AM +	Gregory Blaesing	The Blaesing Children			
11:15	AM	For Our Parishioners				
1:15	PM	The Hyland Family	The Jerris Family			
5:00	PM +	Norman Zerilli	Catherine Celeberto			
5.00						

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

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK Saturday, November 19, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Sunday, November 20, 2016 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-4

Monday, November 21, 2016 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Thirty-Fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 22, 2016 St. Cecilia Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 23, 2016 St. Clement I; St. Columban; **Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro** Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 24, 2016 St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions; Thanksgiving Day Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day (suggested): Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday, November 25, 2016 St. Catherine of Alexandria Rv 20:1-4, 11 – 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 26, 2016 **Blessed Virgin Mary** Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday ls 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Sunday, November 27, 2016 First Sunday of Advent ls 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5 available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.

ASS INTENTIONS ....

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"Instead of being just a church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself and go to those who do not attend Mass, to those who have quit or are indifferent. The ones who quit sometimes do it for reasons that, if properly understood and assessed, can lead to a return. But that takes audacity and courage."

- Pope Francis



A Capital Campaign for Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Life Center Site Development Plan Submitted to County

Every day seems to bring further progress and excitement for our future together. Just a short time ago, we successfully submitted the Life Center plans to Collier County for their review process. This is the first step in providing the county with their required documentation to develop the permits for construction of the building. As many of you know, this can be a long process, but we are happy that this step has been completed.

We have fleshed out the Life Center in greater detail on several levels, including the layout for the café and placement of the main infrastructure for social, wellness, sporting, and artistic activities. (See the Site Development Plan on page 20.)

While the money has been pledged in our **Build Our Future**, Serve Our Past capital campaign to build our Life Center 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*.

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

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



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#### PARISH CLERGY



#### Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Robert Murphy	Associate			
Fr. Paul D'Angelo	Associate			
Deacon Hal Brenner				
Deacon Forrest Walla	ace			
Deacon Frank Panico	ia Senior Status			
Altar Servers:				
Jean-Paul Boucher	jp@sjecc.com			
Arts & Liturgical Environment:				
Kay and Andy Sanfelippo 949.				
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Maureen Reed	EMMinistry@sjecc.com			
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Call the Office	566.8740			
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Lectors Ministry	lectors@sjecc.com			
Greeters & Ushers:				
Bill Fuller	wfuller1@comcast.net			
	239.280.8870			

#### **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. Deborah Marsh: 566.8740

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. Tricia Schwarz: 566.8740

#### Anointing of the Sick/Funeral

honor of your loved ones.

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.

Mass Intentions. We are now accepting 2017 intentions.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Business Office is located in the PLC *(behind the Church)* All Administrative Staff

239.566.8740 **General Manager** Jean-Paul Boucher: Ext. 3910 Fax: 239.566.9117 jp@sjecc.com

Assistant to the Pastor Tricia Schwarz

**Parish Secretary** Deborah Marsh

Front Office Manager Kathy Mooney

**Pastoral Musician and Liturgist** Gary Prettyman

**Artistic Director** Jennine Fuentes

Sacristan & Martha's Guild Lan Tran

**Director of Family Mission** Jean-Paul Boucher

**Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor** Kathy Sims

**CYO Social and Spiritual** Coordinator Kyle VanDuser Memorial Garden

Jean-Paul Boucher

Bookkeeper Karen Beebe **Religious Boutique** 

Jackie Gibson: Ext. 3921 Maintenance 566.8740

**Education Staff Director of Religious Education** Natalie Campbell: Ext. 3904 and 3909

**Coordinator, Adult Faith Formation & RCIA** Jack Kindsvater: Ext. 3918

email staff members at: info@sjecc.com

#### 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!

\*For complete information on the Sacraments, please visit our website: www.sjecc.com

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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 a.m & 9:00 a.m. Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses: 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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

#### Choirs:

Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist. Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Residents and seasonals welcome. Gary Prettyman: 566 8740

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist. Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. Grades 1-5. Gary Prettyman: 566.8740

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist. Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Gary Prettyman: 566.8740

Hospitality. 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: 239.592.7973 or Darlene Follese: 495.9741

**Divine Gift Boutique** (located across from the restrooms). 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, contact Elaine: 566.8740.

#### 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

#### **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

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

#### **ARISH INFORMATION... OPERATIONAL**

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

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Hymns for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 19 & 20, 2016		
Readings:	782	
Entrance Hymn: 170		To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King
Preparation Hymn: 1		Crown Him With Many Crowns
Communion Hymn:		Beautiful Savior, (Page 13 of bulletin)
	278	Humbly We Adore Thee
Closing Hymn:	339	Holy God We Praise Thy Name
Choral Anthem at 11:15AM Mass		
Communion:		How Beautiful <i>arr. Martin</i>

#### **Responsorial Psalm Response:**

Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, Alleluia. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord all you people, Alleluia.

## ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, November 21: Memorial of the Presentation of	Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Day
the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON</b> <i>Eph 5:19-20</i>
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	Sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts, always
Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules	thanking God the Father for all things in the name of our Lord
heaven and earth for ever.	Jesus Christ.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	RESPONSORIAL PSALM
R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see Your face.	R. Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON Luke 11:27	COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 138
Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son	I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard
of the eternal Father.	the words of my mouth.
Tuesday, November 22: Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin	Friday, November 25: Friday of the Thirty-Fourth Week
and Martyr	in Ordinary Time
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON</b> Cf. Ps 85 (84):9
Blessed is the virgin who by denying herself and taking up her	The Lord speaks of peace to his people and his holy ones
cross imitated the Lord, the spouse of virgins and prince of	and to those who turn to him.
martyrs.	RESPONSORIAL PSALM
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	R. Here God lives among His people.
R. The Lord comes to judge the earth.	<b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON</b> <i>Ps 117 (116):1, 2</i>
COMMUNION ANTIPHON Rev 7:17	O praise the Lord, all you nations,
The Lamb who is at the center will lead them to the springs of	for his merciful love towards us is great.
the waters of life.	
	Saturday, November 26: Saturday of the Thirty-Fourth
Wednesday, November 23: Wednesday of the Thirty-	Week in Ordinary Time
Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON</b> JCf. Ps 85 (84):9
<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON</b> Cf. Ps 85 (84):9	The Lord speaks of peace to his people and his holy ones
The Lord speaks of peace to his people and his holy ones	and to those who turn to him.
and to those who turn to him.	RESPONSORIAL PSALM
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	R. Marana tha! Come, Lord Jesus!
R. Great and wonderful are all Your works, Lord, mighty God!	COMMUNION ANTIPHON Mt 28:20
COMMUNION ANTIPHONPs 117 (116):1, 2	Behold, I am with you always,
O praise the Lord, all you nations,	even to the end of the age, says the Lord.
for his merciful love towards us is great.	

#### #ToKnow #ToLove #ToServe

#### #ToKnow, #ToLove, #ToServe – Pope Francis' New Beatitudes Provide Direction for Mission of the Catholic Church

Many of you are familiar with one of the biblical themes that Fr. John and I have been utilizing to explain the focus and direction of our Parish Family. Jesus' parable of new wine being poured into new wineskins can be found in three of the four Gospels. It is a powerful description of how we are renewing and invigorating our Catholic Church, Saint John the Evangelist, to take on the challenges of the current world around us, in a positive, joyous and engaging way. Our new programs, efforts, and activities need to be "poured" into new wineskins, like our Life Center, in order to be protected and successful.

On All Saints Day, one of the biggest proponents of our "New Wineskin" methodology, Pope Francis, gave us all his latest set of instructions on how we can renew the Catholic Church, with six new Beatitudes:

Yet if there is one thing typical of the saints, it is that they are genuinely happy. They found the secret of authentic happiness, which lies deep within the soul and has its source in the love of God. That is why we call the saints blessed. The Beatitudes are their path, their goal towards the homeland. The Beatitudes are the way of life that the Lord teaches us, so that we can follow in his footsteps. In the Gospel of today's Mass, we heard how Jesus proclaimed the Beatitudes before a great crowd on the hill by the Sea of Galilee...

The Beatitudes are in some sense the Christian's identity card. They identify us as followers of Jesus. We are called to be blessed, to be followers of Jesus, to confront the troubles and anxieties of our age with the spirit and love of Jesus. Thus we ought to be able to recognize and respond to new situations with fresh spiritual energy.

- 1. Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others, and forgive them from their heart.
- 2. Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized, and show them their closeness.
- 3. Blessed are those who see God in every person, and strive to make others also discover him.
- *4. Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.*

## Parish Mission & Life

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



- 5. Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.
- 6. Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.

All these are messengers of God's mercy and tenderness, and surely they will receive from him their merited reward.

Dear brothers and sisters, the call to holiness is directed to everyone and must be received from the Lord in a spirit of faith. The saints spur

us on by their lives and their intercession before God, and we ourselves need one another if we are to become saints. Helping one another to become saints! Together let us *implore the grace* to accept this call with joy and to join in bringing it to fulfilment. To our heavenly Mother, Queen of All Saints, we entrust our intentions and the dialogue aimed at the



full communion of all Christians, so that we may be blessed in our efforts and may attain holiness in unity. – Pope Francis 11/1/2016 (http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/ en/homilies/2016/documents/papa-francesco\_20161101\_ omelia-svezia-malmo.html)

I pray we all heed Our Holy Father's call to become saints together in our words and in our actions.

*image: Pope Francis holds his pastoral staff as he celebrates Mass in Rome's Prima Porta cemetery on November 2, the feast of All Souls. (Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)* 

#### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Is a Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, is the patronal feast day of the United States of America, and as such, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times for Thursday, December 8 are 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The regular Wednesday evening Mass on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. will also fulfill the holy day obligation.

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

There will be only one Mass on Thanksgiving Day,

Thursday, November 24.

Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

Fr. John and Fr. Bob will concelebrate the Thanksgiving Mass.

The Parish Office will be closed November 23, 24 and 25.

## Transitioning to the 2017 Breaking Bread Missal

Starting with the Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 24, we will transition from the *St. Augustine Hymnal* that we have used the last three years to the 2017 *Breaking Bread* Missal. The *Breaking Bread* Missal provides a clear, year-long liturgical accompaniment. This option has the Daily Mass Propers integrated into the missal, as well as a clear and concise structure and detailed music, that will make it easier for every parishioner to follow along. Additionally, the *Breaking Bread* Missal will fit right into the existing plastic covers and is lighter in weight and therefore will be easier for everyone to hold.

The 2017 *Breaking Bread* Missal covers the Liturgical Year





A, which starts with the First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, November 27, 2016.

The Parish Office volunteers, under the direction of Kathy Mooney, Front Office Manager, have spent the past couple weeks adding the Parish Prayer for World Peace and Prayer for Vocations to the back cover and inserting the missals into the protective plastic covers.

Volunteer Loretta Sullivan attaches the parish prayers to the back cover of the new missals before inserting the missal in the protective covers.

The clergy and staff of Saint John the Evangelist wish all of our parishioners and their families and friends a joyous and blessed Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving!

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Bereavement. Attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. Take turns serving lunch for the family and friends after a funeral Mass. Grief facilitators hold support groups as needed to give support to those suffering a loss. For Arimatheans: Elaine: 566.8160. For Grief Support Ministry: 566.8740

**Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist.** Prepare boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. *scoutmaster@troop-226.com* 

**Buildings and Grounds Council.** The scope of the Buildings and Grounds Council is to provide future direction, advice, and insight for the physical plant of Saint John the Evangelist, to include all buildings, the grounds, and all utilities therein. The Council will meet quarterly to evaluate any long-term strategy planning that is required to provide such a large and complex environment with multiple purposes.

**Catholic/Jewish Dialogue.** Engage Catholics and Jews in understanding our past history and to advance the cause of mutual understanding and appreciation for our differences as well as our commonalities. *Marty Gauthier: marty@naples.net* 

**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.** To promote a sense of love and belonging for every member of our Parish Community by offering transportation to church services regardless of age, infirmity, marital or socioeconomic status. To sign up for a ride or to become a volunteer driver: 566.8740 or Beth Lucci at 877.6254 or sjeride@gmail.com

**Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist.** Provide families with an opportunity to raise their young boys in the way of Jesus and through the formative values of Scouting. Meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. *pack226naples@gmail.com* 

**Divorced and Separated Support Group.** Whether separated/divorced 10 days ago or 10 years ago, sign up now for our 12-week DVD series/group discussions to help you along your path to Spiritual Healing. Series runs Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Claussen Family Center starting September 7 through December 7. (No class Thanksgiving week). *Lhara Echeverria: 293.3694 or Lhara@sjecc.com or Beth Lucci: 877.6254*  Faith and Wine. Provide interesting and thought provoking speakers monthly with food and fellowship for women in the Diocese. *Nancy Squittieri: mamasquit@ yahoo.com* 

**Finance Council.** The Finance Council is an integral part of the Stewardship responsibilities of the parish. The council assists the Pastor and General Manager in their deliberation and decision-making process in order to serve the needs of the Parish in the prudent administration of its resources and funds. *President: Barbara Kuryea* 

Habitat for Humanity. Build homes in Naples for qualifying families in need. Nick Koulloheras:nick@hfhcollier.com

Jamaica Outreach Program. JOP has been an integral part of Saint John the Evangelist since 1997. Our mission is to help the poor in Jamaica. JOP provides goods, food, medicalvision-dental services, education and basic support to improve the lives of the poor in Jamaica. We welcome new volunteers. For more info: Jeanne Stamant (season) 514.0290 (summer 248.3248). To volunteer: Martha Mador 860.449-2105

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281. Worldwide Catholic men's fraternal organization founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. St. John's Council provides regular financial support for our seminarians and our parish. Knights also conduct a wide variety of activities to enhance and strengthen family life in the parish. Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6:30 p.m; business meeting at 7:15 p.m. Next social meeting is October 24. Visiting Knights are welcome. *Bill Warvel, Grand Knight: 331.7151* 

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meets second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. *S/K Jim McDonald:* 947.6454

Knitting & Crocheting. Knits and crochets to benefit those in need. Make baby hats booties and blankets for babies, lap robes for nursing homes, prayer shawls, baptismal blankets and sweaters for kids. Meets yearround on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. no experience necessary. *Vicki Brenner:* 498,9900

Ladies of Charity. Volunteer in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank. The Ladies also visit local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. In addition, they are available to provide friendly visits and to perform simple errands for the elderly and homebound. Meets the second Friday of every month. *Homebound: Diane Pesce: 630.571.0707. To join: MarieElaina Mullin: 273.1702* 

#### Men's Club and Ladies Auxiliary.

Organizes, cooks, orders and serves food and beverages and otherwise provides staff and support for a multitude of parish and parishrelated functions. It hosts the parish picnic, Children Easter Egg Hunt, and the men work closely with the Family Ministry at many of their events. Monthly meetings 2:00 p.m. on the second Thursday from October to May. Jack Nalipinski: 412.613.3551

**Parish Nurse Ministry.** Dedicated to the support and encouragement of wellness and health of the St. John Parish Family via monthly seminars on health topics. Illustrates how taking care of your body helps take care of your spirit and your soul. *Sue Townsend: sue@sjecc.com* 

**Pastoral Stewardship Council**. The major responsibilities of St. John's stewardship program falls under the purview of the Pastoral Stewardship Council. The Council's mission is to create awareness of God's gifts of time, talent and treasure and to encourage their use to the best of one's ability for the good of the Parish. The Council has three major subcommittees: Hospitality, Sharing, and Time and Talent. *Council President: Rick Beebe: psc@sjecc.com* 

**Respect Life.** Educates and informs the parish community on all aspects of respect life, which include the unborn, mothers who have had abortions, the elderly, mentally challenged, the physically challenged, the imprisoned, and the terminally ill and the poor and hungry. *Rosemary Erickson:* 597.3941

Sewing Ministry. Meets to sew for needy children of Collier County on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. from October to May. The Sewing Ministry meets in the Youth Room of the Claussen Family Center. New members welcome. We accept fabric and notions as well as monetary donations. *Phyllis Crivelli:* 594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: 250.4162

**St. Vincent de Paul.** To help the poor, specifically people in zip codes 34108, 34109 and 34110. Members work in teams making home visits to those in need. Many times it means helping individuals with rent payment, late electrical or water bills, prescription needs and food. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass. *SVdP Office: 775.1667* 

**Vocations Ministry.** Vocations are a calling from God and each of us has one, from single or married life to religious life. Help the Parish Family educate and identify vocations through prayer and activities. *Marty Gautier: marty@naples.net* 

**Women of the Word (WoW)**. We welcome any woman of any age to study our faith using the Bible and other Catholic writings in a non-judgmental, supportive community. Thursday 9:30 a.m. *Nancy Bouchard:* 443.498.8452 or nancybdh@hotmail.com

 PARISH MINISTRIES...
 Check the Event Sheets on the building doors for the meeting location of the group. Groups do not always meet in the same location from week to week.

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#### **PRAYER GROUPS**

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Cenacle of Life Prayer Group** Patricia Bucalo: 248.0694 **Divine Will Prayer Group** 

Linda Reilly: 821.8982 **Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina** Mondays: Maria Jones: 348.5361 Wednesday morning will resume in the fall.

Liturgy of the Hours Phyllis Gryskiewicz: 566.7307

St. John Charismatic Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts" Linda Reilly: 821.8982

#### THROUGH THE DARKNESS **BRING US TO THE LIGHT**

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

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<b>Cpl. Francisco Alvarenga</b> U.S. Marines	Lt. John Meyers U.S. Army
<b>Sp. Petrus Botha</b>	<b>LCpl. Randy A. Novak</b>
U.S. Army	USMC
<b>S. Isaiah Brutus</b>	LCpl. Ryan D. Novak
U.S. Air Force	USMC
Ensign Stuart Campbell	<b>Ryan D. Novak</b>
U.S. Navy	USMC
<b>BM2 Charley Davidson</b>	Cpt. Daniel Palmer
U.S. Navy (USS Samuel	U.S. Army
B. Roberts)	<b>Cpt. John Palmer</b>
Adam Decker	U.S. Army
U.S. Air Force	<b>Cpt. Martin Palmer</b>
Nicholas Detloff	U.S. Army
U.S. Air Force	(Afghanistan)
Joshua Emmons	<b>Lt. Robert Pedrigi</b>
U.S. Air Force	U.S. Army
<b>LCpl. Conor Fleurant</b>	Lt. Joseph Schafer
USMC	U.S. Army
<b>Lt. Colin Flood</b> U.S. Army, Special Forces	Pvt. 1st Class Aron Siwek U.S. Army
Lt. Bernardo Garcia U.S. Marines	Lt. Jr. Gabriella Scrudato U.S. Coast Guard
Lt. Joseph Gilig	MidShipman Micaela
1st Marine Division	Scrudato
* LAV Recon	U.S. Naval Academy
Cpl. Dylan Granza U.S. Army Ranger Spc. Shelby Granza	<b>Spc. Andrew Smith</b> U.S. Army (Kuwait)
U.S. Army	<b>Spc. Devin Snyder</b>
Gunnery Sgt.	U.S. Army (Ft. Drum,
Patrick H. Hammer	NY)
USMC * Embassy	<b>Houng Tran</b>
Security (New Zealand)	U.S. Army
<b>Spc. Douglas Hennessy</b> U.S. Army	IT2 Jason E. Tydingco (USN) Staff Sgt. Brandon
Marine Colonel Brian	Waithe
Howlett USMC	U.S. Air Force
2nd Lt. Sean Kealey	Staff Sgt. Andrew
U.S. Army	Zecchino

U.S. Air Force

#### **OUTREACH & OTHER GROUPS**

AA. Robert: 239.287.2442

Al-Anon. Carol: 804.306.5323 and Juliette: Lysack

#### Narcotics Anonymous.

Cursillistas. Robyn DeVille: 253.6275 or robyndeville@earthlink.net

Mah Jong. Space Limited. Lanelle Bishop: 352.1860

Pinochle. Joseph DeJesus: 598.9865

Recovering Couples Anonymous. Britta: 348.5031 or Roger: 250.6888

#### **PRAYER LIST**

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

Antoinette and Nicholas Acquiviva ADD Steve Allender **Rich Annunizata** Fernando Ardila Thomas Ardila Paschal Arpaia Paul Arpaia Marge Baker Jean & Emmunale Ballmiro **Richard Becker** Margie Benefico Barbara Berg Linda Berry Gallen Boardman Teresa Brecht Al Buchanan Doug Callen Carrie Robyn Cassidy Susan Chiappini Tiffany Chill Eric Christensen Joan Ciccarelli Sam and Frank Comeriato Fr. Gerard Critch Kathryn Gallagan-Culp Anthony D'Antuono Mark Dabronzo Glenn David Donald Dempski Florence Demski Sandra Demski Bernadette Dennis Beverly DeVille & Family DF Carev Eliason John Farrell McKenna Feinstein Wendy Bui Fewell Tanna and Taelor Fiedler Donna Flynn

Anna Focht Tara Follese Fran Galloway Family Edward Gaynor Jackie Gibson Emma Gilardi Carlos D. Gomez Joe Goss Keri Grasso Harry Grevey Doris Heath Kim Hocker Donald Howe JM ΚM Neil King Pam Kirk Krista Leigh Kozowyk Jim Krauser & Family Lindsay Lavery Estelle LeChelavier Rene Lacoste Mary Lou Leibig Arlene Lento Delk Lindaman Logan Jack Lucarelli Jean Lydon Margie Lynch Maria and Family Ron Marlow Ross Mart Kenneth J. McAvoy Carolyn McDonald Carolyn McNichols James Meleo Beth Ann Meloche Gerald Mitchell Lorrie Morrison Peter Mullarkey Maxine Newman Marylee Olsen

Emma O'Rourke Maryla Panagos Michael Paul Babe Pelli Elizabeth Perez Anne Perrino Ann Petrillo Irene Pires Thad Pluc **Bill Porter** Renee Rake Cindy Renner Peter Renner **Ruth Rechtsteiner** RLC Roberta Jean Ruel Lloyd Sample Lisa Sanfelippo Peter Scariati Darlene Scerbinski Mary Schell Eli Schneider Pat Schuler Breana Short Lisa Siegwarth John Smith Solazzo Family Anthony Spinella Nancy Stewart Susan Stokes Rita Taranto John Thven Denny VanWeelden Lawrence Varone Jothan Warner Sue and George Willis Nancy Wise **Bob Wright** Zoe

**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

To submit a one-month prayer request call 566.8740, or email: prayerlist@sjecc.com LET US PRAY... When submitting a name for Prayer List, please make sure you have that individual's permission NOVEMBER 20, 2016 ~ THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING AND THANKSGIVING 9

### 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid • Sunday, November 20, 2016 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



#### Closing Song 170 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King Martin Hellriezz

Liturgical Reminder: There is only one Mass on Thanksgiving, at 9:00 a.m. All the priests will concelebrate, the choir will sing — all we need is you! Though it is not, of course, a day of obligation, since the very purpose of Thanksgiving Day is to give thanks to Almighty God — to say nothing of the fact that Eucharist means thanksgiving — there can be no more appropriate marking of the day than with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please join us at 9:00 a.m., & thanks!

## Music Department Looking for New Members for Children/Youth Choir for Liturgies and Concerts

The Saint John the Evangelist Music Department is looking for new members for our Children/ Youth Choir. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children and youth of the parish to come together to enhance our liturgies with their angelic sound, while learning and growing in their choral/musical talents. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

In addition to Sunday liturgies, we are currently preparing for our Christmas concert, which will be held on Friday, December 9.

Please contact Gary Prettyman, Pastoral Musician and Liturgist, at 566.8740, ext. 3920 for more information or with any questions.

## *For the Love of Children* The Ladies of Charity 4th Annual

Imas Sheaker and Sock Drive to benefit the needy children of Naples Park Elementary School & the children of Immokalee Items must be NEW.

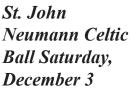
## Starting: November 26-27 Goal: 500 Pairs

## Ending: December 17-18

- Ornaments depicting the children's different shoes sizes can be found on Christmas trees in the Narthex the weekend of November 26-27.
- Please take an ornament, or two, and generously donate NEW only sneakers and socks.
- Please wrap your package and be sure to attach your ornament to the outside of the gift box.
- You may also write a check to Saint John the Evangelist with "Sneakers Drive" written in the memo line. Your checks can be placed in the collection baskets passed during Mass or taken to the church office.
- Please bring your gift to the church by Sunday, December 18.

## Please help us reach our goal of 500 pairs.

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St. John Neumann Catholic High School is holding its annual Celtic Ball, "Hooray for Hollywood", on Saturday, December 3, at Grey Oaks Country Club, 2400 Grey Oaks Dr. N., Naples. There will be a silent and live auction, as well as dinner, music and dancing. Tickets are \$200.

For sponsorship information or tickets please call 239.455.2966.

#### Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Presents "Walking God's Paths December 4

Catholic-Jewish Dialogue will present "Walking God's Paths - Part 3" "Common Texts - Different Scriptures" Film and discussion Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m.

The presenters will be Fr. Bob Kantor, Pastor at St. Agnes, and Rabbi Ammos Chorny, of Beth Tikvah Synagogue. The event will be held at Beth Tikvah, 1459 Pine Ridge Road. Please RSVP to *cjdialogue@ naples.net* or 239.370.4277.

#### Advent Retreat December 7- 8

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, 3989 South Moon Drive, Venice, invites everyone to its "Prepare Your Heart for Christmas Advent Retreat," with guest speaker Patty Merlo, Wednesday, December 7 to Thursday, December 7 to Thursday, December 8. To register and for further information, please call 941.486.0233 or visit www. olph-retreat.org.

## Spotlight on Companion Driving Ministry

Through "Expressions", Drivers and Recipients Tell How the Ministry Benefits Them

The mission of the Companion Driving Ministry is

to promote a sense of love and belonging for every member of our Parish Community by offering transportation to church services regardless of age, infirmity, marital or socioeconomic status.

See what some of the drivers of the ministry and parishioners who have used the services of the ministry have to say about their experiences.

"The companion driving ministry is extremely rewarding, because it gives me the opportunity to serve my Parish Family in a personal way. I'm driving to church anyway, so picking someone up, who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend, makes me feel good. Attending Mass is something, most, if not all, have done since childhood, and the driving ministry allows our fellow parishioners to continue their worship even after they've stopped driving." – *Beth Lucci* 

"I am the recipient of a special person who drives me and others to Mass every Sunday. I cannot fully express how much this means to me to attend Mass and feel the joy and grace of actually participating in Mass and receiving the Body of Christ. I am extremely blessed and grateful." – Virginia Harrigan

"Thank you St. John and devoted drivers for the driving ministry. What a difference to have someone reliable to depend on for getting to and from the weekend Mass. Through this, I have met people I would see at Church that I did not know and now, we are together with this ministry. We have such a need







for this ministry for those who no longer drive. With season coming up soon, we are hopeful that we will have more drivers

who can volunteer driving for the weekend Masses." -JMH

"Most people think that Angels have white wings and fly. I have an Angel who drives a bright red Toyota. Every Saturday afternoon for about a year or so, she has been picking me up at my home and driving me to St. John in time for the 3:00 p.m. Mass. On our way to church, we usually pick up two other people. The Companion Driving Ministry has been a wonderful change in my life, because getting back to Church and seeing friends every week is something I look forward to. Thank you Saint John the Evangelist Church, the Companion Driving Ministry, and, of course, the Angels!" - Marie Amont

"I thank you so much for the driving to church ministry. I live in a community that has many services, but no bus to any church. I am in a wheelchair, but I can use a travel chair. This chair folds up, but the driver must put it in the trunk or back of the car. If she didn't do this, I wouldn't be able to attend Mass, so thank you for this wonderful service." – Dot Munch

"God covered the earth with gregarious creatures that flock together: humans, sheep, birds, etc. Yet the shut-in sits alone at home, watching a church service on TV. If driven to church, they could feel a warm handshake or smile from another saying, 'Peace be with you.' Or they may be bolstered by a priest's uplifting sermon, taking them back to a fuller life. Many thanks to our 'Volunteer Saviors' who have expanded my world." – *Anonymous Shut-in* 

*The Companion Driving Ministry currently has three new ride requests from:* Carlton Lakes near Livingston/Immokalee Rd. Somerset Palms off 41/Old 41 Bear Creek off Airport Pulling Rd. To sign up for a ride or to become a volunteer driver, contact the parish office at 566.8740 or Beth Lucci at 877.6254 or sjeride@ gmail.com

Hymns for Thanksgiving, November 24, 2016				
Readings:	226			
Entrance Hymn:	310	Table of Plenty		
Preparation Hymn: 58		For the Beauty of the Earth		
Communion Hymn:	324	Gift of Finest Wheat		
Closing Hymn:	193	Now Thank We All Our God		
		Choral Anthems		
Prelude:		For the Beauty – <i>Rutter</i>		
Communion:		Ave Verum – <i>Mozart</i>		

#### **Responsorial Psalm Response:**

Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, Alleluia. *Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord all you people, Alleluia.* 

#### Beautiful Savior (St. Elizabeth) 1) Beautiful Savior, 3) Fair is the sunshine, King of Creation, Fair is the moonlight, Son of God and Son of Man! Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Truly I'd love thee, Jesus shines purer Truly I'd serve thee, Than all the angels in the sky. Light of my soul, my joy, my crown. 4) Beautiful Savior, 2) Fair are the meadows, Lord of the nations, Fair are the woodlands, Son of God and Son of Man! Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Glory and honor, Jesus is purer; Praise, adoration, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing. Now and forevermore be thine!

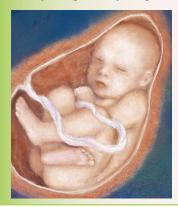
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## **Spiritual Adoption Program Continues With Month Eight**

The Spiritual Adoption Program is heading into the eight month. Your commitment is to pray a short prayer daily through Christmas.

#### **MONTH 8 - Developing Baby** — "I like to listen to my Mommy's voice!"

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and



is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother's womb. For some weeks now she has recognized her mother's voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

The next Novena of Masses for Life at St. John will be Friday, November 25 at 9:00 a.m. This Mass will be celebrated in special observance of the life of Jesus in the womb of our Blessed Mother. For a complete schedule of the Novena of Masses for Life, check the diocesan website at *www. dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife* 

#### The Soleminty of Christ the King: Year C

2 Samuel 5:1-3 Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

## The Shepherd Who Brings Paradise

he Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year of the Church. It is the crowning feast and it casts light on all the teachings we have received this year. We have journeyed with Luke the evangelist as we gathered to share the word of God the past twelve months. Each gospel proclaimed led us into a deeper consciousness of God's presence in our lives. The parables, miracles, and teachings of Jesus continually call us to conversion.

Today we hear the account of the crucifixion where Jesus is mocked and jeered at for being the King of the Jews. This is such an unexpected exit for a king, is it not? Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. His wisdom ultimately brought us to this fact. Everything that Jesus did and taught led humanity into the depth of God's heart and mind. The transformation and redemption that he brought left behind a lasting impression, *one that continues to inspire people to follow him.* The wisdom of Jesus contradicted the

#### **Reflection Questions**

- 1. Why is the title "Christ the King" significant in the Scriptures?
- 2. How is Jesus' rule significantly different from the monarchies of the past and present world?
- 3. What does Calvary represent for you?
- 4. How are you loyal to rule of Christ in your life?
- 5. Consider the ways in which you dutifully pay homage by living the gospel that you profess through prayer, word and most of all action.
- 6. Do your choices reflect the wisdom of Jesus or wisdom of the world?
- 7. How are you being called to promote the kingdom?

wisdom of his time and continues to contradict the popular trends in our world. In the gospel reading, the repentant thief sees that there is nothing criminal in what Jesus gives witness to. He *recognizes* the truth that Jesus offers and makes the request, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." As he hung beside Jesus at Calvary, he knew there was more to the carpenter, the unconventional preacher, the gentle shepherd. The repentant thief yearned for the paradise that he believed Jesus could give.

The Feast of Christ the King reminds us of Jesus' power over our lives. It is not a power that seeks to control us, but a power that seeks to free us, to heal, redeem, and to give us life. He has power over death and the power to open the gates of life for all those who believe in him. As we look back on this liturgical year, much has happened in all our lives. We have witnessed many births in our parish and looked on as the young commit themselves to one another in the sacrament of marriage. Some of us have lost loved ones.

Many of us have experienced the suffering of illness or the pains of shaky relationships. Parts of our country and of the world have been devastated by the forces of nature and the destruction of war — many people still struggle to rebuild their lives. One person *unites humanity* as we make our pilgrimage on the journey of life — it is Christ the King who shepherds us through all of these times. Our true destiny is to be with Jesus in paradise. Our attitudes and actions pave the way to this destiny. In order to truly appreciate our lives and to transform what is lacking, we must allow Jesus Christ to rule our lives. Christ is the head of the Church. Every action of our local faith community, diocese, and universal Church, must permit the wisdom of Jesus to infuse every teaching and pastoral practice, so that others may recognize his eternal presence and rule.

#### Voices of Faith *Christ the King*

Jesus, the Nazarene Son of a carpenter and lowly lady, Stranger not to a world of work A friend to the ordinariness of life A mystery to those who know not his heart

Jesus, the Nazarene Son of a carpenter and lowly lady, Stranger not to the world of poverty Born in the midst of a stable A mystery to the magi who knew Him as a king

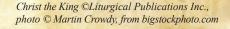
Jesus, the Nazarene Son of a carpenter and lowly lady, Stranger not to the world of the broken and forgotten A friend to the sinners and the unsavory A mystery to his religious contemporaries

Jesus, the Nazarene Son of a carpenter and lowly lady, Stranger not to man's suffering A friend to the dying as he hangs upon the Tree A mystery rejected, ignored and defiled

Jesus, the Nazarene Son of a carpenter and lowly lady, Stranger not to the wisdom of God's heart Born to set man free A mystery yet to reveal itself in soul's seeking peace Reflecting on the Sunday Readings with Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

#### Prayer

Jesus, gentle shepherd, bring us peace. Rule our lives with the healing power of your love. Guide us with your wisdom as we strive to know the reality of your kingdom. May we willingly accept your power over our lives. Let us place our trust in you. Make us eager to yearn for your Word. Amen.



Jesus, the Nazarene Son of a carpenter and lowly lady, Stranger not to his divine kingship A friend of heavenly estate A mystery revealed as Universal King and Lord to save us all

Jesus, the Nazarene Son of a carpenter and lowly lady, Man adores your majesty He subjects himself to your authority As you call him to serve the vulnerable and the poor

Jesus, the Nazarene Son of a carpenter and lowly lady, Yours is not the crown of jewels and costly diamonds But a crown of thorns placed upon your head Your staff, the Cross on which you hung to save us all

Jesus, the Nazarene Son of a carpenter and lowly lady, Rule over our lives Make us subjects of your desires May your disciples reveal the mystery of your love

-"Peaceful Moments" by Fr. John J. Ludden







## Faith Formation 2016-2017 School Year

#### **NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

20 Sunday Faith Formation Class 9:30-10:45 a.m. Parent Faith Formation and Coffee in the Library during Class

> **Bring your Turkey to Faith Formation Day!** We will accept frozen and precooked turkeys at the entrance of Faith Formation Classes. These will be served at Thanksgiving in the Park in Immokalee on Thanksgiving Day.

- 23 Thanksgiving Food Preparation Volunteer Opportunities Middle School age and older. Please email JP at jp@ sjecc.com to sign up. Shifts: 9:00 -11:00 a.m.;11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- 24 Thanksgving Mass 9:00 a.m. St. John Thanksgiving Day in the Park 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Volunteer opportunities for High School age and older. Please email JP at jp@ sjecc.com to sign up.
- 25 Volunteer Clean Up Efforts at St. John. Volunteer opportunities for Middle School age and older. Please email JP at jp@sjecc.com to sign up.

#### In Gratitude for Our Catechists and Support Team

At St. John, we have approximately 45 volunteers who serve in our ministry. These men and women are among the most dedicated and faithful volunteers around! We are so blessed to have them working with our children. Thank you to all of those who serve! We are all so grateful! *Happy Thanksgiving*!

The Faith Formation office will be closed this upcoming Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Happy Thanksgiving!



Our Parish Community celebrates the Rite of Enrollment with those journeying towards First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.



The Bucca Family brings up the gifts.



Mrs. Janopoulas' class enjoys learning in The Prayer Garden.

Enjoying friends in Faith Formation Class.

photos by Valerie Barbosa Faith Formation



Faith Formation students learn about the Stations of the Cross.



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

## ROCK MINISTRIES YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/netteam16 INSTAGRAM: @netteam16

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

#### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

*Every Sunday, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.* Join the NET Team and give the Lord praise through song! All are welcome.

#### THE ROCK (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP)

*Every Sunday, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.* Meet in the Claussen Family Center Seminar Room for food and fellowship! We will play games, watch skits, open up the Bible, hang out with friends, and more. We cannot wait to see you there to lean more about our Catholic faith.

#### **OPEN YOUTH ROOM**

*Thursdays, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.* Hang out with the NET Team in the Claussen Family Center Youth Activity Room. We will play board games, hang out with friends, play sports, and more. Come and build up a community of faith-filled friends. Feel free to bring snacks to share (no peanuts, please).

#### St. John Farmers Market



The St. John Farmers Market will be open as usual on Friday, November 25, the day after Thanksgiving. The market will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The market will be open on Fridays through April.

The Market includes two large produce vendors, at least 10 new vendors and 12 returning vendors.

#### *St. John Will Host the 35th Annual Thanksgiving in the Park; Everyone Invited to Support The Needy in Immokalee*

For the second year, Saint John the Evangelist will host the annual Thanksgiving in the Park the week of November 20. The 35th annual Thanksgiving in the Park provides support for those in great need in Immokalee. Everyone can assist in this effort with donations and/or by volunteering during the week-long set of activities. St. John is asking for assistance from all the Catholic parishes in the Southern Deanery.

**Sunday, November 20** is designated as Bring Your Turkey to Church Day, where parishioners can have pre-cooked and frozen turkeys (they can be purchased at any local grocery store already cooked and frozen) brought to St. John for storage. Please bring the pre-cooked and frozen turkeys to the church when you attend Mass during the weekend of November 19 and 20, and the Knights of Columbus will collect them to ensure enough food is available for the poor in Immokalee.

Additional volunteer efforts will include carving those turkeys on **Wednesday**, **November 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Volunteers will be pulling turkeys and preparing all the other food for delivery to Immokalee. Volunteers will be given two-hour windows to slice up the turkey, make up trays of mashed potatoes and beans, and load up the refrigerator truck.

On **Thursday November 24, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** volunteers are needed to go to Immokalee to prepare, serve, and clean up Thanksgiving in the Park. Volunteers can choose from one or multiple opportunities to support this wonderful day to give to those in need based on personal schedules.

On **Friday**, **November 25**, **from 9:00 a.m. to Noon** additional volunteers are needed to clean up from Thanksgiving in the Park here at St. John, including washing the pots and pans and storing the materials for the next year.

To sign up for any of the Thanksgiving in the Park activities, call the Parish Office at 566.8740 or email Jean-Paul Boucher at *jp@sjecc.com*.

Last year, Thanksgiving in the Park volunteers were able to feed over 2,000 people on Thanksgiving Day, 400 more than in 2014.

Please visit our website at: *http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ ministries/thanksgiving-in-the-park-a-week-of-volunteeropportunities-to-serve-the-poor*.



Pulling turkey for Thanksgiving in the Park, 2015

## **Buy Your Tickets Now Before the Evening Sells Out!**

Allen Hunt, Catholic author and speaker, is coming to Naples, Florida on Saturday, January 28, 2017!!

## 6:30 - 10:30 PM

What's the most important word in a marriage? What is really going on in your wife's head? What do you wish your husband knew about you? Discover the key ingredients to a healthy and happy marriage at the Passion and Purpose for Marriage event. Take your relationship to a whole new level!

Join St. John the Evangelist Church for a great evening of listening, learning, scripture, and prayer. Don't worry, no one will be asked to share their feelings with the group.

This is an opportunity to learn and grow as a person of faith who strives to love in all their relationships.

Snacks will be provided at two breaks.

As a bonus, you will receive some wonderful gifts to take home!

Even if you cannot attend, consider sponsoring someone to attend that might not be able to afford it otherwise.

Get your tickets today by calling 859.980.7900, or at www.DynamicCatholic.com/naples

#### TESTIMONIAL

My wife Sarah and I are so thankful we were able to experience the unbelievable event that was put on. Since seeing Matthew a couple years ago we couldn't wait for another opportunity to attend one of your events. And this one was just as great. George's music was an added bonus and we enjoyed how his music helped feed the emotions that were brought out through Allen's amazing talk. Sarah and I feel so blessed to have been a part of this past weekend and are so proud to be ambassadors to such a great group of people... – Chris Salvail

For more information, visit: dynamiccatholic.com



Tickets will also be available after Masses this weekend.



#### **Give Yourself an Advent Gift**

This time of year is full of activity and anticipation, but it can also be a time of anxiety and stress. You may have a great way to deal with it, but if not, there is an effective way many people use, meditation. This *mind and body practice* has a long history of increasing calmness and physical relaxation, improving psychological balance, coping with illness, and enhancing overall health and well-being.

#### **Introduction to Christian Meditation**

Christian Mediation is a form of prayer that is very healthy for your personal consciousness. It can



quiet anxieties and reduce needless worry. By consistently practicing meditation you can be more peaceful deep inside where it counts.

On three Thursdays in

December a form of Christian Meditation will be introduced and practiced. Each session will discuss consciousness, because the more you understand consciousness, the more you will understand how meditation works.

Join us on December 1, 8, and 15 in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Family Center. There will be two sessions each day, one at 11:30 a.m. and another identical session at 7:00 p.m. The series of sessions is progressive. But, if you must miss one session, you are still invited to come to the next one.

If you have questions just leave a phone message or send an email and we will call you to discuss.

#### **ADULT NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**

#### Sunday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Released on Christmas Day 1946, *It's a Wonderful Life* was a favorite for both leading man Jimmy Stewart and director Frank Capra. And it's easy to see why. There's a delightful song and dance sequence, visually witty moments like the dance floor that converts into a swimming pool during a feverish Charleston competition, and sophisticated dialogue. Stewart gives the performance of a lifetime. Alternately affable and bitter, he is the movie's little-man hero. And if the movie is about broken dreams, it's conclusion is that these broken dreams can turn out to be a blessing.

No matter how often you see this perennial Christmas favorite, you will be entranced. Indeed, it has become such a familiar part of the holiday landscape that those who have never seen it might dismiss it as "Capracorn," sentimental and syrupy. In fact, the movie's vision is that of a



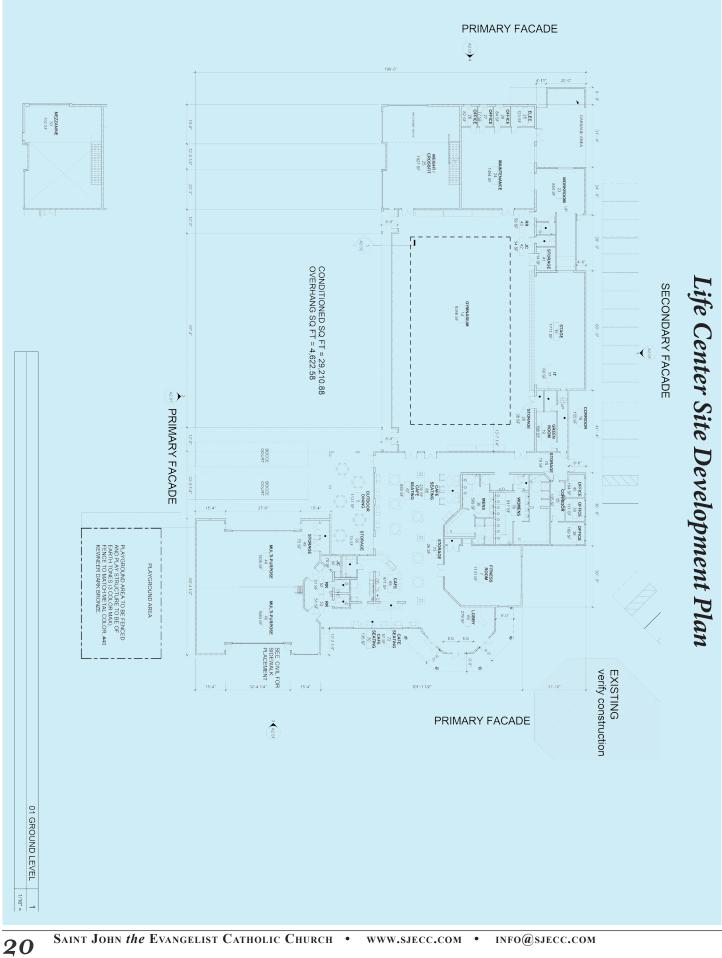
dark-edged world in which heroes are necessary. George discovers that his existence has saved his community from the cruelty of robber barons and, more importantly, from its own greed and shortsightedness.

View this classic film on the multiple big screens in the St. John Ballroom. There are no lounge seats but there is **FREE** popcorn, soda, beer, and wine; and a Chef Lou special available for purchase.

#### This Week's Complete Schedule

This Week Enjoy Your Thanksgiving Holiday: There are No Adult Faith Formation Programs Scheduled.

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



2016 Christmas Choral Concert

## Friday, December 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

In the flurry of holiday activities, may the wonder of Christmas be yours. In the noise of hectic days, may the peace of Christ be with you. In the darkest night of the year, may the light of Christ shine through!

## Celebrate the Spirit of the Season

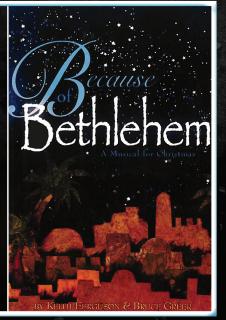
Hear, sing, and reflect on the meaning of Advent and Christmas.

Presented by members of the Adult and Children's Choirs of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Featuring "Because of Bethlehem" – an exciting Christmas Cantata by Keith Ferguson and Bruce Greer

Also: Do You Hear What I Hear, Air for Advent (Bach/ Fettke), Every Valley (J.N. Beck), Christmas Carol Sing-a-long, and other musical treasures and surprises.

Presented in the St. John Church Sanctuary Cost: Can of food or dry good.





## Annual Cruise to the Caribbean

#### January 20- January 30, 2017

*Ports:* Fort Lauderdale Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas Basseterre, St. Kitts & Nevis Bridgetown, Barbados Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Parish Contact: David Quist 239.594.2071 or dquist@comcast.net

> For additional information and booking contact: April Williams at 800.940.2394

or awilliams@cruiseandtravelexperts.com

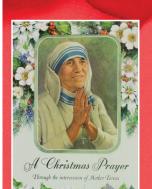
#### "Keep Christ in Christmas"

Help to "Keep Christ in Christmas" by sending religious Christmas cards.

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring an evangelization program designed to emphasize the real meaning of Christmas through the sale of Christmas cards. There will be a large



assortment of cards available after each Mass in front of the church.









Buy early to get the best selection.