

October 11, 2015
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Upcoming Calendar Includes Something for Everyone

Our fall calendar is loaded with a variety of new and renewed spiritual and social programs and events for you and your family to engage your faith. More details will be provided in future announcements, but a few of the upcoming events include:

- **Sunday, October 18, 9:00 a.m. Mass - Church:**
Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion
- **Thursday, October 22, 6:30 p.m. - Ballroom:**
Faith and Wine — see



Faith and Wine

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- **Friday, October 23, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Back parking lot:** *Trunk or Treat* — Bring your decorated car, van, or truck and dress to impress in your best costume for food and prizes. — see page 7



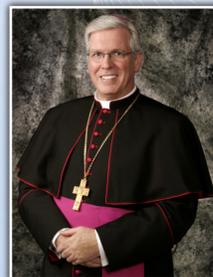
- **Saturday, October 24, 1:30 p.m. - Church:**
Marriage Day of Renewal — see page 18
- **Sunday, November 1, 11:15 a.m. Church:** *First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion: Enrollment Mass* — see page 17
- **Thursday, November 5, 6:30 p.m. Church:**
Start of weekly evening Mass — see page 7

- **Saturday, November 7, 8:00 a.m. Church:**
Veterans Day Mass — see page 7
- **Sunday, November 8, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Ballroom:**
Second *Families in Christ* of the season — Invigorated Sunday morning event



with educational and social time for the whole family

- **Friday, November 13, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Ballroom:**
Sock Hop — see page 22



- **Friday, November 20, 6:00 p.m. Ballroom:**
Vocation Dinner Dance with Bishop Dewane as Honoree — see page 11



Please join us for as many of these events as you can.



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Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m.; Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

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

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Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by

October 10, 2015	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Thomas Carafa	J & A McGlenn
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM	+	Jean Smith	Millie Lucanegro, Larry & Kathleen Tominelli, Tom Wood, Jeff Wood & Tony Manes
5:00 PM	+	Mabel Lohrer	Bob Sims
October 11, 2015	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Thomas Trongone, Sr.	Gloria J. Mizenko
9:00 AM	+	Jim Parejko	Ben & Dorothy Gorecki
11:00 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Rolin Rodriguez	Millie Rodriguez & Family
5:00 PM	+	Arnold Firus	Acerbi Family
		Altar flowers in memory of Renato Serraino (1st anniversary of his death) ~ Requested by Nancy Serraino	
October 12, 2015	Monday		
8:30 AM	+	William Lawrence Portnoy	Linda Anne Partnoy
October 13, 2015	Tuesday		
8:30 AM	+	Stephen Conger & Burt Beihoff	Terry Beihoff
October 14, 2015	Wednesday		
8:30 AM	+	Joseph Hiris	Brigitte Hiris
October 15, 2015	Thursday		
8:30 AM	+	Ramy Garrido	Elida Gil
October 16, 2015	Friday		
8:30 AM	+	Alice LoGrippo	Deborah Marsh
October 17, 2015	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Janet Duebner	Gordon & Alvera Clark
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM	+	Mary Jane Seeger	Tony Manes, Tom, Joe, Larry, Angelo
5:00 PM	+	Eleanor Calicyo	Ann & Ed Peyton
October 18, 2015	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	For War-Torn Honduras	Chrys Fischer
9:00 AM	+	Stephen Conger	Catherine Reid
11:00 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Cecilia Schultz	Schultz Family
5:00 PM	+	Reginald Metcalf	Children & Grandchildren

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 10, 2015

Blessed Virgin Mary
Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

Sunday, October 11, 2015

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

National Children's Day

Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

Monday, October 12, 2015

Columbus Day

Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

St. Callistus I

Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday, October 15, 2015

St. Teresa of Jesus

Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday, October 16, 2015

St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque;

National Boss Day

Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday, October 17, 2015

St. Ignatius of Antioch; Sweetest Day

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

Sunday, October 18, 2015

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;

Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

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.

FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5

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

MASS INTENTIONS...



Campaign Corner

October 11, 2015

“The first pastoral commandment is closeness: being close to the people.

Closeness.”

— Pope Francis

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

Record 4,800 Events Pack St. John to Overflow Capacity

Can you imagine 4,800 activities, events, programs, and celebrations? That is the current number of planned events within the St. John facilities for the coming year, up nearly 600 from last year. This is the number of events outside our Mass schedule and other celebrations within the church. That is roughly 13 events a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. And we are only just getting started.

Starting with the Doo Whop Night, new engaging programs are coming to St. John thanks to the dedication and devotion of our ministries and our Parish Family. The community around us continues to grow, and our ability to serve those needing support, like Al-Anon, a support group that serves families that include those battling addictions, along with a rapidly expanding Faith Formation program (with weekly adult programs along with over 410 youth packing every room we have on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings) illustrates this active environment.

We need every person’s prayers, support, and joy for our Parish Family. As Our Holy Father made clear to us all on his trip to the U.S.:

Love is something we learn; love is something we live; love grows as it is “forged” by the concrete situations which each particular family experiences. Love is born and constantly develops amid lights and shadows.

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. If you have not returned a pledge card yet, there is one on this page for your use right now. Please cut it out of the bulletin and place in the offertory basket this week or one of the upcoming weeks once you have a chance to prayerfully reflect on your gift to the future of our Parish Family. 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

After prayerful consideration, please complete and turn in to Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____



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In support of the "BUILD OUR FUTURE-SERVE OUR PAST" Campaign, I/We pledge the total sum of \$ _____ to be paid over _____ years beginning Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____

Payment Terms: Annually Semi-Annually Quarterly Other _____

Auto Giving

Named Gift#: _____ In Honor/Memory of: _____

I would like to talk with someone about including the church in my will or living trust.

Email Address: _____
This commitment can be changed at any time by notifying the Church Office.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Please make checks payable to: SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH.
NOTE: Please enter in check memo line: BUILD OUR FUTURE-SERVE OUR PAST CAMPAIGN.

BUILD OUR FUTURE - SERVE OUR PAST CAMPAIGN

OCTOBER 11, 2015 ~ TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

General Manager
Jean-Paul Boucher: 228.3910
Fax: 239.566.9117
jp@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Parish Secretary

Deborah Marsh

Assistant to the Pastor

Tricia Schwarz

Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Tom Oram: 228-3920

Choir Director

Ellie Roberts

Sacristan

Lan Tran

Director of Family Mission

Jean-Paul Boucher

Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor

Kathy Sims

Memorial Garden

Jean-Paul Boucher

Religious Boutique

Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

Maintenance

566.8740

Education Staff

Director of Religious Education

Natalie Campbell: 228.3904/3909

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

8:30 a.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday Masses:

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

11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

FOR OUR RECORDS

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

Selections of cards are available 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 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 10 & 11

Readings:	763
Entrance Hymn:	347 O God, Beyond All Praising
Preparation Hymn:	478 Servant Song
Communion Hymn:	225 Gift of Finest Wheat
	511 Whatsoever You Do
Closing Hymn:	405 Now Thank We All Our God

Choral Anthems at 9 & 11 AM Masses

Prelude	For the Beauty of the Earth	John Rutter
Communion	If Ye Love Me	Thomas Tallis

Children's Choir Anthem at 11 AM Mass

Preparation	This Is the Day	Jack Miffleton
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ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, October 12: Monday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 130 (129): 3-4*
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord has made known his salvation.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 34 (33): 11*
The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Tuesday, October 13: Tuesday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 130 (129): 3-4*
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *1 Jn 3: 2*
When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

Wednesday, October 14: Wednesday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 130 (129): 3-4*
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, you give back to everyone according to his works.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 34 (33): 11*
The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Thursday, October 15: Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 42 (41): 2-3*
Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 89 (88): 2*
I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity.

Friday, October 16: Friday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 130 (129): 3-4*
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *1 Jn 3: 2*
When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

Saturday, October 17: Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Gal 2: 19-20*
I am crucified with Christ, yet I live;
no longer I, but Christ lives in me.

I live by faith in the Son of God,
who has loved me and given himself up for me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
I am the wheat of Christ to be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may be found to be pure bread.

#ToKnow – Marking Our One Year Anniversary

I cannot even conceive that it has been a full year since I first was given the immense responsibility, honor, and duty to manage the Parish Mission of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church. There have been so many changes, so much activity, such a powerful thrust of positive, joyous energy and involvement, that I cannot even begin to put into words how it makes me feel to be contributing to this amazing church. For those of you who have heard me talk or read this column over the past year, you know that is a big deal, because I have been called “wordy”.

The first thing I feel I must do is thank each and every one of you. The Parish Family and the church is made up of all of us, and through every contribution, every word of encouragement, and every sacrifice we all make, we are renewing and living out our faith with our actions. In fact, after Our Holy Father’s visit to the United States, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops released this chart on the priorities of the church. I just want to highlight a few of these and how in just this past year, St. John has championed these issues with our actions:

- **Protect the Most Vulnerable** – Our focus on our Safe Environment program to ensure each and every person who steps onto our campus can feel safe and protected as they heal and celebrate could not be more important.
- **Celebrate the Institutions of Marriage and Family** – From new Marriage Retreats to filling the Ballroom for Families in Christ, St. John directly supports and encourages families of all types to participate in their faith
- **Work for the Common Good and Serve the Poor and Hungry** – Just this week, our Mission takes on another role with A Simple Gesture, a Parish Family-wide food support for the Food Pantries in the area. We have already instituted our bi-weekly clothing drive to Immokalee and continue to increase our support for Guadalupe Social Services, including their first-ever fundraiser last year, Feeding Hunger, Filling Hearts, which raised over \$13,000.
- **Teach New Generations to Embrace their Neighbors** – This is our Life Center in a nutshell. By engaging our community and bringing the joyous involvement of every age together, our youth and young at heart can all learn from each other

There is so much more we have done together this year and so many individuals I would like to single out for their amazing contributions,

by Jean-Paul Boucher

General Manager

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but again, I do not want to be wordy. Instead I will simply say: Thank you from the bottom of my heart and soul. God Bless all of you and God Bless Saint John the Evangelist!

#ToServe – Thanksgiving in the Park Planning Begins at St. John

It may seem like a long way off, but Thanksgiving is coming up soon, and as we have announced previously, St. John has been given the unique and powerful gift as the new lead support organization for the annual Thanksgiving in the Park. For more than 30 years, hundreds of volunteers from every church and organization in Naples has been providing a Thanksgiving meal for thousands of individuals and families in Immokalee. This effort will require our entire Parish Family to join in this wonderful service event. In particular, here are the tasks St. John has been asked to specifically contribute to:

- **Wednesday, November 25: Preparation Day** – From 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the St. John Ballroom, we will need volunteers in shifts of 2 hours each to prepare the food for serving when it is shipped to Immokalee. This will include shredding the turkeys, placing mashed potatoes into pans, washing cutting boards, cleaning up from the shredding, and other tasks. Volunteers should bring their own knives for the turkeys and be able to stand for their shift so they can shred the dozens of turkeys we will have to break down. Additionally, we will need volunteers to receive the frozen, thawed turkeys and pies both at the church and at our Ballroom, as well as to take the prepared food to the refrigerated truck for storage. For those with food service licenses and experience, we are also looking for Kitchen Leaders. Please contact me at jp@sjecc.com or 239.566.8740 if you are interested in taking any of these shifts: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., or 6:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving Day** – Volunteering for cooking and serving the food has been primarily handled, but

if we have members of our Parish Family who would like to be there, please contact Guadalupe Center Megan Becker at 239.657.7711, or email mbecker@guadalupecenter.org.

- **Friday, November 27: Cleanup Day** – A small crew of 8-10 volunteers will be needed at the St. John kitchen to perform the cleanup of all cooking items, along with storage of those items for next year. This task should take about 3 hours. Please contact me if you are interested in helping with this task as well.

We will be feeding thousands of people in gratitude and thanksgiving, so please join in this amazing service opportunity.

After Pope Francis’ historic visit to the U.S., let us reflect on what he calls us all to work and pray for...

Pope Francis calls us to:



Protect the most vulnerable



Care for children and grandparents



Celebrate and support the institutions of marriage & family



End the abuse of the environment, our common home



Work for the common good



Encourage dialogue in all things



Safeguard religious liberty at home and abroad



Welcome immigrants as they continue to build our nation



Serve the poor and the hungry



End the death penalty



Look to free the world of nuclear weapons



Respect human life at every stage of development



Provide education for every girl and boy



Teach new generations to embrace their neighbors

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you

*New American Bible





UP & RUNNING with iPad

Tuesday, October 20, 4 - 5:30pm

Having difficulty with your iPad?

Get an introductory tour of your device at St. John Neumann Catholic High School.

You'll learn the basics of navigating, organization, keeping your device up to date and much more!

Please RSVP to this **free** event by emailing ashaffer@sjnceltics.org. Don't forget your iPad!

St. John Neumann Catholic High School
3000 53rd Street SW, Naples, FL 34116

A **Veterans Day Mass** will be celebrated on Saturday, November 7 at 8:00 a.m. More details to follow.

Trunk-or-Treat Returns Friday, October 23

The Men's Club is excited to continue our Parish Family-focused activities with our second annual Trunk-or-Treat here at St. John's Back Parking Lot on Friday, October 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please bring your cars, your family, and your friends dressed up in holiday costumes and with candy.

The event includes Trick-or-Treating from car-to-car in a safe and fun environment, as well as music and prizes for the best individual costume, family costume, and vehicle.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Mark your calendars and get busy making your costumes!

Addition of New Evening Mass Starts Next Month

Starting Thursday, November 5, St. John will offer an evening weekday Mass. The evening Mass will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Mass Times Will Revert to Winter Schedule Beginning Sunday, November 1

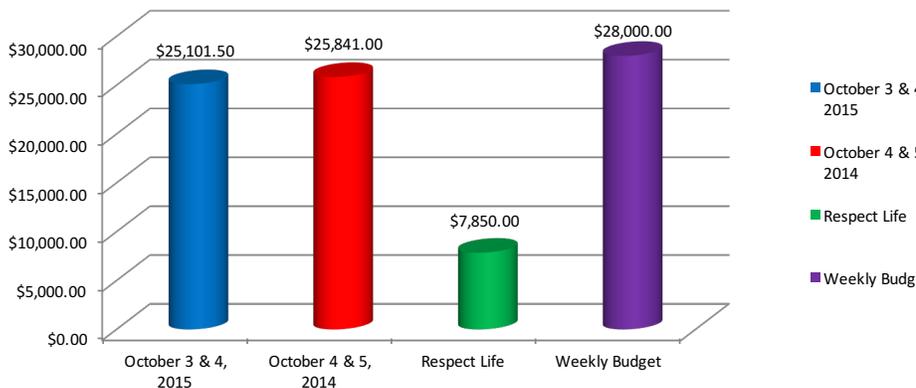
The winter Sunday Mass schedule will go into effect Sunday, November 1. We will return to 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Mass times. The 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses will stay the same, as will the 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. vigil Masses.

Weekday Mass times will revert to the winter schedule Monday, November 2. We will return to the 8:00 and 9:00 Mass times Monday through Friday, with the addition of an evening Mass at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

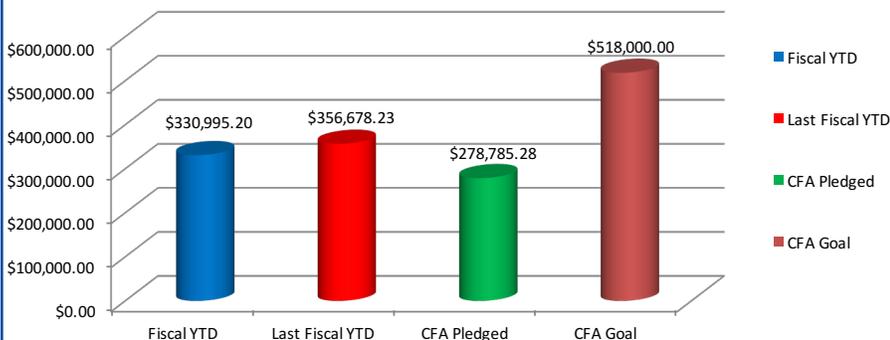
Saturday Mass will remain at 8:00 a.m. with confessions immediately after.

We will follow the winter Mass schedule until May, 2016.

Collection Summary



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



Jamaica Outreach Program

You Are Cordially Invited

The JOP will sponsor a Volunteer Appreciation Party on October 23 in the PLC Library from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you are a JOP volunteer (past, present or future,) you are cordially invited to join us for this annual kickoff event for the 2015-2016 season. New volunteers are welcomed and needed as we begin our 18th year serving our sister parish in Jamaica. We invite one and all to come and meet the people who have been involved with this outreach program for many years. They are the best of the best. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer to share.

Altar Servers:

Jean-Paul Boucher
 jp@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

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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).

Non Season Hours: Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed Monday through Friday. If interested in volunteering in the gift shop contact Jackie Gibson: 228.3921

Divorced and Separated Support Group.

Anyone who is going through a separation or has experienced it in the past (no matter how many years ago) is welcome. 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 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the library. 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 Diane Pesce at 630.571.0707. 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 Gyskiewicz, 566.7307

Women's Bible Study. Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and Monday evenings. Maggie Miller: 239.687.0687 or *maggnana@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

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USMC

Cpt. Daniel 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 resumes on September

23 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 8:30 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:

Nancy Ferrara and Constance Roberts

May they rest in eternal peace.

AJM	Donna Flynn	Lindsay Lavery	Linda Reilly
Rich Annunizata	Anna Focht	Diane Leahy	Aurelia Rein
Fernando Ardila	Rois Maire Ni Gabann	Dan & Louise LeBlanc	Ellen Roberts
Tomas Ardila	Dick Gaepel	Marylou and Ned Leibig	Robert Sabatka
Patty Barry	Edward Gaynor	Mary Lenick	Isolde Scherer
Richard Becker	Cathy Gelharr	Rosemarie Lopez	Joanne & Edwin Schnackenbeck
Margie Benefico	Michael Getty	Lillian Luchini	Don Selinga
Barbara Berg	Frank Glavanovits	Margie Lynch	Melinda Shannon
Linda Berry	Golia Fmily	Pat M	Jane & Bob Shengulet
Jamie Boas	Thomas Greene	Jeanne Macari	Teresa Shengulet
Kathleen Bradach	Laura Harbrough	Julia Maciocia	John Smith
Vicki Brenner	Cindy Harold	Joan Maier	Winnie Smith
Carol Brooks	Brad Harriet	Jeanne Majeske	Nancy Stewart
John Brooks	Reg Hart	Katherine Malatespa	Susan Stokes
Ron Caiazza	Mary Haynes	Lynne Malpeli	Jeannie Stoll
Nancy Campbell	Judy Hemond	Maria and Family	Kathy & David Struble
Steve Caputo	Richard Henning	Ann Maniuszko	Pat Sutter
Richard Caye	Gerard Heyen	Margaret Mary Marsh	Joanmarie Switalski
Frank Ciccarelli	Mary Kay Hoban	Kenneth J. McAvoy	Rita Taranto
Sam Comeriato	Charlotte Hollohan	Barbara McCabe	Marilyn Taylor
Richard Corcoran	Donald Howe	Kevin McDonagh	Joseph Tomaszewski
Susan Culey	JMG	Simone McGaffee	Maaria Torres
Vivian Daleo	Maria Joyce	Mary McKay	Jennifer Toth
Anthony D'Antuono	Dawn June	Carolyn McNichols	Patricia Trapnell
Mark Dabronzo	Charleen Kasabian	Robert Metro	Pat Velasquez
Chuck Dee	Chester T. Kauffman	Nancy Mitchell	Lena Vittolo
Florence Demski	Sean Keating	Andrew Moss	Anne W
Rick Derkman	Delores Kernochan	James Murphy	Patti Wakim
Jim Diamante	Ashley Kelley	Paige Nelson	Wardein Family
Julie Dieter	Kevin Kincaid	Roger Nottmeier	Max West
Al DiMenna	Bill Kinchla	Gloria Oliver	Tom Wood
Lauren Di'Orio	Pat Kirk	George O'Hara	Bob Wright
Amanda Duffy	Katie, Johnathan and Hebert Kovacevic	Emma O'Rourke	John & Mary Yotis
Marsha Embaugh	Jim Krauser Family	Maryla Panagos	Helen Zaks
AnnMarie Esposito	Josephine Lancia	Joe Pohrer	Ed Zerrer
Dr. Steve Evans	Joan Lane	Richard Pratt	Fr. Casimir Zielinski
FB	Ruth Lang	Matthew Quinn	
Carolyn Felner	Ray & Joan LaPointe		
Patrick Finck			
May Flanagan			

LET US PRAY...

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

OCTOBER 11, 2015 ~ TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Protecting Our Youth and Vulnerable Adults — Our Moral and Legal Responsibility

Protecting our youth and vulnerable adults. This is the goal of the Diocese of Venice and the entire Catholic Church, accomplished through our Safe Environment Program. In order to reach this goal, everyone who works with children and vulnerable adults — the Bishop, all priests, religious, deacons, employees, and volunteers — must undergo background checks and fingerprint screening. Additionally, all parishioners participating in active ministries and parish-sponsored events at St. John are required to take the Safe Environment Training (SET) class. Those who have not already been fingerprinted and had their background check and who have not taken the SET class are encouraged to do so at their earliest convenience.

“Whether it is the care of vulnerable adults needing assistance in entering our church doors or working with the Youth Group on an event, it is our responsibility as a Parish Family to take care of each other, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. It is also our duty to create a safe, welcoming, and engaging environment so that individuals can come to St. John to heal, reflect, socialize, and minister without fear or suspicion,” said Jean-Paul Boucher, St. John general manager.

“I realize the inconvenience and burden that is placed upon all of us in regard to subjecting ourselves to the process of background checks and safe environment. It is most certainly an imposition. However, such an exercise will help in protecting those God has placed in the Church’s care. We have made this whole process much easier by offering on-site fingerprinting,” said Fr. John. “Once the background checks have been completed, the results are sent confidentially to me as your pastor. Such checks only reveal criminal activity.”

Participants should complete the fingerprinting and background check first, which includes fingerprinting for identity verification only.

Before visiting St. John (or another diocesan screening location) for fingerprinting, applicants must complete the registration form online at: <http://www.dov.sofn.net>. Follow the “Instructions for Fingerprinting” provided by the St. John parish office. Registrants will need a photo identification (such as a driver’s license), a major credit card and social security number.

“At Step 3: Please pay with a credit card only. If you are having any issues or questions at all, please contact our office to assist you (566.8740),” said Deborah Marsh, parish secretary, who supports the fingerprint taking processing. “When registering online, choose St. John as the place to get fingerprinted.”

After registration is complete, a receipt with a bar code will be issued. New applicants must present this receipt at St. John (or another diocesan screening location) in order to continue the process. Once you have the receipt and bar code, call the parish

office (566.8740) to make an appointment for fingerprinting.

“If you do not have access to a computer or require assistance in registering, contact the parish office during regular business hours and we will be happy to assist you,” said Deborah.

“With electronic fingerprinting it takes only 24 to 48 hours to determine if a person is qualified to serve the parish,” said a Safe Environment regional trainer from the Diocese of Venice. “In the past it would have taken several weeks.”

The cost for the background check with fingerprint verification is \$51.00 for the first time. Individuals must be re-screened every five years at a cost of \$40.00. St. John will reimburse all costs associated with the Safe Environment Program.

Successfully passing background checks helps ensure that children and vulnerable adults are in a safe environment,” said the diocesan regional trainer.

Once the background check is completed, all participants must attend a one-time two-hour Safe Environment Training class, which is offered in various locations throughout the diocese

throughout the year. Participants should sign up for the first available class once they have completed the background check.

The SET class provides information about abuse and how to detect abuse, statistics and phone numbers for reporting abuse.

“It is our responsibility to report abuse. In fact, it is a third degree felony not to report abuse,” said the diocesan regional trainer. The phone

number is 1-800-96ABUSE.

As Christian adults, protecting our youth and vulnerable adults spiritually, emotionally, and physically is our moral and legal responsibility.

“There is no place in the Church’s ministry for those who commit these abuses, and I commit myself not to tolerate harm done to a minor by any individual, whether a cleric or not. All bishops must carry out their pastoral ministry with the utmost care in order to help foster the protection of minors, and they will be held accountable,” said Pope Francis.

A SET class will be offered at St. John on Monday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Center. Pre-registration is required. Call the parish office by Friday, October 23, if you wish to attend.

“I hope you can see the value in creating a loving, caring and safe environment for our children and those who are vulnerable among us,” said Fr. John.

Additional information, dates, locations and directions to the training sites may be found at <http://www.dioceseofvenice.org>

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Annual Vocation Dinner Dance
Friday, November 20, 2015 6:00 p.m.



Please join us to honor our Priests
and support our Seminarians
at Saint John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom

A night of fun, food, dancing and entertainment!

Dinner by "Frisco's" • Music by "Legends of Las Vegas"
Open Bar • Silent Auction

Tickets: \$50.00 per person ~ Available after all weekend Masses.

Dress Code: Jacket and Tie Requested



Honoree Most Reverend Bishop Frank Dewane

Tickets now on sale after all Masses, by calling
Paul Curti at 612-616-5535, or on our website at:

<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2015vocationsdinner>

If you'd like to make a donation to help our seminarians,
please contact Paul at 612-616-5535 or at plancurti@gmail.com.

Donate an auction item, or make a cash donation.



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5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, October 11, 2015: the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song

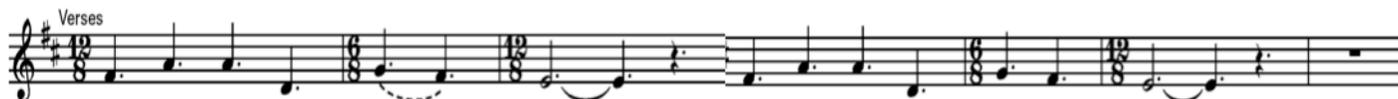
Love Has Come

Matt Maher

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Verses



1. With one voice the an - gels sing songs that make cre - a - tion ring.
 2. God the Fa - ther, El - o - him, voice of thun - der, spir - it, wind:
 3. God of Cov - e - nant, di - vine, lead us to the end of time,
 4. Now sal - va - tion has _____ come in the New Je - ru - sa - lem.



1. Proph - ets hear and call us to live in spir - it and in truth. (to Verse 2)
 2. breathe on me your ver - y life; grace will make the dark-ness bright.
 3. be - yond sor - row, be - yond fear, be - yond pride and earth - en tears.
 4. Danc - ers dance and sing - ers roar; pro - claim - ing Je - sus Christ is Lord!

Refrain



Word of God, en - throned, dwell in us for - ev - er -



more. Love has come to show the way.



Hal - le - lu - jah, peace be with



us. Love has come to show the way.



Kyrie • spoken

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

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Response (cf. v. 14)



Fill us with your love, O Lord, _____ and we will sing for joy!



Fill us with your love, O Lord, _____ and we will sing for joy! -

Sanctus • Memorial Acclamation (C) • Great Amen • *Agnus Dei* •
The Mass of St. John the Evangelist (please see worship aid in pew)

Communion Songs **Remembrance** Matt Maher / Matt Redman CCLI Song No. 5484616. © 2009

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Verse 1) Oh, how could it be
That my God would welcome me into this mystery?
Say, 'take this bread, take this wine':
Now the simple, made Divine—for any to receive.
By your mercy we come to your Table,
By your grace you are making us faithful.

Chorus) Lord, we remember you,
And remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship you,
Our worship leads to Communion.
We respond to your invitation, we remember you.

Verse 2) See his Body, his Blood:
And none too lost to be saved,
None too broken or ashamed,
All are welcome in this place.
By your mercy we come to your Table,
By your grace you are making us faithful

Bridge) Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life,
Lord Jesus come in glory (*repeat line*)

We Fall Down Chris Tomlin

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We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Je - sus. The great - ness of

mer - cy and love at the feet of Je - sus. And we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, and we cry

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, and we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lamb.

Are YOU Seeking Job Search Skills?

If you are unemployed or considering a career change, you are invited to attend a support group designed to help you secure an opportunity where you can refine your talents and skills. Carol Marlow, a business consultant and career coach, started this ministry two years ago and has helped parishioners develop successful job search strategies leading to career satisfaction.

Every week, a different topic will be discussed depending on the needs of those in attendance. Some topics discussed in the past include: resume writing; networking strategies; interviewing skills; cover letters; current job market in Southwest Florida; political skills.

There is no cost and everyone is welcome to attend. The group meets on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the library. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, Carol can be reached at 239.948.0050 or at carolmarlow@ymail.com.

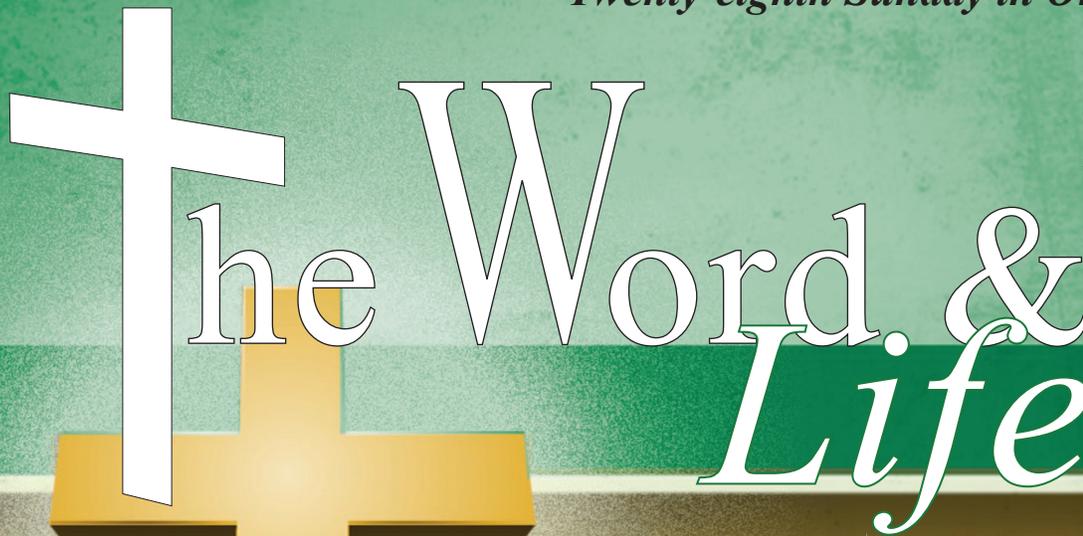
NEW GIFT SHOP HOURS

Winter hours at the Divine Gift Boutique will go into effect Monday, November 2.

Weekdays: 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Saturday: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



The Word & Life

Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

The Wisdom of the Needle's Eye

The Christian way when fully lived is a very challenging life indeed. When we think that we have everything together in our faith, someone or something comes our way to challenge us in living the gospel. The young man in today's gospel could be seen to be a very good disciple of God's law, but Jesus asks him to go the extra mile. Jesus demands that the young man let go of what he is attached to – his money and possessions. The young man is unable to accept the challenge that Jesus puts before him and he goes away sad. Jesus goes on to say that it is easier for a camel to pass through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. This image talks about the narrow opening that was part of a city wall (needle's eye). The camel was always laden with goods and in order to pass through this narrow opening, the merchant would have to go to great measures to unload his goods from the camel in order to pass through. Does this story resonate with you? Maybe we do not have stockpiles of money and possessions, but there are other things that prevent us from journeying into a way of life that is conducive to the gospel. Sometimes we place unnecessary loads on our shoulders that may make life unpleasant and unreasonable. Maybe we load ourselves with our pride, our strong attitudes, our prejudices or our inability to remain open to growth and change. Being attached to these negative traits can often block us from the reality of God's kingdom – a reality that calls for a generosity of spirit and total surrender to what God wants from us. Once we accept Jesus' way given to us in the gospels – that of love, acceptance, forgiveness, non-judgment, etc; we are challenged to go down the road less traveled.

Our world is a very material one. Possessions are at the forefront of the western world's conventional wisdom. Bigger is better. Economics is placed over and above the world of faith and moral responsibility. Marriages and relationships suffer when jobs consume most of the time that a couple relies on to communicate and nurture one another's love. Vocations to the priesthood, religious life and mission are often lost to the temptation to be powerful, successful and wealthy. When we turn on our televisions there are so many

Reflection Questions

1. Do I identify with the young man in today's gospel?
2. Why does he go away sad?
3. How important are possessions to me?
4. What do I treasure?
5. What is weighing me down?
6. What must I do to enter through the narrow passage that leads me to have new life in Christ?
7. What does it mean to follow Christ?
8. How am I being called to give witness to this gospel today?

advertisements telling people how they can make more and more money. Where does it all end? Today's gospel reminds us that following Jesus must be the priority in our lives. We need to unload those things that are not essential to our happiness and faith. If any of us are putting the hunger for wealth before our relationships with others and God, we are being asked to step back and discover what God is radically calling us to.

To use the words of St. Paul, the word of God is living and effective. It is through our efforts that this is so. Our very actions and choices can make God's word living and effective. God's word is powerfully relayed, not so much by what we say, but how we live our life. As Catholic Christians, we do not so much as to argue the point of doctrine, but to be at peace and transformed by the truths contained within doctrine. If we really believe in Jesus as the Incarnate Word, then we will be open to encounter Jesus in the needs of our children, elderly, broken and the poor.

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



Prayer

Dear Lord, we pray that we will embrace fully the message of your kingdom. Wherever possible, may we be instruments of your love and your message to a waiting world. Enable us to remove all those things that hinder us entering into a new way of life. Amen.

Voices of Faith

The Needle's Eye

Standing tall the ancient wall
Protects Her city
Jerusalem, a city strongly compact
Home of the Temple
The Dwelling place of God.

Contained within these city walls
Are those chosen by God to be His People
Seekers of the mysteries
That will bring them
Closer to His heart

Her walls protect the People
Of the Covenant
From their enemies
Who hold not to the just commandments
The dream of the Lord

Narrow openings in solid walls
Allow ancient merchants to pass through
Unloading their beasts of burden
From camel's back
Food to feed and nourish, treasure enticing to the eye

But nothing compares to the treasure
To be discovered inside Temple dwelling
The Divine Presence of God quietly discerned
Instilling love and mercy, forgiveness and peace, light and hope
Within the depths of the heart



And so, the heavenly Jerusalem quietly awaits man
Through the journey of time and space
Its walls stand tall, but narrow is the gate
Man takes not his beast of burden, nor his treasure
To the needle's eye, gateway to hallowed place

The Word of God is living and effective
Teaching man to unburden himself of the load
That prevents him to enter into heavenly abode
Money and possessions he needs not
Selfishness and pride he carries not

Instead, man takes himself to needle's eye
With life's journey traced upon his soul
Deep within him is the light of truth
Love unconditional casts off unnecessary burdens
Carrying him safely through

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

*image: Needles Eye Tunnel on South Dakota Highway 87
source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Creative_Commons_Little_Mountain_5*

Faith Formation

2015-2016 School Year

High School Faith Formation Confirmation Class

If you have a high school age student seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the Faith Formation office for more details. Students must be at least 15 years of age and in the 10th Grade, with 2 years of Faith Formation. Our next class meets this weekend on Sunday, October 11 from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the Claussen Center.



OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 11 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class 9:30-10:45 a.m.
High School Confirmation Class 6:15-7:30 p.m.
 - 14 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class 5:45-7:00 p.m.
 - 18 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class 9:30-10:45 a.m.
 - 21 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class 5:45-7:00 p.m.
 - 25 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class 9:30-10:45 a.m.
High School Confirmation Class 6:15-7:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays 5:15-5:45 p.m.

Faith Formation Office Hours

Please note the change in office hours.

Mondays: 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. (on days of Faith Formation Class only)

Fridays: 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Sundays: 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. (on days of Faith Formation Class only)

High School Confirmation Preparation Program

6:15 - 7:30 p.m. on Sundays
2015-2016 Confirmation Calendar
Grades 9 - 12

Following is our Faith Formation Calendar for our students Grades 9-12 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 School Year. Whether you are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation or you have already received the sacrament and want to learn more about your faith, you are welcome! **High School students will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. on the dates listed below.**

OCTOBER 2015

- Sunday, October 11: Confirmation #2 Class
- Sunday, October 25: Confirmation #3 Class

NOVEMBER 2015

- Sunday, November 1: Confirmation #4 Class
- Sunday, November 15: Confirmation #5 Class

DECEMBER 2015

- Sunday, December 13:
Confirmation Class #6

JANUARY 2016

- Sunday, January 10: Confirmation Class #7
- Sunday, January 31: Confirmation Class #8

FEBRUARY 2016

- Sunday, February 7: Confirmation #9 Class
- Sunday, February 28:
Confirmation #10 Class

MARCH 2016

- Sunday, March 6: Confirmation #11 Class
- Sunday, March 13: Confirmation #12 Class

APRIL 2016

- Sunday, April 3: Confirmation #13 Class
- Sunday, April 17: Confirmation #14 Class

****Confirmation Date and Location To Be Determined**

****Sunday Confirmation Classes:**

Grades 9-12, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. (14 Select Sundays)

Faith Formation

2015-2016 School Year

Sacrament Update: First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion: Enrollment Mass November 1

For those children receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year, the Enrollment Mass will be on Sunday, November 1 at the 11:15 a.m. Mass. These students will sit together with their class and receive a special blessing and pin to mark the beginning of their preparation for the sacraments.

Please plan to attend if your child is receiving their sacraments this school year.

A LOOK AHEAD

Faith Formation Safe Environment Training for Children

October 25 ~ During regular
Sunday Class

October 28 ~ During regular
Wednesday Class

More details coming soon!

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Gear Up For YOUTH RALLY 2015 Saturday, November 21

DIOCESE OF VENICE

2015 YOUTH RALLY

"BE A LIGHT OF MERCY FOR CHRIST!"

Doug Barry

Fr. Leo Patalinghug

Megan Mastroianni

music by Jon Niven Band

Mass with Bishop Frank J. Dewane

SAT. NOV. 21, 12PM-8:30PM

\$20 (INCLUDES DINNER)

CHARLOTTE HARBOR EVENT AND CONFERENCE CENTER | 75 TAYLOR ST., PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950

#DOVYOUTHRALLY   

ALL 7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED. REGISTRATION IS ONLY THROUGH YOUR LOCAL PARISH YOUTH GROUP, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM, OR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

More travel details to follow!

***We Celebrate World Mission
Sunday Next Weekend
on October 18***



September, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
On October 18 Catholics throughout the world celebrate World Mission Sunday. This special day has been celebrated every year since 1926 and on that day Catholics are asked to reflect on the Church's missionary efforts. We do this through prayer, personal evangelization, and, equally important, through our generosity toward others who work in the mission field.

Pope Francis reminds us, "Mission is a passion for Jesus and at the same time a passion for his people." On this Sunday we are reminded of our baptismal call to be "missionaries" in a spirit of love through our prayers as well as our support so that we too may share our passion for the gift of faith, especially with those less fortunate.

In the Diocese of Venice, the World Mission Sunday collection takes place the weekend of October 17-18. The funds collected will be used in assisting the poor in the formation of catechists and lay leaders, building health facilities, providing emergency aid, educating seminarians, building mission chapels, and much more.

The celebration of World Mission Sunday provides Catholics the opportunity to unite with their missionary brothers and sisters, particularly those in the poorest part of the world, and to support the good work that they do, oftentimes under difficult and dangerous circumstances. Please know of my gratitude for your generosity and your prayers for missionaries.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

MARRIAGE DAY OF RENEWAL

*Remembering when and how you said "I do"
A day to Recharge, Renew and Restore.*

*Saturday, October 24, beginning at 1:30 p.m.
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church*

*Mass with renewal of vows at 6:30 p.m.
followed by dinner.*

*Childcare will not be provided,
but nursing infants are welcome.*

*Save the date and reserve your spot now
by going to SJECC.com
(239) 566-8740*

\$40 per couple

"Keep Christ in Christmas"

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

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the sale again this year with cards designed to emphasize the real meaning of Christmas. There will be a

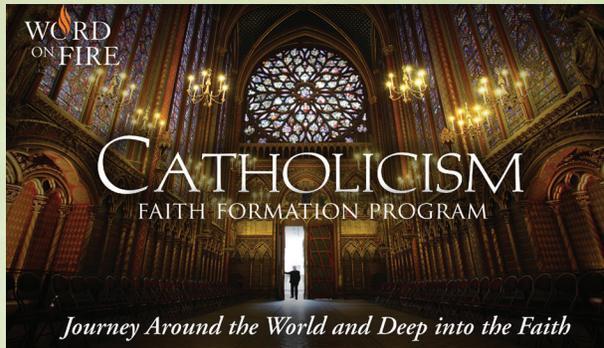
large assortment of cards available after each Mass in front of the church.



Buy early to get the best selection.

Adult Faith Formation

& RCIA



Being Catholic

Over the past two weeks, seven additional parishioners have joined the journey across our planet to see how the Catholic Church's influence on humanity has created a truly global culture. They are viewing the Documentary Film Series, **CATHOLICISM**, which displays the artistic and architectural splendor of the Catholic Faith interpreted in light of the mystery of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU TO JOIN THIS JOURNEY. 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.**

This week we will explore the Ineffable Mystery of God in which Bishop Barron considers St Anselm's description of God as "that than which nothing greater can be thought," and goes on to explain St. Thomas Aquinas' arguments which support the claim that God truly exists. He also speaks from the Catholic tradition about the nature of God and the challenging question of evil and the existence of God.

To provide a vision of the ineffable majesty and mystery of God, you will travel to the heights of the Sinai desert and make your way to mysterious Istanbul, walk the glittering streets of Paris and then be captivated by the glories of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

Remember you are invited to come to one of the sessions next Thursday to try it out; no obligation.

Becoming Catholic

The Inquiry process continues for adults who have been attracted to the Catholic Church and desire to consider the possibility of becoming Catholic. God's invitation is open to all, and, as expected, additional people have joined those gathering on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Center. Remember Inquiry entails no commitment to become Catholic, and there is no expectation that everyone will do so.

This week we will explore The Bible, God's loving communication with each of us. Learn what we mean when we say the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit, and the Catholic approach to correctly interpreting Scripture.

Each session begins with beautifully crafted presentations, using state-of-the-art video, by a team of dynamic teachers who provide a clear and comprehensive explanation of the Catholic faith. Then the information is discussed to enhance understanding and enable the information to be applied to living a life of faith.

The RCIA process is for those who have not been baptized, those baptized in another Christian tradition, and those baptized Catholic but not catechized. A special preparation program for adult baptized Catholics who have not been confirmed will be offered in the spring.

More information about any of these programs can be obtained by contacting Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator. Call 239.566.8740, ext. 3918 or email jack@sjecc.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Seven-Week Grief Support Sessions Begin October 13

Grief support sessions will resume on Tuesday, October 13 at 10:00 a.m. in room 1 of the Parish Life Center for seven consecutive Tuesdays: October 13, 20, 27 and November 3, 10, 17 and 24.

The sessions are open to anyone grieving the death of a loved one no matter the time involved. Healing comes from sharing grief with others who are enduring similar separation. If grief is affecting your life, we hope you will take advantage of sharing your story with others who can understand your feelings.

No reservations are necessary. For further information call Dee at 594.7193.

Wedding Banns

First announcement between
Tracy Lopresto & Christian Hemrick
Kate Pelak & Edward Flynn
Melissa White & Aaron Ruff





Faith and Wine

Thursday, October 22, 2015
6:30-8:30 PM (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

featuring
Sister Maria Catherine, OP

Ladies, are you ready for another great speaker? Well, **Sister Maria Catherine, O.P.** is a perpetually professed member of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. She is fresh from teaching high school English in San Francisco, and she is beginning her Masters in Theology at Ave Maria University. Her talk on finding an abundance of God's Mercy in confession is not to be missed! So, pre-register NOW at www.faithandwine.com.

“. . . The Light Grew Steadily Stronger: Encounters with God's Mercy”



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

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

Contemporary Night Menu

Appetizer Display:

Artisan Cheese Displays

Pecorino Romano Meatballs

Buffet:

Oak Fired Chicken Marsala • Penne with Broccoli

Agljo Olio • Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes • French

Ratatouille • Walnut Gorgonzola Spring Blend

Salad • Chef's Bread Assortment • Black Forrest

Desserts Shooters

Cost: \$20 prepay • NO WALK-INS!

Please prepay for this event no later than noon on **October 10**, by going to www.faithandwine.com (using Paypal) or dropping off your check made payable to “Faith and Wine, Inc.” to the St. John parish office. Or you can mail (**postmarked before October 16**) your check to Kathleen Millard at 1937 Crestview Way Unit 172; Naples, FL. 34119

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

SAVE THE DATES: Mark your calendar now for the remaining Faith and Wine Dates: November 19, 2015; January 28, 2016; February 25, 2016; March 31, 2016 and Missions Fair June 2016.

Go to www.FaithandWine.com to learn more!

Divine Gift Boutique Coupon

Bring this coupon in for 20% off your fall purchase.

Offer expires
October 11, 2015



ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



OPEN HOUSE!

Parents and Students
Sunday, October 25, 3-5 PM

Register online at www.sjnceltics.org
or call Admissions Director Mrs. Betsi Jones
at 239.455.3044 x201

Tour the facilities, meet with administrators, instructors, and, most important, our impressive students.

3000 53rd St SW Naples, FL 34116

Building Leaders with Faith, Intelligence, Integrity, and Service



Oktoberfest Festival

Saturday, October 3, 2015



Thank you to all of our Oktoberfest sponsors. We will include a list of our sponsors in next week's bulletin.



St. John the Evangelist Men's Club

SOCK HOP

Friday, November 13, 2015

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM



MUSIC featuring

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



Tickets \$10.00 per person
cash only at the door.

*Enjoy a great
dance event!*

Cash Bar:

Water & Soda - \$1.00
Beer - \$2.00 per 12oz.cup, \$7.00 per pitcher
Wine & Mixed Drinks \$3.00

Have fun with a 50/50 raffle