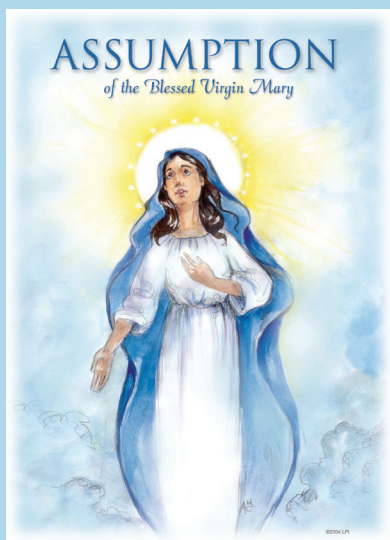


August 6, 2017
The Transfiguration of the Lord



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The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated Tuesday, August 15. Mass times for this holy day of obligation are:
 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
 Noon; 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Fr. John Offers His Contemplations on the Recent Convocation of Catholic Leaders

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Feeding the Hungry – Rewarding for Those Who Serve

As a program of Guadalupe Social Services, Catholic Charities provides free hot lunches for homeless individuals and migrant workers and their families Monday through Friday. Volunteer assistance is a critical component to the success of this beautiful ministry. Last Tuesday, volunteers including staff, families and youth of St. John served lunch to those in need at the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen in Immokalee.

The experience was a real blessing for our youth, who were out of school for the summer and had the opportunity to pitch in and help. Alongside members of our staff and adult volunteers, our High School youth tirelessly washed dishes, made drinks, served food, set tables and cleaned through two lunch seatings. Simultaneously, Jennine Fuentes shared her musical gifts as she led children in songs and motions during each seating.

Volunteering in the Soup Kitchen was truly a great joy to those we served and a rewarding experience for the young volunteers.

“Volunteering at the Soup Kitchen really puts things in perspective. We are very fortunate to live the way we do and I am so glad to have been a part of this experience,” said Andie Gonzalez.



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 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 (SI) Requested by

August 5, 2017 Saturday

8:00 AM + Dominic Sblendorio Catherine Sblendorio

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Jerome VanderHorst Wife, Julia
5:00 PM + Pearse Mullally Ann Mullally

August 6, 2017 Sunday

7:00 AM + Bud Sauer John & Maureen Wurtz
9:00 AM + Thomas Bringardner, Sr. Todd & Noreen Kendall
11:00 AM For Our Parishioners
1:00 PM + Luan Garwood Ann Mullally
5:00 PM + Michel Sanderson Jean Oudenhoven

Flowers in Memory of James MacDonald ~ Req. by Peleckis Family

August 7, 2017 Monday

8:30 AM + Mary Ann Dubois Michele Dubois Mulderrig

August 8, 2017 Tuesday

8:30 AM + Burt Model Parish Family

August 9, 2017 Wednesday

8:30 AM + Seamus P. Meehan The Murphys
6:30 PM + Leah Corken Cheryl Horbal

August 10, 2017 Thursday

8:30 AM + Marie Wienert Dick Sullivan

August 11, 2017 Friday

8:30 AM + Joseph Battista Anthony & Elizabeth Daddio

August 12, 2017 Saturday

8:00 AM + Bruce Sherman Dolores Kernochan

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Rose Coviello Sylvia & Tony DeFeo
5:00 PM + Allie Van Der Beck Ann Mullally

August 13, 2017 Sunday

7:00 AM + Robert Banfield Bill & Genny Sjostrom
9:00 AM + Thomas Boindgardner Joan Marinelli
11:00 AM For Our Parishioners
1:00 PM + James Magee Bill & Genny Sjostrom
5:00 PM + Frank Macri Kathy & Pat Ford

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, August 5, 2017

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major;
First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary
Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Sunday, August 6, 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Monday, August 7, 2017

Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time;
St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan

Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

St. Dominic

Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Nm 13:1-2, 25 – 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 10, 2017

St. Lawrence

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Friday, August 11, 2017

St. Clare

Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 12, 2017

St. Jane Frances de Chantal; Blessed Virgin Mary

Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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



FREE Nursery Care for children ages 1 to 5 available during the following Mass times: Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.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

August 6, 2017

“Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words.” — St. Ignatius of Loyola



A Capital Campaign for
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

First Catholic Church in Naples to be Blue Zone Certified

I want to thank you all for your commitment to the vision Fr. John put forth years ago. We have begun to renew our Parish Family and the larger community with our focus on persistent programs to provide for the wellness of our bodies, minds, souls, and spirits, and a new facility to make it all a reality: our new Life Center. We have begun these programs even before the building is complete, and as a result, we have become the first Catholic Church in Naples to become a Blue Zone Certified Faith-Based Organization. Through the dedication of our Adult Choir members, who assisted in gathering the needed signatures of our 25% of our Parish Family, we have met and exceeded all the requirements for Blue Zone certification.

We had the opportunity to discuss our efforts with other churches, temples, and synagogues this past week. There are two core areas that our efforts clearly showed our commitment to wellness. The first is our church's environment, where we have done everything from becoming a smoke-free campus, to ensuring there are bike racks and walking areas like our Prayer Garden, to promote healthy living. The second area is our programmatic focus on wellness, with our Zumba classes, our Farmers Market, and fun activity nights for families and individuals of all ages.

It is just the beginning, so please stay tuned for our new CYO and CAO Programs in the coming weeks. There is something for everyone and for all ages!

As we **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past**, we still need all the gifts, prayers, and support of our Parish Family to reach our Pinnacle Goals. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Lichwalla, the Campaign Coordinator at 239.495.2001 or email: campaign@sjecc.com.

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



PARISH CLERGY



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SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH*

Sacrament of Baptism. The Diocese requires that parents seeking baptism for their child attend a baptism preparation class. To schedule a baptism class, parents must be registered practicing members of St. John's for a minimum of two months. *Deborah Marsh: deb@sjecc.com*

Sacrament of Matrimony. Those who wish to be married in our parish must complete the Marriage Preparation Program. The Diocese requires a six month notice. *Tricia Schwarz: tricia@sjecc.com*

Anointing of the Sick/Funeral Arrangements. Call the parish office. If the office is closed the answering machine will provide an emergency phone number for you to reach a priest.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH REGISTRATION

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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.

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 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@sjecc.com
Thank you!

Choirs:

Gary Prettyman: gary@sjecc.com

Adult Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Residents and seasonals welcome.

Children's Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.
Grades 1-5.

Contemporary Choir of St. John the Evangelist.

Rehearsals Sundays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Grades 6-12 especially welcome.

Hospitality.

Volunteers serve light refreshments for parishioners who gather after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses for sharing, communicating and extending fellowship. If interested in helping contact *Elida Gil or Darlene Follese: prayerlist@sjecc.com or 239.566.8740*

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community.

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The Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel

Fr. John Offers His Contemplations on the Recent Convocation of Catholic Leaders

“Evangelii Gaudium” [The Joy of the Gospel], an apostolic exhortation, written by Pope Francis in 2013, was the subject of discussion for the Convocation of Catholic Leaders in Orlando from July 1 to July 4. Pope Francis has clearly called all of the Church, lay and clerics alike, to ponder how we can be proclaimers of the gospel in the midst of the modern world. This was a monumental gathering of the Church in America. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops consult with a body of lay advisers on a regular basis, asking them for their input on various topics. However, there was something different about this meeting. This was a first time for Catholics leaders to listen and converse on a plethora of topics to make sense of the gospel within the realities of life. The convocation challenged all of its participants to “Go to the Peripheries”, where we find Christ waiting for us. Bishops admitted openly that the Catholic Church has not done enough to make this a reality. The various keynote speakers said that Christ is waiting for us in the poor, the outcast, and the forgotten. They called on Catholic leaders to be missionary disciples in the important tasks to reach people on the margins of society.

The discussion points were clear and frank. Much discussion was given on the topic of embracing Spanish Speaking Catholics, African American Catholics, and Asian Catholics through the United States. Acknowledgments were made regarding ostracizing ethnic groups that live within the parish communities throughout North America. Some bishops acknowledged that diocesan offices were many times remiss in representing the varied ethnic groups in their administrative offices. There was a clear call to all of us to promote the



Bishop Edward J. Burns of Dallas speaks before the opening Mass of the “Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America” July 1 in Orlando, FL on July 1. (Catholic News Service photo/Bob Roller)

Christ is waiting for us in the poor, the outcast, and the forgotten... we need to go back to the beginning and become radical intentional disciples of Jesus. This means that we have to know Jesus and manifest his presence in the way that we deal with others. In concrete terms, it means that we follow the example of Jesus and his public ministry.



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of Catholic Leaders**
The Joy of the Gospel in America

beauty of the Gospel and Catholic Social teaching in the way that we lead our various communities. Following the example of Pope Francis in regard to the mission of mercy, we were being invited to engage ourselves in accompanying those living on the peripheries. This involves accompanying migrants, refugees, and their families as they flee poverty and try and establish a better life.

Our parishes are being challenged to offer the hospitality that Christ calls us to (Matthew 25:38, 40) by offering generosity and support to the stranger. Our ministries are to reflect such hospitality, inclusion, and solidarity. After all, the Church in its essence is universal in nature, and reflects the multiplicity of communities.

The Convocation also dealt with topics addressing violence and racism, the reality of broken families and divorce, the disconnect of the youth from the Church, the growing number of those who do not identify with any faith, the growing number of fallen away Catholics, women who feel that their voice is not being heard in the Church, the discrimination and isolation of the LGTB community, and those who sit in the pews every Sunday feeling disconnected to the Church and her mission.

So, what did I take away from this meeting? This convocation reminded all of us that we need to go back to the beginning and become radical intentional disciples of Jesus. This means that we have to know Jesus and manifest his presence in the way that we deal with others. In concrete terms, it means that we follow the example of Jesus and his public ministry. Jesus accompanied the people who lived on the peripheries of his day, that is, the poor, the broken, the blind, the crippled, the leprous, the lost, the prostitutes, the tax collectors, the drunkards and the sinners. Jesus had the ability to meet people where they were at. He was gentle, merciful, and loving with

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#ToKnow, #ToLove, #ToServe – Financial Report of Saint John the Evangelist: Income Focusing on Mission

As many of you who have glanced at my meandering contemplations on this page over the years know, I am particularly passionate about the Mission of St. John: **To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community.** It has been a driving force of mine to renew and restructure every facet of our Parish Family to focus on this mission, to enable all of us to live it in our hearts and souls with our actions. From creating and shepherding a Safe Environment without loopholes either physically (new lighting for the entire campus) or organizationally (with every Ministry committed to the safety of the constant flow of children and adults on our campus), to renewing the programmatic focus of the church to CYO and CAO, we have all worked together to achieve the vision Fr. John has laid out for us.

Nowhere is our transformation more tangibly visible than in our financial environment. Over the past 3 years, we have worked diligently to establish a transparent, efficient, and mission-focused financial organization. We have closed some loopholes, and accounted for income and expenses on efforts like the Memorial Garden. It is, quite honestly, an honor and privilege to be able to serve you with the gifts of our Parish Family, and I take this responsibility extremely seriously, as do all our clergy and staff. This week, I wanted to provide an assessment of the income of our Parish Family for Fiscal Year 2017 (from July 2016 to June 2017). Next week, we will discuss the Expenses from that same timeframe.

St. John had yet another astronomical year. The Total Income of the Parish was \$4,759,563.72. I think we all need to sit back and think about just how much good we have done with these resources. There are not many parishes in the country that have this level of resources to positively act in the interest of our faith. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have gone to feed people all around the world. Still other hundreds of thousands have gone to clothe, shelter and support people right in Naples Park next door, in Immokalee, and internationally, from Jamaica to Africa

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to the Middle East. This number includes the gifts to renew our church and develop the Life Center, taking care of our church as well. Truly, we are serving God in every way possible with the gifts of your generosity in ways directly focused on our mission.

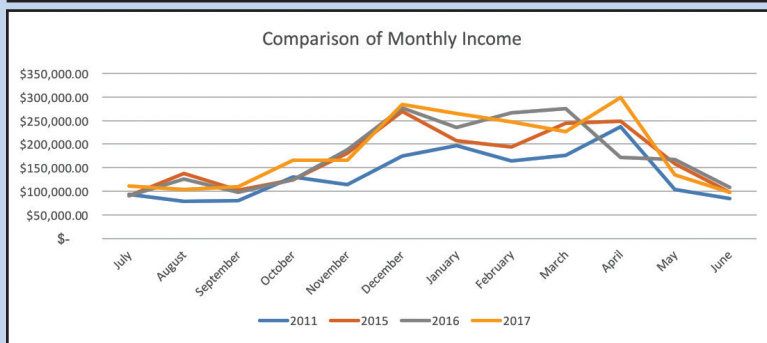
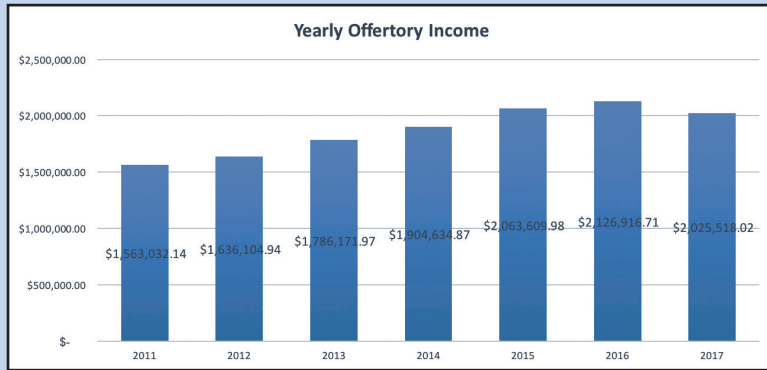
This huge number includes many facets of income for our church, including rentals, Faith Formation classes, the Capital Campaign, and most importantly, our weekly and special giving, called the Offertory. We had anticipated last year that our Offertory would be reduced by about 5% due to the Capital Campaign. We were all surprised that it actually increased 3% from 2015 to 2016. So, we again anticipated a 5% dip this year for the continued campaign gifts we have received. In FY2017, our total Offertory was \$2,025,518.02, exactly the 5% decrease from last year we were anticipating. That is completely normal when we have gathered nearly \$7 million in the past two years

for our Capital Campaign. Even with this change, we have still seen a 6% income increase since 2014, which is very impressive growth.

There are several interesting take-aways on our Offertory giving this year for me. The first is that we increased our Easter income by \$5,000 from last year, a clear illustration of larger attendance, even with the later timing of Easter. This fact, along with this chart showing the month-to-month giving over the past few years, showcases that we have much more stable income monthly, and that our Parish Family

can effectively plan our financial environment and expenses, which we will talk more about next week.

Words cannot express how blessed I feel to be on this journey with all of you and your continued gifts, prayers, support, and most importantly, your actions of joy, mercy, respect and love that are our Catholic Faith. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. God Bless you!



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those who needed comfort, healing, strength, and hope. Jesus afforded to those on the peripheries the chance for redemption and a new beginning. He said to those criticizing him for his outreach, “Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice’ (Matthew 9:13).

The example of Jesus has always spoken to me as one of Jesus’ disciples. Just as people did not measure up to the obligations of the religious Law in Jesus’ day, there are people today who fall short in the same way. Many people among us are struggling because of where life has taken them. Many people have gone through the heartbreak of divorce as a result of years of abuse or lack of love. The divorced try to pick up the pieces of their lives. Sometimes they find love in another who shows them the way in which God had intended them to be loved. There are some divorced situations that cannot be reconciled in the external forum of the Church (the annulment process) because of certain circumstances. These people find themselves in our pews invited to the Sacred Table, but feel rejected when they are told they are not permitted to receive the Sacred Meal (Communion). Many of these leave the Church. Families are broken and need support. Individuals who identify themselves as LGTB are looking for parents to accept them for who they are, and looking for support from their Church. Many feel disenfranchised by the way in which the Church deals with their situation. There are people in our community living with disabilities which the world often sees as weakness. Those with disabilities, whether they be mental or physical, are still part of our community and our parish



Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, who is vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, concelebrates the closing Mass July 4 at the Convocation of Catholic Leaders. (Catholic News Service photo/Bob Roller)

structures need to embrace them. There are people of all ages inside and outside of the Church looking for that moment of encounter with God. Somehow and in some way, the Church in her mission must reach them. People among us feel isolated because of depression or the constraints of old age. Those who are single feel awkward trying to experience fellowship in their community of faith. Migrants around us feel rejected and ostracized because of the negative press given them by sweeping generalizations. The working poor feel all alone. Many live trying to figure out what their purpose in life is, while others are content going through life with eyes wide shut. Many of our brothers and sisters live with the reality of addiction and others mental illness. Their plights normally end in court, prison, or sometimes death. In all these situations, Jesus is calling us to live intentionally as his disciples. Just as he reminded the faith community of his day, “You impose on people burdens hard to carry, but you yourselves do not lift one finger to touch them” (Luke 11:46), he reminds us too that we have a responsibility as a Church to accompany every person with our help and love.

While doctrine and dogma will remain unchanged, our pastoral vision and approaches need to change. We live in different times and are challenged by new realities. People often fall short sometimes because of choice or other times due to no fault of their own. However, we have been blessed with the advances in science, development of thought, and the reflection of faith to respond to situations in new ways. Just as Jesus reminds us that approaching God in new ways by the new wine, new wineskins concept (Matthew 9:14-17, Mark 2:21-22 and Luke 5:33-39), Pope Francis reminds all of us that how we approach the law has to change. He states, “what does this mean, that the law has changed? No!”. It means, rather, “that the law is at the service of man, that it is at the service of God, and for this reason man must have an open heart”. The attitude of those who say “this is how it’s always been done...”, in reality, is born from “a closed heart”. Instead, “Jesus told us: ‘I will send the Holy Spirit and he will lead you to the full truth’”. Thus, “if your heart is closed to the newness of the Holy Spirit, you will never reach the full truth”. Additionally, “your Christian life will be a half-and-half life, a patched up life, mended with new things but on a structure that is not open to the Lord’s voice: a closed heart, because you are not capable of changing the wineskins”. (Pope Francis, Domus Sanctae Marthae, 18 January, 2016). This ministry of accompaniment means that we approach the mission of the Church in new ways by taking a risk. It also means that we might be criticized for doing it. Nonetheless, it is what Jesus calls us to do. It requires of us an open and generous heart.

Fr. John, Pastor

PARISH COUNCILS:

Building and Grounds Council. The scope of the Buildings and Grounds Council is to provide future direction, advice, and insight for the physical plant of Saint John the Evangelist, to include all buildings, the grounds, and all utilities therein. The Council will meet quarterly to evaluate any long-term strategy planning that is required to provide such a large and complex environment with multiple purposes. *Council President: Bill Siostrom: bsjast@yahoo.com or 239.566.8314*

Finance Council. The Finance Council is an integral part of the Stewardship responsibilities of the parish. The council assists the Pastor and General Manager in their deliberation and decision-making process in order to serve the needs of the Parish in the prudent administration of its resources and funds. *Council President: Barbara Kuryea: payables1@comcast.net or 239.513.9952*

Pastoral Stewardship Council. The major responsibilities of St. John's stewardship program falls under the purview of the Pastoral Stewardship Council. The Council's mission is to create awareness of God's gifts of time, talent and treasure and to encourage their use to the best of one's ability for the good of the Parish. The Council has three major subcommittees: Hospitality, Sharing, and Time and Talent. *Council President: Rick Beebe: psc@sjecc.com or 239.597.2086*

MEET OUR MINISTRIES:

Arimatheans. Arimatheans attend funeral Masses and memorial services to provide support and compassion. *Toni Biordi: 239.597.1966.*

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 Follese: prayerlist@sjecc.com or 239.566.8740*

Companion Driving Ministry. To promote a sense of love and belonging for every member of our Parish Community by offering transportation to church services regardless of age, infirmity, marital or socioeconomic status. To sign up for a ride or to become a volunteer driver: *Beth Lucci: sjeride@gmail.com or 239.877.6254*

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. If interested in volunteering, contact *Elaine deLaurentis: elaine@sjecc.com or 239.228.3921*

Divorced and Separated Support Group.

Our mission is to become the light in the life of separated/divorced Catholics by giving them a sense of inclusion in our parish family and providing support and guidance through our shared spiritual journey. We meet Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please call for more information *Lhara Echeverria: 239.293.3694 or lhariza@yahoo.com or Beth Lucci: 239.877.6254*

Faith and Wine. Provide interesting and thought provoking speakers monthly with food and fellowship for women in the Diocese. Info: *www.faithandwine@gmail.com, or Nancy Squitieri: faithandwine@gmail.com or 239.566.8740*

Grief Support Ministry. Grief facilitators hold support groups as needed to give support to those suffering a loss. *Leo Gallagher: 239.594.1535*

Jamaica Outreach Program. JOP has been an integral part of Saint John the Evangelist since 1997. Our mission is to help the poor in Jamaica. JOP provides goods, food, medical-vision-dental services, education and basic support to improve the lives of the poor in Jamaica. We welcome new volunteers. For more info: *Jeanne Stamant: 239.248.3248 or info@jamaicaoutreach.org*

Knitting & Crocheting. Knits and crochets to benefit those in need. Make baby hats booties and blankets for babies, lap robes for nursing homes, prayer shawls, baptismal blankets and sweaters for kids. Meets year-round on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. No experience necessary. *Vicki Brenner: 239.498.9900*

Ladies of Charity. Volunteer in Immokalee schools, the Guadalupe soup kitchen and clothing bank. The Ladies also visit local nursing homes to assist residents who want to attend Mass. In addition, they are available to provide friendly visits and to perform simple errands for the elderly and homebound. Meets the second Friday of every month. **Homebound:** *Marie Elaina Mullin: 239.273.1702. To join: Carole Mancini: froglady505@gmail.com 239.370.1521*

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

Respect Life. Educates and informs the parish community on all aspects of respect life, which include the unborn, mothers who have had abortions, the elderly, mentally challenged, the physically challenged, the imprisoned,

and the terminally ill and the poor and hungry. *Rosemary Erickson: relife@aol.com or 239.250.0432*

Sewing Ministry. Meets to sew for needy children of Collier County on Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from October to May. Meets in the Youth Room of the Claussen Family Center. New members welcome. Accepts fabric, notions, monetary donations. *Phyllis Crivelli: jandpcrivelli@gmail.com or 239.594.1148 or Barbara Arthur: 239.250.4162*

St. Vincent de Paul. To help the poor, specifically people in zip codes 34108, 34109 and 34110. Members work in teams making home visits to those in need. Many times it means helping individuals with rent payment, late electrical or water bills, prescription needs and food. Meets first and third Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass. *Bill Smart: (SVdP Office): 239.775.1667*

Vocations Ministry. Vocations are a calling from God and each of us has one, from single or married life to religious life. Help the Parish Family educate and identify vocations through prayer and activities. *Marty Gautier: marty@naples.net or 239.370.4277*

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

Knights of Columbus Councils:

Knights of Columbus Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. Meets second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Knights are invited. *S/K Jim McDonald: jmc708@comcast.net or 239.947.6454*

Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281. Worldwide Catholic men's fraternal organization founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. St. John's Council provides regular financial support for our seminarians and our parish. Knights also conduct a wide variety of activities to enhance and strengthen family life in the parish. Meets first Monday of the month. Officers at 6:30 p.m.; business meeting at 7:15 p.m. Visiting Knights are welcome. *Grand Knight Ed Phelps: efpep@aol.com or 239.339.3847*

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

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

PRAYER GROUPS

Pray The Rosary & The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Carol Swank 757.559.4761

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group Patricia Bucalo: 239.248.0694

Divine Will Prayer Group Gorana Saner: 239.293.1765

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina Mondays at 5:30 p.m.: Maria Jones: 239.348.5361

Liturgy of the Hours Phyllis Gryskiewicz: After 8:30 a.m. Mass. pmgrys@aol.com

THROUGH THE DARKNESS BRING US TO THE LIGHT

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

Adam Decker

Nick Detloff

Sp. Douglas Hennessy

Staff Sgt. Brian Holmes

Marine Colonel Brian Howlett

Sgt. Larry Oldenburg - U.S. Army (Iraq)

Austin Spagnola

Note: In order to place a name on our Military Prayer List, that individual (the individual to be prayed for), must provide us with a signed release (or email-based approval) prior to the inclusion of his/her name in the printed Military Prayer List.

See the Consent Form to the right or visit our website to download a form:

<http://sjecc.com/forms>

Thank you for your understanding.

OUTREACH & OTHER GROUPS

AA. Robert: 239.287.2442

Al-Anon. Carol: 804.306.5323 and Juliette: Lysack

Narcotics Anonymous. 888.435.7301

Cursillistas. Robyn DeVille: 239.253.6275 or robyndeville@earthlink.net

Gambler's Anonymous. 1-800-ADMIT-IT

Habitat for Humanity. Kouolloheras: nick@hfhcollier.com

Mah Jong. Space Limited. Lanelle Bishop: 239.352.1860

Pinochle. Joseph DeJesus: 239.598.9865

Recovering Couples Anonymous. Britta: 239.348.5031 or Roger: 239.250.6888

PRAYER LIST

We remember those who have died recently, especially:

Johnny Hennegahn, Erik Jurczak and Patricia Trapnell

May they rest in eternal peace.

Please pray for those on our prayer list below as well as those whose names appear on our online Prayer List at <http://saintjohntheevangelist.com/ministries/prayer-list>.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by PRAYER and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. – Philippians 4:6

Mary Alligood
Kaylee B
Jean Balliro
Beagan Family
Richard Becker
Gallen Boardman
Brian Bodnar
Lori Breyman
Caeleigh Brown
Connie Cahill
Kathy Conley
Corinne & Children
Lauren Carr
Frank Comeriato
D.F.
Anthony D'Antuono
Mark DaBronzo
Donald Demski
Florence Demski
Janet Engleman
F.W.
Jim Follese
Tara Follese & Family
Jeff Gatt
George Gonser Jr.
Jayne Hagg

Gerard Heyer
Rosie Heyer
Donald Howe
Donald Hudec
Krista Leigh Kozowyk
Rene Lacoste
Jean Lydon
Diane Maloney
Margie Lynch
Maria and Family
Barbara Marsh
Donna Massee
Kevin McDonagh
J. McG
Paul McIntyre
Cynthia McLemore
Carolyn McNichols
Anne Michaels
Eileen Miner
Lorrie Morrison
Bettina Nugent
Emma O'Rourke
Ronald J. Parker
Michael Paul
Anne Perrino
Ann Petrillo

Noreen Prine
Irene Pires
Renee Rake
Ruth Rechtsteiner
Ellen Roberts
Lloyd Sample
Lisa Sanfelippo
Shelia Scaduto
Gary Schutebach
Thomas Sissman
John Smith
Avery Smithies
Nancy Stewart
William Strouse
Edward Sullivan
Rita Taranto
William J. Teplica
Isaiah Thompson
Marilyn Thyen
Helen Thornburg
JoAnn Tinevra
Lawrence A. Varone
Mike Walsman
Dan Ward
Kirsten Wills
Nancy Wise

Prayer List Consent Form

Last Updated: January 30, 2017



SAINT JOHN
the **EVANGELIST**
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Prayer List Participant: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Contact Name: _____

I understand and agree to all of the above.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parish Acknowledgement _____

General Manager Signature _____ Date _____

LET US PRAY...

AUGUST 6, 2017 ~ THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Welcome Back, Fr. Len!!!



Fr. Len (Gioeli) has returned to Naples and St. John. Ordained a priest on October 25, 2005, Fr. Len retired from full time pastoral duties last month having most recently served at St. Andrew Parish in nearby Cape Coral. Fr. Len was a Parochial Vicar here at St. John for five years (from April 21, 2010 until July 1, 2015) prior to his last assignment at St. Andrew Parish.

Though he has retired, Fr. Len will offer his pastoral services, as needed, here at St. John. In fact, this weekend he will celebrate the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, August 6.

We are happy to have you back, Fr. Len!

ENCOUNTER ON THE MOUNTAIN



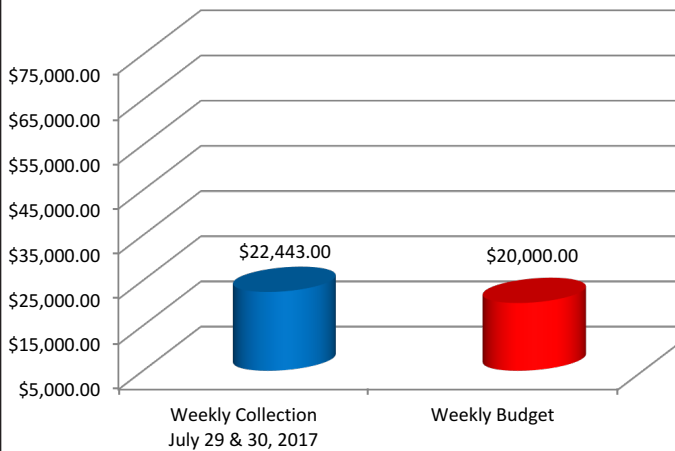
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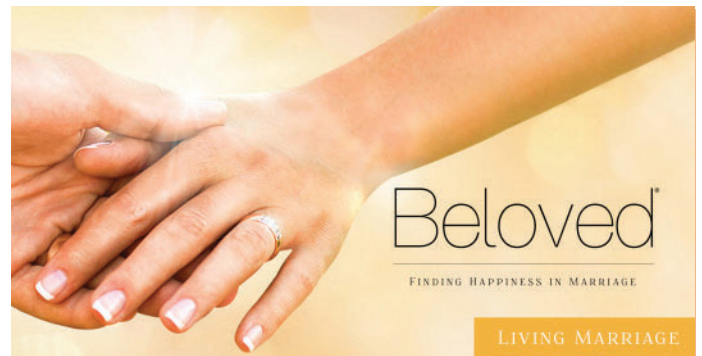
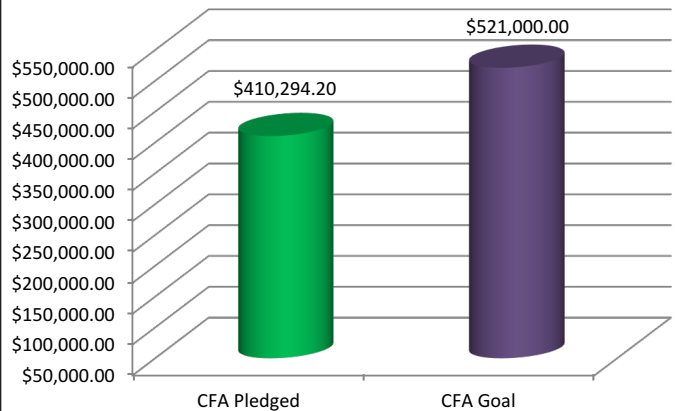
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Saturday,
September 23, 2017

- Adoration
- Confession
- Praise and Worship

Weekly Collection Summary



CFA Summary



Want to enrich your marriage and spend time with like-minded couples?

Join us for

BELOVED: LIVING MARRIAGE

A monthly, six-part series designed to help live out the day-to-day challenges of married life.

*Final session: August 26
from 7:00 -8:30 p.m.*

Nursery will be available upon request.

Please RSVP at the Parish Office at 239.566.8740.

Music for The Transfiguration of The Lord, August 5 & 6, 2017

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Prelude Hymn: 662 You Alone

Entrance Hymn: 729 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

Preparation Hymn: 195 Beautiful Savior

Communion Hymns: 361 Take and Eat

460 Eye Has Not Seen

Closing Hymn: 394 Be Thou My Vision

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, August 6, 2017: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Opening Song **Here I Am to Worship**

Martin Smith

Verse 1) Men of faith, rise up and sing
of the great and glorious King!
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your brokenness, complete (*to Chorus*)

Verse 2) Rise up, women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing power
of our awesome King of love (*to Chorus*)



Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west. Je - sus is



Sav - ior to all, Lord of heav - en and earth.

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Preparation Song **460 Eye Has Not Seen**

Communion Song **361 Take and Eat**

Closing Song **Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?** Martin Smith / Delirious? CCLI

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Verse 1) Did you feel the mountains tremble?
Did you hear the oceans roar
when the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ, the risen One?

Verse 2) Did you feel the people tremble?
Did you hear the singers roar
when the lost began to sing of
Jesus Christ, the saving One?

Pre-chorus) And we can see that,
God, you're moving,
a mighty river through the nations;
and young and old will turn to Jesus.
Fling wide, you heavenly gates:
prepare the way of the risen Lord! (*Chorus*)

CHORUS) Open up the doors and let the music play
Let the streets resound with singing!
Songs that bring your hope,
songs that bring your peace,
Dancers who dance upon injustice!

Verse 3) Do you feel the darkness tremble
when all the saints join in one song,
and all the streams flow as one river
to wash away our brokenness?

Pre-chorus 2) And here we see that,
God, you're moving;
a time of jubilee is coming,
when young and old return to Jesus.
Fling wide, you heavenly gates:
prepare the way of the risen Lord! (*Chorus*)

The Transfiguration of the Lord: Year A

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6,9

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9

The Word & Life

Lord, It Is Good That We Are Here

Today's gospel recalls the event of the Transfiguration. We are told something changed in Jesus' appearance the day in which he ascended the high mountain with Peter, James, and John. Was this a taste of what was to come in the resurrection? The Transfiguration event reveals the true nature of Jesus as God and man. The divinity of Jesus shone through his humanity and illuminated the world of the three apostles. When Moses and Elijah appeared, it was a confirmation that the consolation of Israel had finally arrived. God's voice coming forth from the cloud was the crowning of the theophany (experience of God), revealing the Father's pleasure in His Son and giving the apostles the command to listen to Jesus.

Reflection Questions

1. How do the words "transfiguration" and "transformation" relate to one another?
2. What is the significance of the presence of Moses and Elijah?
3. Why do you think Peter wants to erect three tents for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus?
4. Why are the disciples afraid when they hear the voice coming from the cloud?
5. Do you allow yourself to be transformed by the gospel?
6. How do you allow the gospel and teachings of the Church alter your life?
7. Is your life shaped by your understanding of the gospel and Church teachings? Why or why not?
8. How are you part of God's story?

The story of the Transfiguration might appear to be out of our reach. However, we are reminded today to look for Jesus' presence in society today. Hidden in the fabric of everyday life is the presence of the one who calls us to imitate him — the Lord of life with whom the Father is well pleased. We are called to listen closely to Jesus' request and pay attention to his summons in the needs of the world around us. When we are challenged to reach out to someone in our family or neighborhood, we have the opportunity to transform the broken realities that we encounter. It is then that Jesus is made manifest through us.

Our acts of love can make all things possible. Once we open ourselves to the forgiveness and healing of God in the way that we interact with one another, God is truly pleased with us.

The reality Jesus offers us is an optimistic overview of life. Jesus never makes any judgment against the sinner; rather he sees their situation as an opportunity for redemption and transformation. When he meets the disturbed, the sick, or the outcast, Jesus sees this as an occasion for God's glory to shine through the brokenness.

The Transfiguration revealed the presence and glory of God to Peter, James, and John. It is a reminder that there is a deeper reality at work in the world. The apostles were simply regular people who experienced extraordinary things. These men chose to journey with Christ by setting everything aside to follow him. In this event, Jesus' image is transfigured into the brilliance of light — a sight the apostles would recall after the resurrection. As we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, we too are invited to set aside those things which are nonessential so that may allow God to lead us to the recognition of his presence in our experience. We are also invited to “transfigure” ourselves as we give witness to our transformation through the gospel.

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



Prayer

Lord, transform our lives with the light of your presence. May we recognize you in the fabric of life. When we face the hardships in our home or in society, may we see these as opportunities to encounter you. Once we embrace this gift, let our response be to you: Lord, it is good that we are here. Amen.

Voices of Faith

“For that one moment, ‘in and out of time’,
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.”

“Transfiguration” by Malcolm Guite



**THE TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD**

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5

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Faith Formation

2017-2018 School Year

Pre-school Catechism Class Helps Children Grow Closer to God

The Saint John the Evangelist pre-school catechism class, based on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level 1 program, is about to begin its fourth year! The program will be offered to pre-schoolers ages 3-6 on Wednesday afternoons from 12:15 until 2:00 p.m. The program is under the direction of Charlotte A. Williams.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd's (CGS) religious formation of the child is rooted in the Bible and Liturgy and is founded on the educational principles of Maria Montessori. The children gather in the "atrium", which is a room prepared for them containing simple yet beautiful materials that they use to help them absorb the most essential proclamations of our Catholic faith.

One of the key principles of CGS is to "Help me (child) to grow closer to God by myself." This is done by incorporating the "work" of the child in the presentations to the child. In this approach, it helps the child to fulfill their desire to "work". Practical life activities such as pouring, hand washing, flower arranging etc... are also incorporated into the program. These activities involve concentration. Concentration in turn aids in contemplation. The goal of the catechism presentations is to foster contemplation.

The catechesis is administered through a series of presentations that have proven to be the most essential to an age group. Some of the themes include: Liturgical colors, the Altar and its articles, Advent and Christmas (Infancy narratives), the Holy Bible, The Kingdom of God Parables (the mustard seed, the merchant and pearl, the leaven) the Parable of the Good Shepherd, the Cenacle and Last Supper, Baptism, the Liturgy of Light, Easter and Pentecost. Once a child is given a presentation, the child is free to work independently and choose what he/she would like to work with.

One unique aspect of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is that adults are drawn to and nourished by many of the presentations that are given to the children, just as the children are.

Saint John the Evangelist is blessed to have Charlotte A. Williams and her faithful assistants leading this program for our preschoolers. There are still spots available for this year-long class that begins on Wednesday, September 20 and follows the 2017-2018 Faith Formation Calendar. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or may be printed online at www.sjecc.com or 239.566.8740 ext. 3909.



Oliver Martin -
Leaven Parable



Trip Stevens - Altar Matching



Jacob Barbale - Altar Area



Jaxon Wimmer -
Window Washing



David Baier -
Chasuble Work



Liv Wimmer - Chasuble Work



Noelle Martin - Baptism Area



Clara Bowles - Altar Area

2016 - 2017 class photos
submitted by
Charlotte Williams,
Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd/Atrium
Catechist

Faith Formation Office Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

Faith Formation

2017-2018 School Year

Feeding the Hungry – Rewarding for Those Who Serve

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Participants who helped feed the hungry at the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen in Immokalee last week found the experience was a bit more than serving food.

“Being able to work at the Soup Kitchen was truly eye-opening in the sense that one bowl of soup can bring a smile. Seeing everyone so willing to volunteer for others’ needs was inspiring; not only that, but I met so many people and had a genuinely great time.”

— *Annie Vedder*

“Giving back to the community of Immokalee was spiritually rewarding and a lot of fun at the same time!” — *Violet Aune*

“We really enjoyed the time we spent helping at the Soup Kitchen. It is always a rewarding experience to serve those less fortunate.”

— *Tracy and Francesca Haskins*

“This experience at the Soup Kitchen was amazing! There is nothing more beautiful than seeing children, young adults and adults coming together for a wonderful cause. I feel very blessed to have been able to serve and make people smile.”

— *Luz Lozano*

Saint John the Evangelist has the opportunity every fourth Tuesday of the month to serve at the kitchen. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager, at jp@sjecc.com.



text and photos submitted by Natalie Campbell, Director of Religious Education

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Knights of Columbus Install New 2017-2018 Officers



The new St. John Knights of Columbus officers for 2017-2018 were installed in the St. John Ballroom on Tuesday, July 25.

The two past Knights of Columbus District Deputies William Fuller and Walter Howell conducted the Installation of all St. John Officers of Council 11281 and the AJ Corr Assembly.

Family members and friends attended, and Chaplin Rev. Fr. Bob Murphy gave all the Blessings.

Several Safe Environment Training Sessions Have Been Scheduled at Area Parishes

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment awareness issues. Due to the sensitive nature of this training, no children are permitted to attend. For directions and additional information, visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment.

There are several upcoming Safe Environment Training sessions at nearby parishes starting in August. For more details or to register, call the Parish Office at the location where the class is offered. **Please note that no one should attend Safe Environment Training until their fingerprints have cleared.** Fingerprints must be updated every five years. If you need to be fingerprinted here at St. John, call the office at 239.566.8740 for an appointment.

Any employees or volunteers who need to renew their background clearance or be fingerprinted should complete the paperwork and call the office at 239.566.8740 for an appointment.

Thursday, August 10	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Naples	239.566.8740
Saturday, August 12	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Naples	239.566.8740
Thursday, September 7	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. Ann, Naples	239.455.3900
Saturday, September 9	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Ann, Naples	239.455.3900
Thursday, October 12	6:00-8:00 p.m.	St. Peter the Apostle, Naples	239.775.9576
Saturday, October 14	9:30-11:30 a.m.	St. Peter the Apostle, Naples	239.775.9576

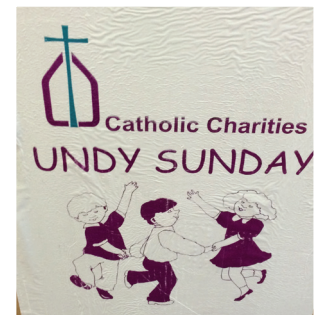
The next trainings will be scheduled in Winter/Spring 2017-18. For the complete list of regional trainings that will be held this fall, please visit <http://dioceseofvenice.org/programs/safe-environment/training-schedule/>

The next trainings will be scheduled in the spring and summer of 2017.

Annual Undy Sunday Weekends of August 5-6 and August 12-13

Catholic Charities is asking for our assistance in bringing new and unused underwear and socks sizes 2 through 12 (small sizes preferred) to our church on **August 5-6 and August 12-13.**

Cash donations will also be accepted. Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities of Collier County and mark it "For Undy Sunday." Mail checks to 2210 Santa Barbara Blvd., Naples, FL 34116 or bring it to the parish office during regular office hours.



Spotlight on Scouting

Maximize Your Youth's Activity Time with Scouting!

“Amid the beauty of creation, Scouts ponder the God who made all things and who invites us to a relationship with Him. Scouting demands that we do our duty toward God, including worshipping him.” – the Papal Nuncio, July 23, 2017

Scouting develops generosity, service and fraternity, which are all values “our world sorely needs,” the Papal Nuncio told Catholic Scouts gathered for a July 23 Mass during the annual Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree.

“These values are the antidote to the selfishness and individualism of our society,” Archbishop Christophe Pierre said in his homily. “Scouting also encourages you to work together as a team, to share adventures, and to have a greater vision of life and creation.”

See the full text from the Papal Nuncio's message at the Jamboree at:

<https://cnstopstories.com/2017/07/27/world-sorely-needs-scouts-values-of-generosity-service-says-nuncio/>

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church offers scouting opportunities for all school age boys through organized Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs. We can help you savor the moments with your children with unique outdoor experiences, life skill education and exposure to many of our community services. All lessons are centered on strong Christian morals and values.

We invite you to meet our Saint John the Evangelist Pack and Troop after Mass on Sunday, August 20 and/or attend the first Cub Scout Pack meeting on Monday, August 21 to learn more about how scouting benefits both the boy and the family.

Cub Scout and Boy Scout Campout Exhibit

When: Sunday, August 20 after each Mass

Where: Outside of Saint John the Evangelist church entrances

What: Come see how scouts camp and learn more about scouting. Enjoy coffee/juice and Dutch Oven treats prepared by the scouts.

Cub Scout Pack 226 – First Meeting of the Year

When: Monday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Saint John the Evangelist - Claussen Family Center

Who: All elementary age boys (entering kindergarten to 5th grade) along with parents or caregivers. Siblings are welcome. No experience needed, just a willingness to learn and have fun.



For more information please contact:
Dennis O'Keefe:
239.398.3976 or
dennispack226@gmail.com
or Joanne Janopoulos at
Joanne116@mac.com.





CAO SOFTBALL



Slow-Pitch Softball Sign-Up

**Choose from 2 Leagues:
Monday Night Church League (men only)
or Wednesday Night (Co-ed) Public League**

*For more information or to sign up, contact Kyle VanDuser
239.207.0537 or kyle@sjecc.com*



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

meets

**Wednesdays from
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

meets

**Mondays from
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

A Safe Environment

All allegations of child sexual abuse by diocesan personnel, including clergy, should be reported to law enforcement, the Florida Department of Children and Families and to the Victim Assistance Coordinator. The Coordinator will notify the Chancellor who will refer the matter to the Review Board for investigation.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator, the liaison between the diocese and the alleged victim, will follow up with victims to ensure that they will receive appropriate care.

To report an allegation, call Victim Assistance Coordinator, Barbara DiCocco at 941.416.6114.

Fall 2017 CYO and CAO Arts and Music Classes

We are offering the following classes during this Fall. Please register as soon as possible to ensure that your class of interest is offered.

CYO:

- Piano 1 Saturdays at Noon beginning September 30
- Piano 2 Saturdays at 10am beginning September 30
- Strings Tuesdays at 4:30pm beginning September 12
- Singing/Vocal Program Fridays at 4:45pm beginning September 8
- Guitar Sunday's at 3:15pm beginning September 10
- Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 4pm beginning September 6
- Theater and Acting Saturdays at 10am beginning September 9 (working on Christmas Eve Pageant)
- Improv Comedy Monday's at 6:45pm beginning September 11
- Art and Painting for Elementary Age students Saturdays at 9am beginning September 9
- Art and Painting for Middle/High School Age Students Saturdays at 10:30am beginning September 9



CAO:



- Strings Program Tuesdays at 5pm beginning September 12
- Vocal/Cantor Program Friday's at 5:45pm beginning September 8
- Guitar Saturdays at 1:00pm beginning September 9
- Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 5pm beginning September 6
- Improv Comedy Monday's at 7:45pm beginning September 11
- Art and Painting Saturdays at noon beginning September 9

Register online on our website: www.sjecc.com or at the Parish Office!
Don't miss out on these special Fall classes offered just for you!

Email jennine@sjecc.com for more information.