

October 4, 2015
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Ladies of Charity would like to thank all our parishioners for always supporting our needs in helping our community. For our summer food collection in January/February 2015 we collected over \$6,000 and were able to distribute \$2,000 to each of our local food banks, namely, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Matthew's House and Guadalupe Social Services.

All of your donations went towards "stocking the shelves" during their summer months, which is the most difficult time each year.

This marked our fifth year doing a monetary collection and now we have moved on to something new!

We will be supporting the "Food Bag Program — "A Simple Gesture", which was first mentioned in our bulletin this past summer. Our ladies will be at Saint John the Evangelist during the Masses next weekend, October 10 and 11, to hand you a "Blue Bag". These bags will have all items of need listed on the tag as well as the date to be returned (every other month). The Ladies of Charity will call a week before the food is to be returned to remind you of the date. This is just another way to help our community and have those shelves filled every month of the year.

Please check the table out in front of the church to sign up and help those in need. It is what we are called to do — To Serve.

*text submitted by Marie Elaina Mullin
 Ladies of Charity*

Photos (top clockwise): Ladies of Charity will hand out "A Simple Gesture" bags next weekend. Over the summer they presented \$2,000 checks for the food banks at St. Vincent de Paul, Guadalupe Social Services and St. Matthew's House.



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 www.SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com • E-mail: info@SaintJohnTheEvangelist.com
 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.



Scan this tag with your smartphone to view our mobile website.

Mass for Deceased (+) and Special Intentions Requested by

October 3, 2015	Saturday		
8:00 AM	+	Jayne Tansey	Dorothy Daly
		Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	
3:00 PM	+	Ozzie D'Addario	Janet D'Addario
5:00 PM	+	Herbert Monschau	Neighbor & Friend
October 4, 2015	Sunday		
7:00 AM	+	Esther DeFrancesca	Peter DeFrancesca
9:00 AM	+	Lucretia Biasi	Jim & Darlene Follese
11:00 AM		For Our Parishioners	
1:00 PM	+	Sharon McCarthy	Joseph McCarthy
5:00 PM	+	Marie Reilly	Rosemary & Mike Rich
October 5, 2015	Monday		
8:30 AM		Patricia McIntyre	Pat & Henry Johnson
October 6, 2015	Tuesday		
8:30 AM	+	Loretta Malopy	Marianne Squire
October 7, 2015	Wednesday		
8:30 AM	+	Martin Welzmuller	Bob & Kathy Sims
October 8, 2015	Thursday		
8:30 AM	+	Carl Jerome Roeser	Linda Sherman
October 9, 2015	Friday		
8:30 AM	+	Sibille & Peter Koppenburg	Helene Horsten
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

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.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

Sunday, October 4, 2015

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday

Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

Monday, October 5, 2015

Simhat Torah (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Jon 1:1 – 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Our Lady of the Rosary

Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 9, 2015

St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

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

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

Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

Monday, October 5 10:00 AM Aristocrat

For an increase in vocations to Sisters of St. Joseph
req. by Sisters of St. Joseph

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...

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Campaign Corner

October 4, 2015

“Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves.”

— Pope Francis

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

Simple Ways to Give: Bequests

With the generosity and engagement of our Parish Family, we are beginning to plan the groundbreaking for the Life Center and efforts for our Capital Campaign, **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past**. Many understand the vision of our parish for the future engagement of the Catholics and Community here in Naples. Others recognize the needs we have with our current programs and buildings. Each comes to their own prayerful consideration and has made this campaign a wild success already. There are some who are still determining ways to become involved. We will showcase a few ways for those who are interested in participating.

A bequest is a legacy you are leaving behind after you pass on from this world. It is an act of giving placed in a will or trust that provides from your estate to the church. It is considered a pledge, and if you so choose to do so, please fill out the Pledge Card below. In fact, just this week, St. John received over \$150,000 in a single donation to our Capital Campaign from a bequest. Below is the official language you would need to put in your will or trust from the Diocese of Venice:

I bequeath the sum of \$ _____ or _____ % of the residue of my estate to Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, whose principal office is located at 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice FL 34285, for the benefit of the Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church Capital Campaign.

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.

For Office Use Only	
TOTAL GIFT:	\$ _____
PAID HEREWITH:	\$ _____
BALANCE:	\$ _____

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BUILD OUR FUTURE - SERVE OUR PAST CAMPAIGN

OCTOBER 4, 2015 ~ TWENTY-SEVENTH 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
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Tricia Schwarz

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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: 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 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 3 & 4

Readings:	760
Entrance Hymn:	337 Sing a New Song
Preparation Hymn:	443 Be Not Afraid
Communion Hymn:	230 One Bread, One Body
	516 Prayer of St. Francis
Closing Hymn:	576 God's Blessing Sends Us Forth

Choral Anthems at 9 & 11 AM Masses

Prelude	Praise His Holy Name	<i>Keith Hampton</i>
Communion	The Lord Bless You and Keep You	<i>Peter Lutkin</i>

ANTIPHONS for WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, October 5: Monday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Est 4: 17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord
of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. You will rescue my life from the pit, O Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. 1 Cor 10: 17*

Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

Tuesday, October 6: Tuesday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Est 4: 17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord
of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Lam 3: 25*

The LORD is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

Wednesday, October 7: Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Lk 1: 28, 42*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, you are merciful and gracious.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Lk 1: 31*

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name Jesus.

Thursday, October 8: Thursday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Est 4: 17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord
of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. 1 Cor 10: 17*

Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

Friday, October 9: Friday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Est 4: 17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord
of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord will judge the world with justice.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Lam 3: 25*

The LORD is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

Saturday, October 10: Saturday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Est 4: 17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord
of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Rejoice in the Lord, you just!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. 1 Cor 10: 17*

Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

by Jean-Paul Boucher

General Manager

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#ToKnow – Field Hospital Church: Directive from Pope Francis for the Behavior and Focus of the Catholic Church

How many of you have ever watched the television show, M*A*S*H? I was always taken with that show, a mix of comedy, intense drama, and a group of very different people with different ideas, all working together to save lives on the front lines of a war zone. That show, the flawed but loving characters, and most importantly, the mission of true field hospitals (and the brave real-world men and women who saved so many of our soldiers) has been etched in my soul, especially after this past week’s World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. We were called to make the Catholic Church a “Field Hospital” by bishops and cardinals during the meetings, illustrating the direct action we are expected to take as Catholics in the world around us. We are not supposed to shut ourselves off from the world, but focus on healing it.

But, what does being a field hospital mean? To me, I look back at Pope Francis’ first thoughts on the Catholic field hospital:

The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds. ... And you have to start from the ground up.

– Pope Francis 9/19/13

Catholic Churches, and our Parish Family in particular, must focus on the love and joyous nature of our faith to be ready to welcome, heal, and enliven those around us, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Instead of acting like a large medical hospital, with so many forms, procedures, and lots of “no, we don’t do that”, we need to be the field hospital, taking in all, understanding their unique and deep wounds and gifts (Cura Personalis, for those of you keeping track). We need our faith to warm and care for everyone, even people we do not agree with. We also must work together as a team to make this happen. There is no “hot shot” doctor who can save someone all by themselves.

And we need to be a field hospital in a happy and bright way. Cardinal Tagle of Manila was one of the keynote speakers at the World Meeting of Family and he hit on this topic several times (EWTN has the video at: <http://bcove.me/gy7mivjr> about 28 minutes



into the link). How can we have a chance to heal someone if they get a grumpy face or a bunch of paperwork as the first thing they see when they are coming to our church, potentially in deep pain? In particular, Cardinal Tagle says:

Infuse the field hospital with hope. We cannot be healers if we look desperate. – Cardinal Tagle 9/28/15

Let’s all head the call of our church to renew our Mission as a Field Hospital with love, joy, and acceptance.

#ToKnow, #ToLove, #ToServe – Ministry Spotlight: Knights of Columbus

There are dozens of groups and ways the Parish Family of St. John can get involved in our Mission: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God. Ministries are active groups that dedicate themselves to these efforts in the name of St. John and the Catholic Church. As part of an on-going series, we want to spotlight some of these ministries for their efforts and to educate you all on what they are up to and how you could join them.

Our first Ministry Spotlight is on the Knights of Columbus. The KoC is a Ministry of St. John focused on service to the community. Originally started in Connecticut by a priest looking to help the widows of Industrial Age immigrants who were left unable to support their families (isn’t it amazing that the same issue still occurs here in the U.S. today?) by banding the men of the community together to support those families. It has grown to over 1.8 million members in many countries around the world.



If you are looking for a way to get involved in service to the Naples and larger community, there is no better way at St. John than to join the Knights of Columbus. From the tens of thousands of dollars raised for the soup kitchens and food pantries, to running our upcoming Thanksgiving in the Park program, feeding the community of Immokalee, to supporting our veterans with electric wheelchairs and the Honor Guard, this ministry is alive with action. They also know how to have a good time, as seen at the recent Doo Whop Night and this weekend’s Oktoberfest. Please contact Grand Knight Scott Schwarz at scott@kocouncil11281.org to learn more about this organization and how you can join.

Respect Life Month:

Every Life Is Worth Living

Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's Love.

Experiencing suffering – or watching another suffer – is one of the hardest human experiences. But we are not alone. Christ experienced suffering more deeply than we can comprehend, and our own suffering can be meaningful when we unite it with His.

Jesus is with us every step of the way, giving us the grace we need.

Please join us in praying the Rosary for Life immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Memorial Garden.

Please join us on the Life Chain 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. on U.S. 41 and Immokalee Rd. Signs can be picked up at our table after the Masses or on site at Wells Fargo Bank.

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Runs Through November 1; Prayer Walk Thursday, October 8

The fall campaign for 40 Days for Life began September 23 and runs to November 1 in Sarasota and Fort Myers as well as hundreds of cities across the country and around the world. Join in praying and witnessing for life by signing up on your parish's days or register directly online at www.40daysforlife.com/sarasota or www.40daysforlife.com/fortmyers. (See page 18 for info on Fort Myers Prayer Walk.)

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

We will follow the winter Mass schedule until May, 2015.

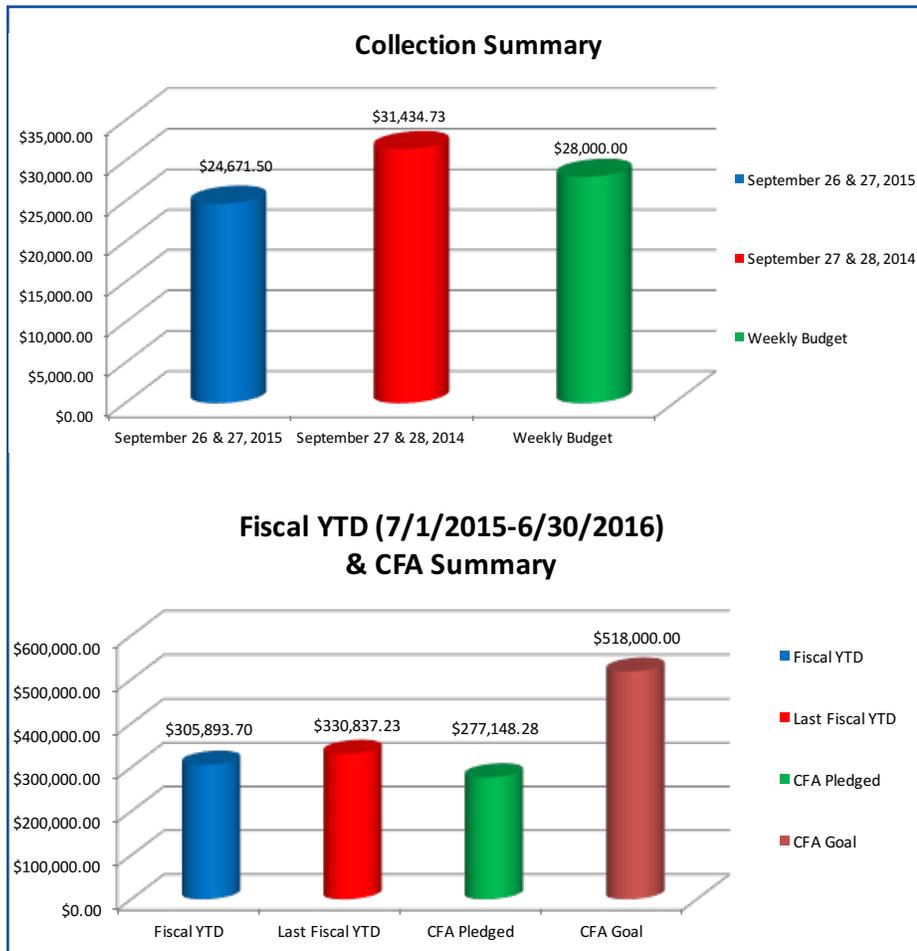
Trunk-or-Treat Returns Friday, October 23

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!



Participants from 2014 Trunk or Treat.

Altar Servers:

Jean-Paul Boucher
 jp@saintjohntheevangelist.com

Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay Sanfelippo 949.7122

Eucharistic Ministry

Nace Baier *EMMinistry@sjecc.com*

Homebound

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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:

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 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. 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:

Stephen Golia, Jr. and Randall G. Grimes

May they rest in eternal peace.

AJM

Rich Annunizata

Fernando Ardila

Tomas Ardila

Patty Barry

Richard Becker

Jimmy Bee

Margie Benefico

Barbara Berg

Linda Berry

Jamie Boas

Kathleen Bradach

Vicki Brenner

Carol Brooks

John Brooks

Ron Caiazza

Nancy Campbell

Steve Caputo

Richard Caye

Frank Ciccarelli

Sam Comeriato

Richard Corcoran

Susan Culey

Vivian Daleo

Anthony

D'Antuono

Chuck Dee

Rick Derkman

Jim Diamante

Julie Dieter

Al DiMenna

Lauren Di'Orio

Leon Doughty

Amanda Duffy

Marsha Embaugh

AnnMarie Esposito

Dr. Steve Evans

FB

Carolyn Felner

May Flanagan

Donna Flynn

Anna Focht

Rois Maire Ni

Gabann

Dick Gaepel

Edward Gaynor

Cathy Gelharr

Michael Getty

Frank Glavanovits

Golia Fmily

Thomas Greene

Laura Harbrough

Cindy Harold

Brad Harriet

Reg Hart

Harriet Hayes

Mary Haynes

Judy Hemond

Richard Henning

Gerard Heyen

Mary Kay Hoban

Charlotte Hollohan

Donald Howe

JMG

Maria Joyce

Dawn June

Charleen Kasabian

Chester T. Kauffman

Sean Keating

Delores Kernochan

Kevin Kincaid

Bill Kinchla

Pat Kirk

Katie, Johnathan and

Hebert Kovacevic

Jim Krauser Family

Josephine Lancia

Joan Lane

Ruth Lang

Ray & Joan LaPointe

Lindsay Lavery

Diane Leahy

Dan & Louise

LeBlanc

Ned Leibig

Mary Lenick

Rosemarie Lopez

Lillian Luchini

Margie Lynch

Pat M

Jeanne Macari

Julia Maciocia

Joan Maier

Jeanne Majeske

Katherine

Malatespa

Lynne Malpeli

Maria and Family

Ann Maniuszko

Margaret Mary

Marsh

Barbara McCabe

Kevin McDonagh

Simone McGaffee

Mary McKay

Carolyn McNichols

Robert Metro

Nancy Mitchell

James Murphy

Paige Nelson

Roger Nottmeier

Gloria Oliver

George O'Hara

Emma O'Rourke

Maryla Panagos

Joe Pohrer

Richard Pratt

Alice Qualls

Matthew Quinn

Linda Reilly

Aurelia Rein

Ellen Roberts

Debbie Scariati

Isolde Scherer

Joanne & Edwin

Schnackenberg

Don Selinga

Melinda Shannon

Jane & Bob

Shengulet

Teresa Shengulet

John Smith

Winnie Smith

Nancy Stewart

Susan Stokes

Jeannie Stoll

Kathy & David

Struble

Pat Sutter

Joanmarie Switalski

Rita Taranto

Marilyn Taylor

Joseph

Tomaszewski

Jennifer Toth

Patricia Trapnell

Pat Velasquez

Lena Vittolo

Anne W

Patti Wakim

Wardein Family

Tom Wood

Bob Wright

John & Mary Yotis

Helen Zaks

Ed Zerrer

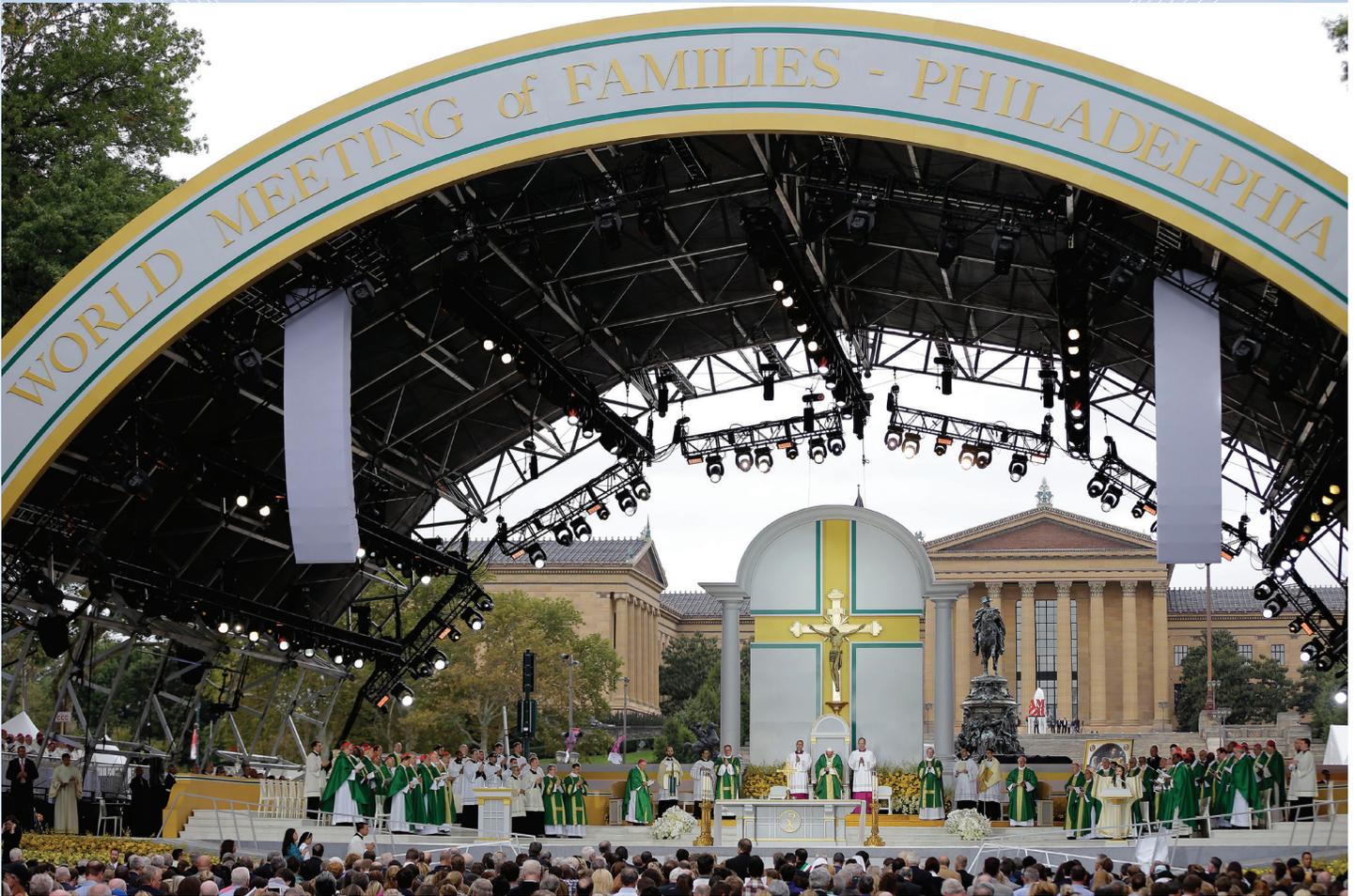
Fr. Casimir Zielinski

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

OCTOBER 4, 2015 ~ TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PAPAL MASS, September 27, 2015, Philadelphia



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Pope Francis reminded us all in his Homily that we are all doing good in God's name and so we are all a family. With small gestures, we show our love for each other and make the world a better place together, so he asked us to be kind and generous. Our group certainly became a family over this past week, and we are looking forward to bringing the passion, collaboration, and sheer joy of the World Meeting of Families back to St. John to continue to renew our Parish Family and our Mission!

—Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager

“Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive”

St. John Participants React to World Meeting of Family and Papal Experience



Children and families with Bishop Dewane

Visually seeing Pope Francis drive by was incredible. I couldn't stop smiling and the sense of clarity that it gave me was amazing. Sharing the moment with my family was a life changer... As a family we learned a lot about ourselves, but the most important message dealt with the community and Parish as the “family”. St. John is a “family” and we all should be there to pick one another up in times of need and offer understanding in times of despair.

My kids LOVED it! What an experience to meet nuns, bishops, archbishops and cardinals from all over the world. They were all very outgoing with the kids; stopping, shaking hands and getting down to their level to talk to them. Carter is obsessed with the world map so he was always excited to read everyone's name tag to see where they traveled from. The Youth Congress was a lot like Vacation Bible School, lots of different activities each day.

Both of my boys still talk about making the Ready to Eats meals for the less fortunate and painting a portion of the mural that will be put up in Philadelphia to commemorate the World Meeting of Families. It will (most likely) beat the *Guinness Book of World Records* for the largest number of people helping to “paint by number.” Our “Flat Francis” was a big hit with so many people; he was with us every step of the way.

— Karen Beebe



Putting together Meals Ready to Eat

Love. Love was Pope Francis' message, and for at least one week in September it reigned supreme. Love was in the air. Hopefully, it can last.

— Pat Bernetich

We were gathered as a community at the World Mass — committed to the Lord. How powerful is that! Unbelievable experiences and opportunities to meet people from all over the world. We are family! — Kathy Mooney

For me personally, the trip was a wonderful, memory-filled and life-altering healing experience that I feel blessed to have been part of.

— Beth Lucci



Putting together Meals Ready to Eat

One of my favorite things to do on the trip to Philadelphia was to make 30,000 MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) to help stop hunger in Africa.

— Carter Beebe

My favorite thing about traveling to Philadelphia was to see the Pope at the Festival of Families on Saturday. — Jackson Beebe

I thought that the World Meeting of Families was a great opportunity. The best part about the trip was seeing the Pope and hearing his Mass. — Jack Boucher



Painting mural by numbers commemorating the World Meeting

The opportunity to engage the future of the Catholic Church with action, prayer, and excitement was unparalleled this past week. From feeding the hungry in Africa with CRS, to building the “Field Hospital” that is the Catholic Church, focused on healing and love, with bishops, cardinals, sisters, brothers, deacons, priests, and yes, the Pope, awakens us all to our Mission. Seeing the tears of joy in the eyes of our children and our elders at the same moment summed up our trip when the Pope Jeep traveled by us. — Jean-Paul Boucher

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid Sunday, October 4, 2015: the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Strength will rise as we wait up - on the Lord, we will wait
up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord. Our God,
You reign for - ev - er. Our Hope,
our strong De - liv - 'rer
You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev -
er - last - ing God You do not faint, You
won't grow wea - ry You're the de - fend - er of the weak,
You com - fort those in need. You lift
us up on wings like ea - gles. ea - gles.

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

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Response (cf. v. 5)

May the Lord bless us, may the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Gospel Acclamation • *The Mass of St. John the Evangelist*

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

Your Love Is Extravagant Darrell Evans CCLI Song #2612711 © 1998 Integrity's Hosanna!

Verse 1) Your love is extravagant
Your friendship, intimate
I find I'm moving to the rhythms of your grace
Your fragrance is intoxicating in our secret place
Your love is extravagant

Chorus) Spread wide in the arms of Christ
is the love that conquers sin
No greater love have I ever known
You consider me a friend
Capture my heart again (repeat)

Refrain



Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -
- f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -
- f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.

Verses



1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the peo - ple
2. We are the hands of ___ Christ reach-ing out to those in
3. So let your love shine _ on, let it shine for all to
1. see _ the love of ___ God in you and me.
2. need, _ the face of ___ God for all to see.
3. see. ___ ‡ Go make a dif - f'rence in the world. ___



1. We are the light of the world, _ not to be hid - den but be
2. We are the spir - it of hope; ___ ‡ we are the voice of
3. ___ And the spir - it of Christ ___ will be with us as we

to Refrain



1. seen. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
2. peace. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
3. go. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.

The Word & Life

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

Sacred Scripture and The Moral Code

The experience of today's gospel questions Jesus in where he stands in relation to the problematic questions of the moral law. The Pharisees were hoping that Jesus would err in his understanding of the Mosaic tradition. Jesus' response does two things for the listeners of his day. Firstly, he affirms the tradition of the prophets and upholds the laws regarding marriage. Secondly, he challenges the Pharisees to recognize the importance of commitment. The reason for this challenge was due to a loophole in the law which would permit Jewish men to divorce at will. Jesus suggests that the challenge to meet the obligations of marriage is equally the responsibility of both the man and the woman. Jesus is clearly telling us about the importance of the bond of marriage. "What God has joined, no one should separate." Jesus is not merely making a human observation, but emphasizing God's thought on the subject. He is basically pointing out the promises made in the marriage covenant are subject to the divine law.

Our world today is changing so rapidly. We are told that two out of three marriages are now ending in divorce. Children suffer as they are pulled between the tensions of those who are involved in custody battles. While some tragic and abusive marriages must ultimately end in divorce for the sake of human survival, others end due to the lack of commitment and discernment. The sacrament of marriage when taken seriously communicates the presence of Christ in the way that a couple shares in the marriage covenant. The age of communication and technology has brought us so far is so short a time. We live in a world of immediacy. People want instant results. The attention span of individuals is now becoming very short with all the distractions that the secular world has to offer. As soon as some marriages start to experience difficulty, there is often a tendency to walk away from the immediate problem and couples forget about the long term commitment they had made – "I take you, for better, for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness or in health, until death..." Movies talk to this, often gnawing away at the moral fiber of the Sacred Scriptures handed down to others, as the deceit and betrayal of married persons. There is almost a desensitization of the heartbreak of divorce when

Reflection Questions

1. What are the moral lessons in today's gospel?
2. Why does the Church uphold the dignity of marriage?
3. How does God want us to respond to broken situations?
4. What does it mean to respect all human life?
5. What do you think God's initiative is in respect for the dignity of human life?
6. What are the challenges for today's Catholics?

someone in a story finds new love, even though they have already made a commitment to be married for life.

Jesus also recognizes the dignity of a child in today's gospel. Children were not given a prominent place within the society of his day. Parents looked forward to the day when the child would grow into maturity and bring resources from the work of their hands into their home. Jesus knows that in the gift of childhood is contained the simplicity in which a child simply trusts and feels protected by his or her family. Jesus reminds his listeners that unless they become like a child (in which the child has yet to build walls and is quick to forgive), then we will be slow to enter into the kingdom of heaven which does not build obstacles between its members and which is a place of pure love.

It is always around this time of year that the Catholic Church asks us to observe "Respect Life" endeavors. We take the words of the gospel to heart in recognizing that children have a special place in the heart of God and in the life of the church. After all, it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs. Abortion can never be justified in our reasoning – our fundamental position is that God creates life, restores it, and then takes it back to Himself. The destruction of human life whether inside or outside of the womb is contrary to the very Scriptures proclaimed from the pulpit every Sunday. Abortion, euthanasia, embryonic research, capital punishment, exploitation of the poor, unjust wars, violence, and the high volume of divorce, disrespect what is precious to God. We are asked today to give witness to the very belief that all life is sacred from conception to natural death. We are asked to help single mothers and encourage them in their roles, assisting them as best we can. We are called to work for peace and justice – always defending the rights of the poor. Last, but not least, let us pray that all life will be held sacred and uphold the institution of marriage life!

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



Prayer

Lord, may we be open to your Sacred Word. Encourage us to keep the commitments that we have made in love. Let all of those who share in the sanctity of marriage be blessed in the way they live their covenant love. As the world continues to progress, we pray also for a return in our decision making process to the dignity of all human life. Amen.

Wisdom of the Fathers

"The wealth of any country is found primarily in its inhabitants. The country's future depends on them, individually and collectively, as does its capacity to work for peace. A commitment to peace is possible only in a unified society. Unity, on the other hand, is not the same as uniformity. Social cohesion requires unstinting respect for the dignity of each person and the responsible participation of all in contributing the best of their talents and abilities. The energy needed to build and consolidate peace also demands that we constantly return to the wellsprings of our humanity. Our human dignity is inseparable from the sacredness of life as the gift of the Creator. In God's plan, each person is unique and irreplaceable. A person comes into this world in a family, which is the first locus of humanization, and above all the first school of peace. To build peace, we need to look to the family, supporting it and facilitating its task, and in this way promoting an overall culture of life. The effectiveness of our commitment to peace depends on our understanding of human life. If we want peace, let us defend life! This approach leads us to reject not only war and terrorism, but every assault on innocent human life, on men and women as creatures willed by God. Wherever the truth of human nature is ignored or denied, it becomes impossible to respect that grammar which

is the natural law inscribed in the human heart (cf. *Message for the 2007 World Day of Peace*, 3). The grandeur and the *raison d'être* of each person are found in God alone. The unconditional acknowledgement of the dignity of every human being, of each one of us, and of the sacredness of human life, is linked to the responsibility which we all have before God. We must combine our efforts, then, to develop a sound vision of man, respectful

of the unity and integrity of the human person. Without this, it is impossible to build true peace."

— Pope Benedict XVI
(*Apostolic Journey to Lebanon 14-16*)



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Faith Formation

2015-2016 School Year

High School Faith Formation Confirmation Class

High School Students met on Sunday for their first Faith Formation Confirmation Class. In attendance were 35 youth who began their journey with catechists Dr. Anthony D'Agostino and Mrs. Michelle D'Agostino. Parents were given their own guide to follow along with the topics their children will be engaging in each class. Parents are asked to please take time to watch a 20-minute video online about the Confirmation Program. Here is a sample from the parent letter that went home last Sunday:

"We invite you to watch an amazing twenty-minute video in lieu of a formal parent session. It can be found at <http://confirmationstudy.com/parent-session/> Scroll to the bottom of the page and click play on the title, "Chosen Parent's Session".

*This powerful and inspiring message to Confirmation parents features **Chosen** author Chris Stefanick and presenter Fr. Mike Schmitz. After watching this session, please sign their Candidate Commitment, which can be found inside their binder."*

If you have a high school age student seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, there is still time to join this group. Please contact the Faith Formation office.



Faith Formation Office Hours

With the start of the new Faith Formation year, our office will be open to reflect those changes.

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

Wednesdays: Noon - 7:00 p.m. (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on days when there is no Faith Formation class).

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

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Music Integrated into Faith Formation Each Week

In addition to Choir rehearsals offered each Wednesday from 5:15-5:45 p.m., Tom Oram, provides 10 minutes of music to our Faith Formation children each week. Despite his very busy schedule, he manages to spend time in song with our children. The kids enjoy his fun-loving spirit as they engage in music! Thank you, Tom for bringing music to our kids! Tom also created music CDs for all of our Faith Formation classes that include parts of the Mass! This past week, kids reviewed favorite songs and motions from Vacation Bible School Summer 2015.

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.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 4 ~ Sunday Faith Formation Class 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- 7 ~ Wednesday Faith Formation Class 5:45-7:00 p.m.
- 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.

Middle School Faith Formation Program Offers Flexibility for Busy Youth

As children are very busy these days with academics, athletics and other extracurricular activities, it can be a challenge to fit one more thing into their lives. As those of you with middle schoolers know, now is the time when their formation is especially critical. At the middle school youth level we offer supportive video-based programs that are designed especially for their delicate age. If your middle school child is not currently in a program, we encourage them to join our youth. Middle School Faith Formation is offered on Sundays (9:30-10:45 a.m.) and Wednesdays (5:45-7:00 p.m.). Children may attend either day. Registration forms are available on our website at www.sjecc.com.

To preview the 7th and 8th grade program, please download the free app, *Decision Point Catholic App*. Matthew Kelly's video-based program is designed especially for those kids ages 12-16 on their path towards Confirmation. For more information, please contact the Faith Formation office.



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!

Natalie Campbell, Director of Religious Education

natalie@sjecc.com

239.566.8740, ext. 3909

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.

HAPPILY MARRIED COUPLES: Next Retreat November 13-15

Want to discover the secret to a marriage filled with love, hope, romance, and passion? You already found the way when you fell in love, were dating and were first married. Come on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and Rediscover, Renew and Refresh your love. Your hopes and dreams for "happily ever after" don't have to just be in a story book.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 13-15 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Tampa. Contact 813.270.7832 to apply or for more information about the weekend. Don't forget to ask about the reduced application rate! You may apply online at www.wwwwmetampabay.org

St. John Has New Divorced and Separated Support Group

St. John's new Divorced and Separated Support Group began in late September and meets on Wednesday evenings in Office 13 of the Claussen Center. Lhara Echevarria, a volunteer, leads the Divorced and Separated Support Group

"I am a mother of two who got divorced two years ago. It is well known that divorce is one of the most hurtful experiences that anyone can go through. However, it is my hope that if we get together we can help each other and lessen the pain. I would like to invite anyone that is going through a separation or has experienced it in the past (no matter how many years ago) to join me on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Let's be the Light of the Lord for each other. Also, I can be reached at 239.293.3694 or Lhara@sjecc.com", said Lhara.

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 SJ ECC.com
(239) 566-8740*

\$40 per couple

Ft. Myers

PRAYER Walk

FOR



Thursday, October 8, 2015



The Prayer Walk is part of 40 Days for Life which runs from September 23 to November 1.

40daysforlife.com/fortmyers
239-671-9802

8:00 a.m. - Mass with Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Celebrant, Resurrection of Our Lord Church, 8121 Cypress Lake Dr, Ft. Myers

9:00 a.m. - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for those not participating at the abortion site

9:00 a.m. - Proceed by car to Viva parking lot, 5990 Winkler Road (just north of the intersection of Winkler and College Parkway). Parking permission granted for this event only.

Prayerful procession with Bishop Dewane to abortion site, Planned Parenthood, 8595 College Parkway.

Line sidewalk along Winkler to pray rosary.

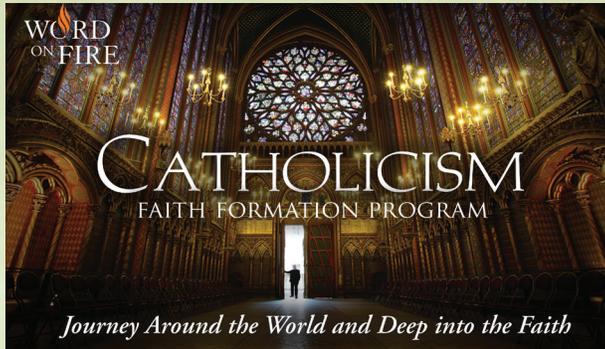
10:45 a.m. - Closing Benediction at Resurrection of Our Lord Church

In memory of more than 58 million unborn babies who have died since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions legalizing abortion for any reason.



For more information:
(941) 441-1101 or Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org
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www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife





Being Catholic

Just a week ago, Bishop Robert Barron led off the Adult Congress of the World Meeting of Families 2015 in Philadelphia with his insightful and exciting presentation, "Living as the Image of God."

Yes, this is the same Bob Barron who as a dynamic younger priest created and hosts the CATHOLICISM series that over 40 adults are watching and discussing every Thursday at Saint John the Evangelist parish.

This week the revelation of Jesus as God is accompanied by a stunning invitation to a unique new way of life, explained in the teachings of Jesus. To every generation, the words of Jesus have proven fascinating, disorienting, sometime confounding, deeply transformative, and always unforgettable.

IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU TO JOIN THIS JOURNEY. Come to the Seminar Room in 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. Just come to one of the sessions next Thursday to try it out; no obligation.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

A special preparation program for baptized Catholics who have not been confirmed will be offered in the spring. But right now this CATHOLICISM program provides a great way to revisit the foundations of our religion and better prepare for Confirmation.

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

Becoming Catholic

This week a number of adults who have been attracted to the Catholic Church began to consider the possibility of becoming Catholic. Tuesday evening they took the first step in a journey of faith.

The Opening Prayer was from Thomas Merton's **Thoughts in Solitude**. It began: "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end."

But in faith they participated in the first inquiry session, which introduced them to the God who is love, and the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

Over the next several weeks they will delve deep into the heart of the teachings of the Catholic Church and explore many of the great and beautiful mysteries of the faith. They will learn about many aspects of Catholicism.

The Catholic Faith will be presented in a sound and effective manner. Information will be delivered through beautifully crafted teaching and state-of-the-art video. Author, speaker and theologian Dr. Edward Sri leads a team of dynamic teachers who provide a clear and comprehensive explanation of the Catholic faith.

This information will then be related to life today in Naples, Florida through discussion and dialogue that will enable that information to form hearts and minds in a way that helps all to live a life of faith.

God's invitation is open to all, and it is expected that others will join in this journey; all unbaptized adults, those baptized in another Christian tradition, and those baptized Catholic who have not received the Eucharist are welcome to join the next session on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Claussen Center.

The topic for that evening will be Divine Revelation: God Seeking Us and the Compass for Our Lives. Many times religion is perceived as humanity's search for God, but Christianity is more about God's search for us.

The question for that evening is, "If God, the all-powerful Creator of the Universe, loves us, then how does He communicate with us?" The answer is not only surprising, but it also establishes an essential part of what we believe as Catholics.

Inquiry entails no commitment to become Catholic, and there is no expectation that everyone will. No reservations are necessary, but more information can be obtained by contacting Jack Kindsvater, RCIA Coordinator: call 239.566.8740, ext. 3918 or email jack@sjecc.com.

Giving Thanks for All Our Blessings

Divine Gift Boutique Offers Variety of Fall and Thanksgiving Items

We should give thanks every day for our wonderful blessings and the abundance of wealth from God. In celebration of the beautiful fall season and the blessings that we all share at the St. John parish community, we invite you to share with us the beautiful new fall merchandise that we have in the Divine Gift Boutique.



**Divine Gift
Boutique
Coupon**
Bring this coupon
in for 20% off
your fall purchase.
Offer expires October 11, 2015





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.

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

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

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



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!

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SENIORS AND OTHER MUSIC LOVERS

Join Us Next Tuesday for the **Music & Wellness Concert**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in Claussen Center

MUSIC THE BIG BANDS!

St. John and Fletcher Music Centers presents this series which showcases the music of the 40s, 50s and 60s. Join us and find out how [music can help your memory](#). For info call parishioner Carol Schrader at 947-1060.

Mark your calendar for all **Tuesday** dates in this concert series:

Claussen Center

Nov. 2, 17 and 24

Ballroom

Oct. 6

Dec. 8 Noon*

*Special Holiday Concert and Luncheon

Corporate Communion and Breakfast for the Knights of Columbus October 18

The St. John Knights of Columbus will have a Corporate Communion at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 18. As part of a membership drive, Grand Knight Scott Schwarz invites all Catholic gentlemen who are interested in becoming a Knight to join the Knights after Mass in the PLC for breakfast from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Also, the Knights of Columbus will host their annual Vocations Dinner and Dance on Friday, November 20. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will be the guest of honor this year. Next week's bulletin will have more details.

Join the St. Leo Sing-A-Long. Tuesday, October 6 at Brookdale in Bonita Springs - at 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 20 at Brookdale in North Naples - at 2:00 p.m. For more information contact Lois Boomgaard at 992.8214.

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