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 SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent

St. John Welcomes 22 Newly Baptized

Since July 1 of this year, St. John has welcomed 22 newly baptized into our parish.

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| July 5 | Brady Bennett Jefferson |
| July 30 | Kaia Marie Gadbury |
| August 1 | Kennedy Judith Yormak |
| August 2 | Jayden Jovany Antonio Fremond |
| August 2 | Roubenson Moise |
| August 4 | Wesley Walsh Goduti |
| August 4 | Tobias John Rook |
| August 16 | Eli Francis Palmateer |
| August 16 | Ysabelle D. Villaflores |
| September 13 | Brody Daniel Summers |
| September 20 | Michael Bradley Webster |
| October 17 | Mary Kate Wallace |
| October 18 | Rocco Rey Torres |
| October 18 | Willow Burkhard |
| October 18 | Kahlie Alana Syvret |
| October 24 | Isabel Cecilia Quaintance |
| November 1 | Robert Trammell, Jr. |
| November 8 | Amelia Rae Despain |
| November 14 | David Michael Klopach, Jr. |
| November 15 | Beau Robert Resch |
| November 15 | Gabriella Newell |
| November 15 | Henry Edward Banks Ramirez |



Kahlie Alana Syvret



Brody Daniel Summers

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 Daily Mass: 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.; Thursday Evening: 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.
 Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. — Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5:00 p.m.

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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by

November 28, 2015	Saturday	8:00 AM + Joseph Unsinn	Ronnie & Cindi Block
	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	3:00 PM + Patricia Sullivan	Dick Sullivan
		5:00 PM + Averie Petro	Timothy & Cheryl and Grandma
November 29, 2015	Sunday	7:00 AM + Deacon Al and Nancy Groh	Saint Vincent de Paul
		9:00 AM + Stephen Conger	Sidora Koch
		11:15 AM For Our Parishioners	
		1:15 PM + Sharon K. McCarthy	Joseph McCarthy
		5:00 PM + Marilyn Galloup	Ann Agens
November 30, 2015	Monday	8:00 AM + Joseph & Mary Montello	Vincent & Kathryn Corbino
		9:00 AM + Mary Quarto & Ann Marie	Daughter
December 1, 2015	Tuesday	8:00 AM + James Amont	Pauline Cataldo
		9:00 AM + Phillip Quarto, Sr. & Ann Marie	Daughter
December 2, 2015	Wednesday	8:00 AM Rose Wells	Dolores Kernochan
		9:00 AM + Phillip Quarto, Jr. & Ann Marie	Sister
December 3, 2015	Thursday	8:00 AM + Michael DiPierro, Sr.	Tom & Joan Hughes
		9:00 AM + Dolores Varone	Lawerance Varone
		6:30 PM + Regina Zachmann	Colleen Heaslip
December 4, 2015	Friday	8:00 AM + Thomas Carafa	J & A McGlinn
		9:00 AM + Bill Seymour	Wife Judy
December 5, 2015	Saturday	8:00 AM + Bert Beihoff	Peter DeFrancesca
	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	3:00 PM + Jean & Samuel Abbate	John & Geraldine Fox
		5:00 PM + Jane Pelak	The Family
December 6, 2015	Sunday	7:00 AM + Reuss & Page Family	Ronald Reuss
		9:00 AM + Jean DeCesare	Kay Reid
		11:15 AM For Our Parishioners	
		1:15 PM + Sharon K. McCarthy	Joseph McCarthy
		5:00 PM + Thomas & Jolene Tracey	The Family

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 28, 2015

Blessed Virgin Mary

Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;

1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Sunday, November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;

1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday, November 30, 2015

St. Andrew

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

World AIDS Day

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3, 2015

St. Francis Xavier

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 4, 2015

St. John of Damascus; First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 5, 2015

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

FREE Nursery Care for children

ages 1 to 5 available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The nursery is located in the PLC, classrooms 5 and 6. A trained childcare provider is in attendance during these nursery hours.

Holy Communion Available for the Hospitalized and Homebound

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



MASS INTENTIONS...



Campaign Corner

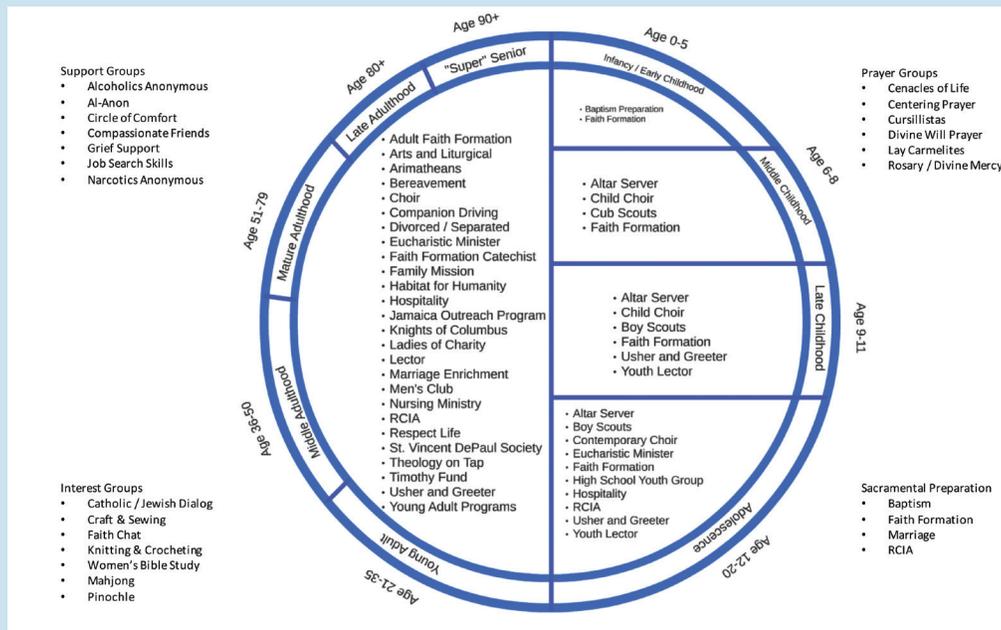
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"It goes." — Father Federico Lombardi

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

St. John Circle of Life: A Community for All Ages and All Aspirations

When trying to visualize just how much is currently going on here at St. John, it is extremely complicated. From Liturgical ministries focusing on the Mass and service to our Parish Family in our church to support groups for those who have recently lost a loved one, to community service-focused efforts of the Knights of Columbus, Ladies of Charity, and Jamaican Outreach Program, to Sock Hops and Big Band Dances with the Men's Club, there truly is something for everyone. The **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past** capital campaign has illustrated that we need even more support to take care of our bodies, minds, hearts, and souls. But how can we showcase all of these programs and efforts at once? Beth Lucci, the lead of our Companion Driving Ministry and part of the Pastoral Stewardship Council, came up with a wonderful illustration: The St. John Circle of Life Community. Broken out by both age groups and interests, it may help someone find a new program that will meet their needs.



As we develop and start the programs associated with our **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past** campaign for all members of our Parish Family, like the Catholic Adult Organization and CYO, we need our entire Parish Family to give in order to reach our additional goals. These goals will make it possible for St. John to root itself in the lives of our Parish Family and the community around us. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Lichwalla, the Campaign Coordinator at 239.495.2001 or email: campaign@sjecc.com.

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

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

BUILD OUR FUTURE - SERVE OUR PAST CAMPAIGN

NOVEMBER 29, 2015 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Robert Murphy	Associate
Fr. Jim Simko	Associate
Deacon Hal Brenner	
Deacon Forrest Wallace	
Deacon Frank Paniccia	Senior Status

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism

The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. Classes are offered once a month and baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month after the 1:00 p.m. Mass. Please call the parish office to register for a class. Upon completion of the class and fulfillment of the godparent requirements, parents may schedule a baptism date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice.

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements

Call the parish office 566.8740. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business Office is located in the PLC (behind the Church)

All Administrative Staff
239.566.8740

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Tom Oram: 228-3920

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Sacristan

Lan Tran

Director of Family Mission

Jean-Paul Boucher

Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor

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566.8740

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Coordinator, Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

Jack Kindsvater: 556.8740, ext. 3918

email staff members at:

info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: www.saintjohntheevangelist.com When on the website, click on the **Forms** tab at the top of the home page and select New Parishioner Form. Download the form, complete it and return the completed form to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

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Administrative Office Hours are:

Monday - Friday

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday

8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Thursday Evening

6:30 p.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday Masses:

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

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

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

FOR OUR RECORDS

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

Thank you!

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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

Mass Intentions

We are currently accepting intentions for 2016.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine

We have 2016 Mass availability and 2015 wine and host and flowers availability. Stop by the parish office to offer the wine and host and/or the altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH INFORMATION...

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Hymns for the First Sunday of Advent, November 28 & 29

Readings:	611
Entrance Hymn:	63 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Preparation Hymn:	407 Lord of All Hopefulness
Communion Hymn:	on page 12 of the bulletin Ubi Caritas
	75 Jesus, Come To Us
Closing Hymn:	438 O God, Our Help In Ages Past

Choral Anthems at 9 & 11:15 AM Masses

Prelude	Like a Rose	<i>Ruth Elaine Schram</i>
Communion	We Feel Your Presence, Lord	<i>Jeremy Young</i>

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, November 30: Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Mt 4: 18-19*

Beside the Sea of Galilee,
the Lord saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew, and he said to them:

Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Jn 1: 41-42*

Andrew told his brother Simon:

We have found the Messiah, the Christ, and he brought him to Jesus.

Tuesday, December 1: Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Zec 14: 5, 7*

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him;
and on that day there will be a great light.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. 2 Tm 4: 8*

The Just Judge will bestow a crown of righteousness on those who eagerly await his coming.

Wednesday, December 2: Wednesday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Hb 2: 3; 1 Cor 4: 5*

The Lord will come and he will not delay.
He will illumine what is hidden in darkness
and reveal himself to all the nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Is 40: 10; 35: 5*

Behold, our Lord will come with power
and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

Thursday, December 3: Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 18 (17): 50; 22 (21): 23*

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Mt 10:27*

What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord,

what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Friday, December 4: Friday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord will come
descending with splendor to visit his people with peace,
and he will bestow on them eternal life.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Phil 3: 20-21*

We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mortal bodies, to conform with his glorified body.

Saturday, December 5: Saturday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 80 (79): 4, 2*

Come and show us your face, O Lord,
who are seated upon the Cherubim, and we will be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Blessed are all who wait for the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Rev 22: 12*

Behold, I am coming soon
and my recompense is with me, says the Lord,
to bestow a reward according to the deeds of each.

#ToKnow, #ToLove – Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

The last Jubilee of the Catholic Church was in 2000, in celebration and preparation for the new millennia. Jubilees are special years on our faith for the remission of sins and universal pardons. Normally occurring every 50 years or so, this Extraordinary Jubilee was only announced in March. Traditionally, pilgrimages to the Vatican and other Basilicas during a Jubilee would allow a Catholic to walk through a Holy Door and receive a Jubilee Indulgence, wiping away all their sins as long as they have a heart disposed to receive God's grace. Our Holy Father has decided that this opportunity for grace and mercy must reach every single person in the world.

I am thinking of those for whom, for various reasons, it will be impossible to enter the Holy Door, particularly the sick and people who are elderly and alone, often confined to the home. For them it will be of great help to live their sickness and suffering as an experience of closeness to the Lord who in the mystery of his Passion, death and Resurrection indicates the royal road which gives meaning to pain and loneliness. Living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial, receiving communion or attending Holy Mass and community prayer, even through the various means of communication, will be for them the means of obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence...

The experience of mercy, indeed, becomes visible in the witness of concrete signs as Jesus himself taught us. Each time that one of the faithful personally performs one or more of these actions, he or she shall surely obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. Hence the commitment to live by mercy so as to obtain the grace of complete and exhaustive forgiveness by the power of the love of the Father who excludes no one. The Jubilee Indulgence is thus full, the fruit of the very event which is to be celebrated and experienced with faith, hope and charity. –Pope Francis 9/1/2015

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy could not come at a better time. **Merciful like the Father** is the motto of this Holy Year. Our world has changed drastically since 2000, and now more than ever, we need to illustrate the love, healing and most importantly, mercy, of our faith. Pope Francis illustrates exactly how each of us can do so:

In this Holy Year, we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes which modern society itself creates. How many uncertain and painful situations there are in the world today! How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice because their cry is muffled and drowned out by the indifference of the rich! During this Jubilee, the Church will be called even more to heal these wounds, to assuage them with the oil of consolation, to bind

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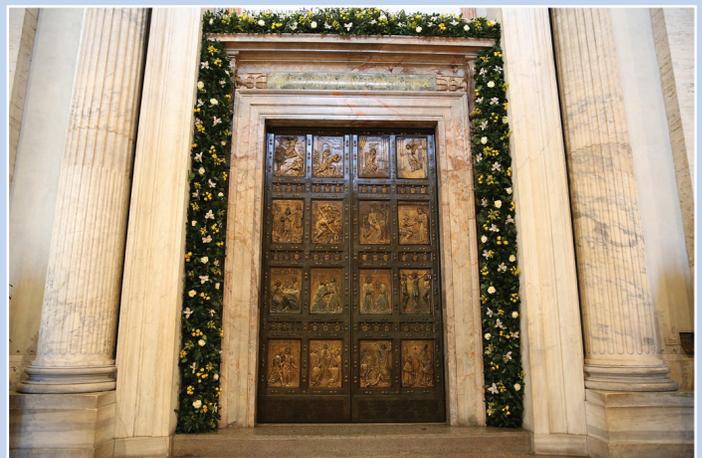
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them with mercy and cure them with solidarity and vigilant care. Let us not fall into humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine that prevents us from discovering what is new! Let us ward off destructive cynicism! Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help! May we reach out to them and support them so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship, and our fraternity! May their cry become our own, and together may we break down the barriers of indifference that too often reign supreme and mask our hypocrisy and egoism!

*It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the **corporal and spiritual works of mercy**. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples. Let us rediscover these **corporal works of mercy**: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the **spiritual works of mercy**: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead. – Pope Francis 4/11/2015*



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Parish Mission & Life

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#ToLove – Continuing Support to Marriages: Gauging Interest for Marriage Retreat in Key Biscayne

In our continuing efforts to support marriage as not just an event, but as a life-long vocation, we have an opportunity to travel to Key Biscayne for a half day retreat on the Passion and Purpose for Marriage. It will be held on January 23, 2016, and based on the desire of couples here at St. John, we would rent a bus and make a day of it, with a wonderful marriage enrichment experience and some time to engage other couples. The speaker is Dr. Allen Hunt and the retreat is being sponsored by Dynamic Catholic. If you and your spouse would be interested in this event, please contact me so we can determine the scope and potential cost.

#ToServe – Youth Lector Training Session for New and Experienced Readers

St. John is proud to have youth from our parish proclaim the Word of God at our 11:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses each Sunday. If your child has ever expressed interest, please join us on Sunday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m., in the Church for our first Youth Lector Training event. All current Youth Lectors should attend as you will receive your Lector Workbook for the new Liturgical Year. They will learn life skills like public speaking and how to engage our Parish Family. If you have any questions, please contact Miguel Castillo at Miguel@sjecc.com.

December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Is a Holy Day of Obligation

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 Tuesday, December 8 are 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

There are no vigil Masses.

A Simple Gesture: Fill Bag With Food to Feed the Hungry

Reminder: if you took one of the blue food bags for the “A Simple Gesture” program in October or any time since, please return the bag with the food items listed on the tag the weekend of December 12-13. If you are going to be out of town that weekend, the bags may be turned in to the Parish Office prior to that date. Additional bags are available in the Parish Office for anyone who wants a bag and did not receive one.

As part of the program, “A Simple Gesture”, the bags are filled and returned every other month. The food in the bags is donated to St. Vincent de Paul, St. Matthew’s House and Guadalupe Social Services.

“A Simple Gesture” is just one of the programs that Our Ladies of Charity supports.

For more information, please visit our website:

<http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/food>



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Call the Office 566.8740

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Youth & Family Mass Lectors

Miguel Castillo *miguel@sjecc.com*

Prayer Group:

Linda Reilly 821.8982

Respect Life:

Rosemary Erickson 597.3941

Pastoral Stewardship Council:

President/Contact Rick Beebe
psc@sjecc.com

Adult Faith Enrichment Ministry.

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

AA. Monday, 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Al-Anon. Monday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday - beginners, 11:30 a.m.; and noon - discussion; all in PLC. Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. St. Leo Catholic Church, Juan Diego Building. Carol: 804.306.5323

Ala-Teen. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Arimatheans. A group of caring parishioners who support parishioners by attending funerals as representation of our faith community. Elaine: 566-8160

Boy Scout Troop 226 – St. John the Evangelist. Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. For information: *scoutmaster@troop-226.com*

Cub Scout Pack 226 – Chartered at St. John the Evangelist. All 1st - 5th grade boys welcome.

Meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. For information: *pack226naples@gmail.com*

Choirs:**Adult**

Choir of St. John the Evangelist. Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Residents and seasonals welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

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

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Grades 6-12 especially welcome. Tom Oram: 566.8740

Circle of Comfort. If you have cancer, or are taking care of someone who does, you may be facing challenges that may leave you feeling overwhelmed, frightened, alone and in need of comfort. Let us share our experience of faith, strength and prayer with you. We help each other live one day at a time through encouragement, prayer, laughter or whatever it takes to bring comfort to each other. Jim or Darlene 566.8740

Companion Driving Ministry. Ongoing "Need a Ride/Give a Ride" program offered to anyone in need of transportation to attend church services. For more information or to sign up for a ride or to become a volunteer driver, contact the parish office at 566.8740 or the ministry director, Beth Lucci at 877.6254 or email *sjeride@gmail.com*

Cursillistas. Third Tuesday monthly at 7:00 p.m. The Naples area Ultreya meets at St. William's Ministry Center, Seagate Drive. All Cursillistas and visitors welcome. Robyn DeVille: 253.6275 or *robyndeville@earthlink.net*

Divine Gift Boutique (located across from the restrooms). **Winter Season Hours:** Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. If interested in volunteering in the gift shop contact Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

Divorced and Separated Support Group.

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

Faith Chat. Wednesdays at 5:45 - 7:30 p.m. Call office: 239.566.8740

Gospel Forum. Group of men who join together to discuss the following Sunday's gospel and its application to everyday life. Prayer and casual discussion of various spiritual writings follows. Pizza and soft drinks offered. Meets Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Scott Baier: 877.9784 or Chet Lucarelli: 289.2807

Grief Support. Sessions will resume October 13 for seven consecutive Tuesdays. For any concerns related to the Bereavement Ministry contact Dee: 594.7193

Hospitality Ministry. Volunteers serve light refreshments for parishioners who gather after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses for

sharing, communicating and extending fellowship. If interested in helping contact Elida Gil: 239.597.8909 or Judy Hemond: 561.779.6024

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

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281.

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

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meets third Tuesday of every month at Noon except January and February when they meet at 6:30 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. S/K Gary Ray: 821.5115

Knitting & Crocheting. Tuesdays from 10:00 - Noon: Want to learn? We are a service group that knits & crochets to benefit those in need: blankets for soldiers, hats for cancer patients, baby hats & booties & prayer shawls. Call the office: 566.8740

Ladies of Charity. Meets the second Friday of every month, volunteers in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank and visits local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. For friendly visits and simple errands for the homebound, call Carolyn McNichols at 239.919.2675. If interested in joining, call MarieElaina Mullin: 273.1702.

Mah Jong. Wednesday, Noon - 3 p.m. Beginners welcome. Joan Scariotti: 594.0994

Men's Club. Group of dedicated men (with the superb assistance from their ladies) who assist the Pastor and the parish. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month, 7:45 - 8:45 a.m. New members welcome. Joe Lichwalla: 239.495.2001

Narcotics Anonymous. Thursday, Saturday, 8 p.m.

Pinochle. Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Joseph DeJesus: 598.9865

Project Rachel Lay Companion. A post-abortion healing ministry providing one-on-one counseling. Loretta Judy: 239.293.5897 or *lnbjudy@comcast.net*

Respect Life. A group of parishioners committed to protecting the sanctity of life in all of its stages. They coordinate all respect life activities within the parish as well as outreach to the community. Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Rosemary Erickson: 597.3941

Sewing Group. Meets to sew for needy children on Wednesdays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. New members are invited. Nancy Cote: 514.0410

St. Vincent de Paul. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass. SVdP Office: 775.1667

Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lay Carmelites. Phyllis Gryskiewicz, 566.7307

Women's Bible Study. Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and Monday evenings. Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687 or *magnana@comcast.net* or Linda Reilly, 821.8982

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

PARISH MINISTRIES & OUTREACH PROGRAMS & EVENTS...

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PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

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

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

Cpl. Francisco Alvarenga
U.S. Marines

Sp. Petrus Botha
U.S. Army

S. Isaiah Brutus
U.S. Air Force

Ensign Stuart Campbell
U.S. Navy

BM2 Charley Davidson
U.S. Navy (USS Samuel B. Roberts)

Adam Decker
U.S. Air Force

Nicholas Detloff
U.S. Air Force

Sgt. Anthony J. Diamante
U.S. Army

Joshua Emmons
U.S. Air Force

LCpl. Conor Fleurant
USMC

Lt. Colin Flood
U.S. Army, Special Forces

Lt. Bernardo Garcia
U.S. Marines

Lt. Joseph Gilig
1st Marine Division
* LAV Recon

Cpl. Dylan Granza
U.S. Army Ranger

Specialist Shelby Granza
U.S. Army

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

Specialist Douglas Hennessy
U.S. Army

Marine Lt. Colonel Brian Howlett
USMC

Lt. John Meyers
U.S. Army

LCpl. Randy A. Novak
USMC

LCpl. Ryan D. Novak
USMC

Ryan D. Novak
USMC

Cpt. Daniel Palmer
U.S. Army

Cpt. John Palmer
U.S. Army

Cpt. Martin Palmer
U.S. Army (Afghanistan)

Lt. Robert Pedrigo
U.S. Army

Lt. Joseph Schafer
U.S. Army

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

Houng Tran
U.S. Army

IT2 Jason E. Tydingco
(USN)

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

Divine Will Prayer Group

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

Centering Prayer /Lectio Divina

One hour of peaceful, silent and beautiful prayer and contemplation. Mondays: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday morning Centering Prayer in the Parish Library

following the morning Mass. Maria Jones: 348.5361

Liturgy of the Hours

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

St. John Charismatic Prayer Group "Blazing Hearts"

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

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

William Haughton

May they rest in eternal peace.

AJM	Patrick Finck	Mary Lenick	Isolde Scherer
Rich Annunizata	May Flanagan	Rosemarie Lopez	Joanne & Edwin
Fernando Ardila	Donna Flynn	Lillian Luchini	Schnackenberg
Tomas Ardila	Anna Focht	Jean Lydon	Eli Schneider
Patricia Arpaia	Follse-Fiedler Family	Margie Lynch	Leonard Seidl
Patty Barry	Rois Maire Ni Gabann	Pat M	Don Seling
Richard Becker	Dick Gaepel	Jeanne Macari	Melinda Shannon
Margie Benefico	Janet Gainey	Julia Maciocia	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Barbara Berg	Edward Gaynor	Joan Maier	Teresa Shengulet
Linda Berry	Cathy Gelharr	Lynne Malpeli	Marilyn Shields
Jamie Boas	Michael Getty	Maria and Family	John Smith
Kathleen Bradach	Golia Fmily	Ann Maniuszko	Winnie Smith
Vicki Brenner	Laura Harbrough	Margaret Mary Marsh	Nancy Stewart
Carol Brooks	Cindy Harold	Kenneth J. McAvoy	Susan Stokes
John Brooks	Brad Harriet	Barbara McCabe	Jeannie Stoll
Anthony Caiazzo	Reg Hart	Kevin McDonagh	Pat Sutter
Ron Caiazzo	Judy Hemond	Simone McGaffee	Joanmarie Switalski
Nancy Campbell	Richard Henning	Mary McKay	Rita Taranto
Steve Caputo	Gerard Heyen	Lucille McMahan	Marilyn Taylor
Glenn Carroll	Mary Kay Hoban	Carolyn McNichols	TG
Sheira Cavanagh	Kim Hocker	Art Midili	James Thompson
Tiffany Chill	Charlotte Hollohan	Nancy Mitchell	Joseph Tomaszewski
Sam Comeriato	Donald Howe	Gilbert & Shirley	Maaria Torres
Bill Copeland	JMG	Monacelli	Jennifer Toth
Susan Culey	Maria Joyce	Andrew Moss	Patricia Trapnell
Jennifer Cusmano	Dawn June	James Murphy	Pat Urban
Vivian Daleo	Charleen Kasabian	Paige Nelson	Pat Velasquez
Anthony D'Antuono	Chester T. Kauffman	Patricia Norton	Lena Vittolo
Mark Dabronzo	Sean Keating	Roger Nottmeier	Anne W
Robert Decraene	Ashley Kelley	Gloria Oliver	Patti Wakim
Chuck Dee	Kevin Kincaid	George O'Hara	Wardein Family
Florence Demski	Bill Kinchla	Emma O'Rourke	Max West
Rick Derkman	Pat Kirk	Maryla Panagos	Tom Wood
Marlene Dezee	Katie, Johnathan and	Pluc Family	Bob Wright
Jim Diamante	Hebert Kovacevic	Joe Pohrer	John & Mary Yotis
Mercedes Elizabeth	Jim Krauser Family	Richard Pratt	Helen Zaks
Dickman	Josephine Lancia	Matthew Quinn	Ed Zerrer
Julie Dieter	Joan Lane	Linda Reilly	Fr. Casimir Zielinski
Al DiMenna	Ruth Lang	Aurelia Rein	
Lauren Di'Orio	Ray & Joan LaPointe	Frankie Rhemes	
Shelly Drummond	Lindsay Lavery	Ellen Roberts	
Dr. Steve Evans	Diane Leahy	Rea Rossi	
Brian D. Fay	Dan & Louise LeBlanc	Robert Sabatka	
FB	Mary Lou and Ned	Lisa Sanfelippo	
Carolyn Felner	Leibig		

LET US PRAY...

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

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St. John Welcomes 22 Newly Baptized

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Isabel Cecilia Quaintance



Rocco Rey Torres



Michael Bradley Webster



Willow Burkhard



David Michael Klopock, Jr.



Kennedy Judith Yormak



Brady Bennett Jefferson

Jubilee Year of Mercy Starts December 8

December 8 marks the start of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, called by Pope Francis to spread the message of mercy throughout the world. The Diocese of Venice will be celebrating the Year of Mercy in various ways. To begin the Jubilee Year, Epiphany Cathedral in Venice and Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Boca Grande will have special "Holy Doors" which will allow pilgrims to receive special indulgences attached to the Year of Mercy.

On Sunday, December 13, Bishop Dewane will celebrate a Solemn Rite of Opening for the Holy Door of Mercy at Epiphany Cathedral during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. All are invited to attend. More information regarding Year of Mercy activities in the Diocese will be forthcoming.

"Coping With the Holidays" Presentation December 1

A presentation entitled "Coping With the Holidays" will be offered on Tuesday, December 1 from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. in the Parish Life Center. Anyone who is having difficulty facing the separation from a loved one during the holidays is welcome to attend.

Handouts with suggestions for coping will be shared with those attending.

For further information call Dee at 594.7193.

Catholic Days at the Capitol February 16-18

Registration is now open for the annual three-day bus trip to Tallahassee on February 16-18. Register for the event and reserve your hotel room by submitting the form at www.flaccb.org.

For questions or more information, contact Jeanne Berdeaux, 941.441.1101 or Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org.

Faith and Wine - Naples

Ladies mark your calendars now for the remainder of the Faith and Wine season here at St. John.

Upcoming dates are January 28, February 25, and March 31.

For the Love of Children

Please Support The Ladies of Charity

Christmas Sneaker and Sock Drive

***to benefit the needy children of
Naples Park Elementary School
& the children of Immokalee***

Items must be NEW.

Starting: November 21

Goal: 500 Pairs

Ending: December 13

- Ornaments depicting the children's different shoes sizes can be found on Christmas trees in the Narthex.
- 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 13.

Please help us reach our goal of 500 pairs.



5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, November 29, 2015: the First Sunday of Advent

Opening Song **63** **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** Traditional

Kyrie • **5A** *hymnal*

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Response (cf. v.1b)



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, I lift my soul.

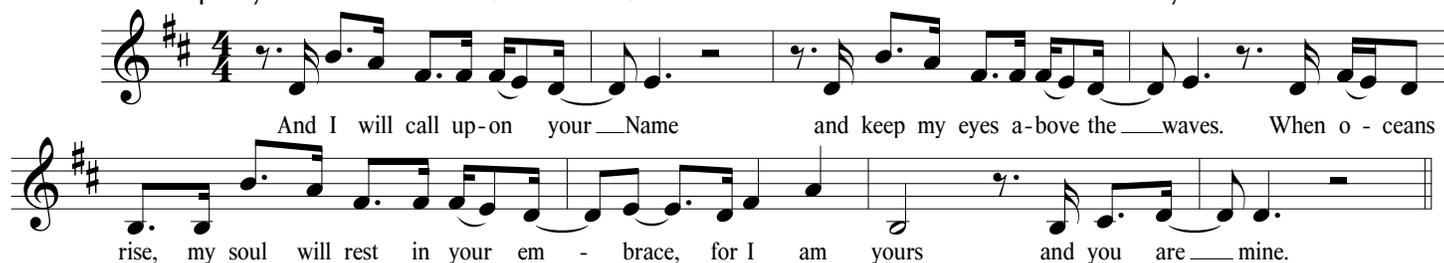
Gospel Acclamation • **11A** *hymnal*

Preparation Song **Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)** Houston/Crocker/Ligthelm CCLI Song #

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Verse 1) You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find you in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand (*to Chorus*)

Verse 2) Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and you won't start now



And I will call up-on your Name and keep my eyes a-bove the waves. When o - ceans rise, my soul will rest in your em - brace, for I am yours and you are mine.

Bridge) Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters, wherever you would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger in the Presence of my Savior (*repeat, then Chorus*)

Sanctus • **19A** Memorial Acclamation (A) • **20A**
Great Amen • **21A** Agnus Dei • **24A**

Communion Songs **Ubi Caritas** Bob Hurd



*U-bi ca-ri-tas est ve-ra, est ve-ra: De-us i-bi est, De-us i-bi est.

Verses: Cantor/Choir

1. The love of Christ joins us to-
2. In true com-mu-nion let us
3. May we who gath-er at this
4. For those in need make us your
5. May we one day be-hold your



1. geth-er. Let us re - joice in him, and in our love and
 2. gath-er. May all di - vi - sions cease and in their place be
 3. ta - ble to share the bread of life be - come a sac - ra -
 4. mer - cy, for those op - pressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a
 5. glo - ry and see you face to face, re - joic - ing with the



1. care for all now love God in re - turn.
 2. Christ the Lord, our ris - en Prince of Peace.
 3. ment of love, your heal - ing touch, O Christ.
 4. ho - ly sign of jus - tice and new life.
 5. saints of God to sing e - ter - nal praise.

Spirit of the Living God

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.



Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Closing Song

Just Like You

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Verse 1) Revive my heart, renew my soul
 In you, O Lord, I am made whole!
 No more in fear will I wander,
 'Cause you're my God, my Lord, and Lover.

Verse 2) Oh lift me up, God my Father,
 In all this world, there is no other!
 I'm dancing in your holy presence,
 and your glory fills all my senses.

**I want to be holy, just like you; I want to go where you lead me to,
 With reckless abandon to your Truth,
 I want to fall deeper in love with you!**



prepare ye the way of the Lord

The Word & Life

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

The Anticipation of Redemption

The Season of Advent calls to mind the dawning of salvation for all Christians. In this season, the Church anticipates its redemption by recalling the moments surrounding the Incarnation. Before the coming of Christ, Israel longed for the coming of the One who would bring justice to her land. Engraved on the minds and souls of those who awaited the Messiah was the imprint of their prayers of holy longing. The coming of Christ was an answer to those prayers. Jesus embodies justice and teaches the wisdom of God to the world. In every encounter between Christ and those he touched in his ministry, we are healed, restored, forgiven and transformed. These encounters become moments of grace for the whole of humanity. These experiences teach us about the redemptive initiative that God has toward each one of us.

As we begin to celebrate this holy season, we do so with a mature faith. Our minds may wander back to the image of a manger as this season finds its culmination in the Christmas event. However, we cannot lose sight of Jesus' life project which was to bring the good news of salvation to all people. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas we must realize that Bethlehem was a moment when the Godhead was veiled in flesh. The characters involved in the story were characters like each one of us. Our celebration of Advent invites us to recall the great events in our Christian memory — of how God walked the earth and taught his people through the marvelous discourse that came from the mouth of Christ and the wonders worked through his hands.

During this holy season we are invited to recall every moment of Jesus' life and contemplate how his life is significant for us. We call to mind his teachings, miracles, mercy, compassion and unconditional love. We also recall his death and resurrection. These are the moments for our salvation. Our thoughts also turn to his second coming. Jesus reminds us in today's gospel that we should be vigilant at all times and to strengthen ourselves through the gift of prayer.

Even before we prepare for the coming of Christ during Advent, Christmas has already arrived in our stores. The gifts and the décor somehow deflect our attention from the original purpose — that is, to know Christ, his message



of love and salvation, and to yearn for the day when we will behold him face to face. We are invited to join the Church throughout the world in prayer. All of us, by the virtue of the baptism we have received, are called to be holy and to conduct our lives in a way that is pleasing to God. During this season, we are encouraged to remove the hindrances to faith and to embrace the way of the gospel. In this way, whenever Jesus returns, he will find us, his people, waiting and watchful in prayer.



Reflection Questions

1. What do I long for?
2. What does the event of Jesus' coming mean to me?
3. How will I prepare spiritually during the Season of Advent?
4. What does the "dawning of salvation" mean?
5. Am I prepared to meet Christ?
6. What do I treasure in regard to Jesus' message and life?
7. What commitments am I ready to make in my relationship with God?

Prayer

God of all hope, we prepare to celebrate the great event that paved our way to salvation. May you find within us expectant hearts, ready to make a commitment to your Word. May all our efforts lead us to you and to one another. May the outward signs we give witness to through our actions make your kingdom known. Amen.

Voices of Faith

Maranatha

Born into the midst of people yearning for God
 You entered into the womb
 Of a maiden girl
 Made manifest in stable stall
 Before angels, shepherd, and the Wise
 Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus, come
 Come into the world still yearning for You

Walking the dusty roads of Galilee
 You invited the humble to follow your Way
 Leading all into the heart of God
 "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened,"
 You did say, "And I will give you rest."
 Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus, come
 Come to all those who find life weary and give them rest

The blind you made see
 The deaf you made hear
 The mute you made speak
 The leper you cleansed
 The lame you made run free
 Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus, come
 Come to all who cry for healing, those who are challenged
 by life's journey

The possessed and dispossessed you gave a home
 Forgiveness was your aim as sinners returned to you
 Redemption your gift to the unjust collector of taxes
 Judgment was no friend of yours as you set the
 scandalous woman free
 Mercy and gentleness you offered as the woman with
 the hemorrhage gained strength from you
 Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus, come
 Come to those who are lonely and feel no place of
 belonging

To the little girl taken by death
 You bid, "Talitha koum, (Little girl, I say to you,
 arise!)"
 To Lazarus for whom you wept
 You shout, "Lazarus, come out!" Come out of the
 womb of tomb
 In giving them life you soothe broken hearts
 Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus, come
 Come to all those who know the depth of love and the
 pain of loss

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

Faith Formation

2015-2016 School Year

CATECHIST SPOTLIGHT

My name is Ann Sharon Pelletier.

I'm in my second year as a Catechist with Saint John the Evangelist: Wednesday third grade class. I look at volunteering as a Catechist as a review and renewal of my faith. What I know and what I think I know about our faith has me going back to our catechism. This exercise prepares me to confidently pass along my knowledge of religion to others. It resets me on what the Catholic Church wants to achieve in this life to better prepare me and others for the next life. There is no better way to spread the Word than to understand it first and pass it along to others.



Previously, I was a parishioner at Saint John the Evangelist in Greece, NY (suburb of Rochester, NY) and a Catechist for pre-kindergarten in the 80s. Originally from Thompson, CT, I moved to Upstate New York with my husband Michael in 1969. I attended Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) where I obtained my BS in Business Administration in 1982 and MS in Applied Arts and Sciences in 2002.

I held various administrative support positions within the Greece Central School District from Accounts Payable, Purchasing, Education, and Special Education. In 1989 I founded a print media communication firm where I provided writing and technical software support to training departments of major corporations. I closed my firm to work full time for Xerox Corporation where I was hired as an Instructional Designer and Content Developer for the Global Knowledge and Language Services Department.

Outside memberships: Held the positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer of the Society of Technical Communication, Rochester Chapter. Was a member of the Women's Alliance; Leadership Council at Xerox Corporation.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 ~ NO Faith Formation Class
- 6 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class – 9:30-10:45 a.m.
& Parent Reconciliation Meeting for Sunday Families
9:30 -10:30 a.m.
- 9 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class – 5:45-7:00 p.m.
& Parent Reconciliation Meeting for Wednesday Families 5:45 -
6:45 p.m.
- 13 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class – 9:30-10:45 a.m.
High School Confirmation Class 6:15-7:30 p.m.
- 16 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class – 5:45-7:00 p.m.
Christmas Holiday for the remainder of the month.
Classes resume Wednesday, January 6, 2016.
- **Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays 5:15-5:45 p.m.**

CATECHIST SPOTLIGHT

My name is Sylvia DeFeo.

It has been my pleasure to teach the children of Saint John the Evangelist religious education for the past 16 years. I have learned more about my God and church than all my previous years as a practicing Catholic! And those are quite a few years! I teach the children that no matter where they go, they will always have a family to join when they go away for whatever reason — be it school or work. Join a Catholic Church and you will become a member of another family! I also try to instill that they all are potential saints and they are followers of Jesus Christ! Bring his message of love wherever you go! Be kind! Treat others the way you would be treated. But most of all, Love God above all others!



First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

A meeting for all Parents/Guardians of children receiving First Reconciliation this school year will be held on Sunday, December 6 from 9:30-10:45 a.m. (for Sunday parents) and Wednesday, December 9 from 5:45-7:00 p.m. (for Wednesday parents). The meeting will be held in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Center.

Parents of students who attend private school and are not enrolled in Faith Formation classes may attend either meeting. Please save the date! Nursery care will be provided if needed.

Faith Formation Office Hours

- Mondays: 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. (on days of Faith Formation Class only)
- Fridays: 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.
- Sundays: 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. (on days of Faith Formation Class only)

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

Advent Penance Services – Local Area Churches

St. Ann – Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.
985 Third Street South, Naples

St. Finbarr – Monday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m.
13520 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

St. Agnes – Tuesday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m.
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

St. Peter the Apostle –
Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

San Marco – Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.
851 San Marco Road, Marco Island

St. William – Friday, December 18, at 5:30 p.m.
601 Seagate Drive, Naples

St. Elizabeth Seton – Monday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m.
2730 53rd Ter Sw, Naples

St John the Evangelist –
Tuesday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m.

“Cities for Life” Prayer Vigil November 30

A worldwide effort to end the death penalty will take place on Monday, November 30, in what is being called a “Cities for Life” campaign spearheaded by the Community of Sant’Egidio in Rome. The campaign is the largest contemporary global mobilization to advocate for a higher and more civil form of justice, renouncing the death penalty.

In the Diocese of Venice there will be a prayer service on Monday, November, 30 at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., Venice, at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. Contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941.441.1101 for additional information.

National Night of Prayer for Life December 8

National Night of Prayer for Life - Parishes throughout the country will join in prayer to restore life, liberty, the faith and peace on Tuesday, December 8 from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego. People in all time zones will be praying simultaneously from midnight to 1:00 a.m. EST.

The following parishes in the Diocese of Venice will participate from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.:

- Epiphany Cathedral/Venice, Our Lady of the Angels/Lakewood Ranch, San Marco/Marco Island and San Pedro/North Port.
- Additional prayer services are scheduled as follows on December 8: St. Maximilian Kolbe/Port Charlotte - from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. after the noon Mass.
- St. Michael/Wauchula - after the 8:00 p.m. Mass.
- St. Raphael/Lehigh Acres - Rosary led by teens from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the chapel.

For questions or more information, contact Jeanne Berdeaux, Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941.441.1101.

HAPPILY MARRIED COUPLES: Next Marriage Encounter Weekend Is December 4-6

Christmas is coming. The BEST gift that you can give each other and your family is to increase the love and joy in your relationship by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is December 4-6 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, 34984 South Moon Dr. Venice, Florida.

This is the first new and revised WWME Weekend given in the Venice Diocese--meant for couples of all ages and all stages.

Contact 813.270.7832 or www.WWME.org to apply or for more information about the weekend.

FLORIDACatholic

FloridaCatholic Offers Daily Advent Calendar on Its Website

Starting November 29, the first Sunday of Advent, the Florida Catholic Advent calendar will be available on its website. Each day of Advent, cyber visitors can click on the box marking that day’s date and view content that offers spiritual inspiration for the season. The dates include videos, music, Scripture readings and poetry. There are also activities on dates that include downloadable content. The activities — which could be used in religious education classrooms and during youth group meetings — could benefit people of all ages as reminders of the true reason for the season.

Look for the interactive link for the calendar at www.thefloridacatholic.org

Last Safe Environment Training Class of the Season

December 3 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. San Antonio, Port Charlotte
Please call San Antonio Parish at 941.624.3799 to register, if you wish to attend.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection December 13

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 to homebound parishioners 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.



Save the Date:

Milestone Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: February 13 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice and March 12 at St. Leo Parish in Bonita Springs. Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. Registration will be through the parishes and information will be received by January.

Catholic-Jewish Dialogue: UPCOMING EVENTS

“The Sunflower” - Sunday, December 6

The Catholic-Jewish Dialogue is hosting a “One Book Southwest Florida” event that is not to be missed. The topic will be the book **The Sunflower** by Simon Wiesenthal. Subtitled “Exploring the Limits and Possibilities of Forgiveness.”

The event will be held at St. Peters Catholic Church Ministry Center, 5025 Rattlesnake Hammock Rd. at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 6.

Please RSVP to cjdialogue@naples.net

“The Jewish Cardinal” - Wednesday, January 6

The Catholic-Jewish Dialogue will be screening a wonderful movie, “The Jewish Cardinal”, about a Jewish teenager’s conversion to Catholicism, then his priestly vocation and his rise through the ranks of the Church. Throughout his life he never gave up his Jewish heritage. A great family film. Wednesday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John’s Ballroom. More information will follow in subsequent bulletins.

Please RSVP to cjdialogue@naples.net

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Men’s and Women’s Conference Dates Are Set for February

Please reserve the following dates for the 2016 Diocese of Venice Men's and Women's Conference. The Men's Conference will be held Saturday, February 6, 2016, and the Women's Conference will be held Saturday, February 27, 2016. Both Conferences will be held at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Registration details will be forthcoming.

Being Catholic

Today we are reminded of the beginning of the new liturgical year by the change of the colors used for vestments and on the altar. Last Sunday white was used to celebrate the feast of Christ the King and the end of the church year. This First Sunday of Advent, violet is used to begin the new liturgical year.

Another change that our “seasonal” residents may notice is this new page focusing on Adult Faith Formation. It is focused on YOU, and new opportunities for you to join other adult men and women in a quest to develop a mature faith; a faith that enables you to relate your faith to the complexities and ambiguities of the ever changing postmodern world.

Over the past nine weeks, men and women of all ages have gathered weekly to watch and discuss the award-winning documentary series, created and hosted by Bishop Bob Barron, **CATHOLICISM**.

By popular demand, this immensely popular program will be offered again during the winter, both at lunchtime and in the evening. But if you would like a little taste of what is in store for you, you are invited to try it out. Come to the Seminar Room of the Claussen Center on **Thursday** for either the lunchtime brown bag session **at 11:30 a.m.** or the evening session **at 7:00 p.m.**; no obligation.

Becoming Catholic

Next Sunday, December 6, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Saint John the Evangelist Parish will welcome adults who were baptized either as Roman Catholics or as members of another Christian community who choose to continue their preparation for the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist and reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

This Rite of Welcoming differs from the Rite of Acceptance that is appropriately performed for unbaptized adults, since by their baptism these candidates, as they are called, have already become members of the Church and children of God.

These candidates who are baptized, unlike unbaptized catechumens, will remain in the church during the entire Mass, and they will not be dismissed after the homily as would be catechumens. They are present to exercise their baptismal priesthood in the praying of the general intercessions and in the offering of the sacrifice of praise in the Eucharistic Prayer. Participating in the entire Mass also teaches what “full communion” looks like and catechizes all of us that the candidates are not simply “non-Catholics”, they are brothers and sisters in Christ.

They have been in a period of preparation, training, and catechesis to allow for the faith infused in baptism to grow and take deep root. They have explored the Catholic faith and found answers to the question, “What do Catholics believe?”

As they enter the next phase they will continue to explore Gospel values and nurture and grow their faith. They will learn what Catholics do, and why. They will begin to understand what it means to be Catholic.

This process takes place within the parish community of Saint John the Evangelist. The entire parish community is called to help these candidates by its love and prayer, and by testifying to their suitability when it is time for them to be admitted to the sacraments.

A special preparation program for adult baptized Catholics who have celebrated their first Communion but not been confirmed will be offered in the spring. Watch this page for details.

For more information about any aspect of Adult Faith Formation or the RCIA process please contact Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator.

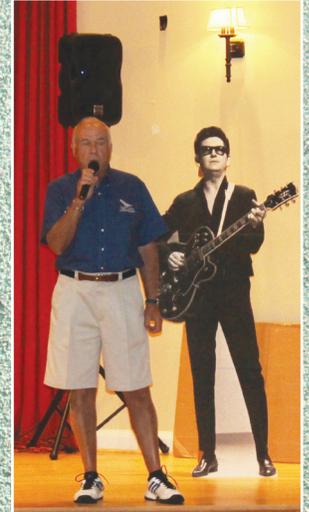
Call 239.566.8740, ext. 3918 or email jack@sjecc.com.

St. John the Evangelist Men's Club

Friday,
November 13,
2015

SOCK HOP

MUSIC featuring
oldies of the 50s, 60s & 70s by Detroit Joe Turner



photos by Randy McNichols, Men's Club



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Jamaica Outreach Program

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015 12:30 - 3:00p.m.

Wear Your Christmas Colors

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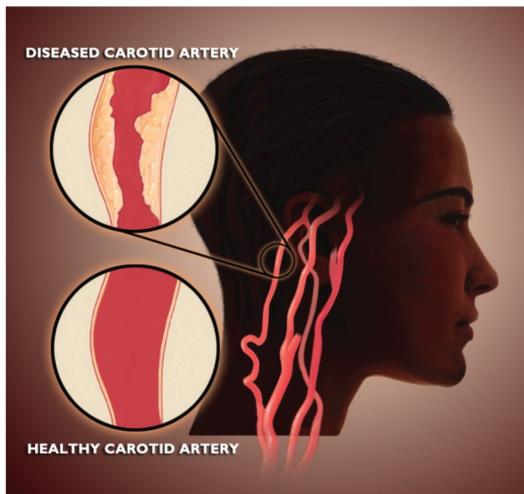
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Where: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
When: Thursday, January 7, 2016

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1-888-653-6450**

The screening will fill up quickly, so please call to schedule soon.

See the bulletin announcements for more information.

*Blood not offered in every state. Specific blood offerings vary by state.