

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Have you been away? Welcome Home!

the
EVANGELIST
SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



Emergency Repairs for the Church Roof!

See Capital Campaign update on page 5

625 111th Avenue North, Naples, FL 34108 • Phone 239.566.8740 • Fax 239.566.9117

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

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

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 3:00 & 5:00 p.m. — Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 5:00 p.m.

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PARISH INFORMATION... OPERATIONAL

PARISH CLERGY



Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor

Fr. Robert Murphy Associate
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Deacon Forrest Wallace
Deacon Frank Paniccia Senior Status

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Bill Fuller wfuller1@comcast.net

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

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

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms are available on the tables in the church narthex, in the parish office and on the website: www.sjecc.com



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Administrative Office Hours are:

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

(until all are heard)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday: 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday Masses:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Mass

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 11:15 a.m. Sunday Masses for sharing, communicating and extending fellowship. If interested in helping contact *Elida Gil* at 239.566.8740

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

Mass Intentions. We are now accepting 2018 intentions.

Altar Flowers and/or Host & Wine. We have 2017 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.

Advent Penance Services – Local Area Churches

St. William – Monday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m.
601 Seagate Drive, Naples

St John the Evangelist –
Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe –
Thursday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m.
219 South 9th Street, Immokalee

San Marco – Thursday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m.
851 San Marco Road, Marco Island

St. Finbarr – Monday, December 18, at 2:00 p.m.
13520 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

St. Agnes – Tuesday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m.
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

St. Peter the Apostle –
Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples



Faith and Wine

“Top Ten Reasons for Being Catholic”

It is not unusual for people to ask “Why are you Catholic?” If your response is a blank stare or “because that was the way I was raised” or even if you think you have a good answer to this question, we guarantee you will benefit from attending this dynamic event. In his light-hearted and fast-paced presentation, Father Mark will share with us his top 10 reasons for becoming and staying Catholic.

This event is open to both Men and Women.

PLEASE NOTE: Speaker subject to the approval of the Diocese of Venice.

Thursday, January 25, 2018
6:30-8:30 PM (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)
featuring

Father Mark Wiesner



Cost: \$25 per person prepaid by January 23, 2018 • NO WALK-INS!
includes the buffet dinner, a glass of wine or another beverage, and the program

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

Become a Sponsor! All sponsors receive one or more tickets for each event (depending upon sponsorship level) and you will never have to worry about deadlines or prepaying! To become a sponsor, please visit our website at www.faithandwine.com and click on “Sponsorship” from the menu bar for more information about levels and benefits and to obtain a Sponsorship pledge form. Please complete the form and mail it with your check to Kathy Millard at 2134 Morning Sun Lane, Naples, FL 34119.

For those who are not sponsors, you can prepay for an event with:
(1) a credit or debit card by going to www.saintjohntheevangelist.com and clicking on “Ways to Give”;
or (2) a check made payable to “St. John the Evangelist” with “Faith and Wine” in the memo line and either delivered two days or mailed one week prior to the event to the St. John the Evangelist parish office at 625 111th Avenue North, Naples, Florida 34108. Please include a note with your name, the name of each of your guests, if any, and your e-mail address and/or telephone number.

SAVE THE DATES: Mark your calendar now for the remaining Faith and Wine 2018 Dates: February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, September 27, October 25, November 29, and December 14.

For more information, please visit www.FaithandWine.com

MASS INTENTIONS... SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS

Mass for Deceased (*) and Special Intentions (SI)

December 9, 2017 Saturday

8:00 AM + Tony & Ann Zoglio Susie & Steve Linzalone

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Martin Cunningham Sally McElroy
5:00 PM + Angiola Noe Carol Sapiro & Family

December 10, 2017 Sunday

7:00 AM + Bernardo Gianetti Stephanie & Jim Carnavalla
9:00 AM + Thomas Erbland Marvin & Nancy Wheeler
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM + Jackie Gibson Your Family at St. John
5:00 PM + Joseph Hiris Brigitte Hiris

December 11, 2017 Monday

8:00 AM + Patricia Norton Loretta & Marty Sullivan
9:00 AM + Fany Rirs Brigitte Hiris

December 12, 2017 Tuesday

8:00 AM + Sullivan & Teehan Family Dick Sullivan
9:00 AM + In Memory of James Tighe Barbara & John Kuryea

December 13, 2017 Wednesday

8:00 AM + Kevin Cournoyer Margaret McNulty
9:00 AM + Al Buchanan Judy Buchanan
6:30 PM + Betty Donavan Joanie Kirk

December 14, 2017 Thursday

8:00 AM + William Kramer Tina Brassel
9:00 AM + James Johnston Marie DeLuca

December 15, 2017 Friday

8:00 AM + Daniel & Marie Fitzmaurice Bill & Pat Meyer
9:00 AM + Ramy Garrido & Lee Youlio The Gil Family

December 16, 2017 Saturday

8:00 AM + Jack McGlinn Mike & Joyce Kane

Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Charles Graney Rae Graney
5:00 PM + Al Lostaunau Mary & Ed Hayes

December 17, 2017 Sunday

7:00 AM + Jackie Gibson Lan Tran
9:00 AM + Horey & Thoman Families Iris Horey
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners
1:15 PM + Bob DeVille Todd & Edie Petelsow
5:00 PM + Bernard Mlsna Laurie O'Brien

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 9, 2017

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

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent;
International Human Rights Day
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday, December 11, 2017

St. Damasus I
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Our Lady of Guadalupe;
Hanukkah begins at sunset
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde,
19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from
the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos.
707-712

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

St. Lucy
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14, 2017

St. John of the Cross
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 15, 2017

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16, 2017

Las Posadas begins
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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.

December 10, 2017

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

— Matthew 16:18



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Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Emergency Roof Repairs Commence: Skylight and Cross Removal

Thanks to the tremendous gifts of our Parish Family, we have been able to move forward on the essential repairs of our church and other buildings. While we have experienced several delays already due to Collier County permitting requirements, we have started two of the most important tasks this week. We have ordered the two new Air Conditioning units for the church, which were completely destroyed in the storm. These main units cover half the church, and the strain on the other two units has been intense, as you may have experienced last weekend. The new systems will take several weeks to arrive and install, so I thank you for your patience, even if it does mean we all get a little warm while in church.

The main effort we commenced this week is the repair and eventual replacement of the church roof. Were you aware there is a skylight above the altar? When the church was first built, this skylight allowed natural light to flow down onto the altar. However, over decades of exposure to the sunlight and sea-salt air, that skylight had deteriorated to the point that no light could be seen. Hurricane Irma, with its sheer force, pulled up the tiles and roof materials on that top corner of the roof and cracked the skylight in several places, allowing water into our Sanctuary. While we had emergency repairs completed on the roof itself almost immediately, our roofing partner, Crowther Roofing, determined that the skylight was a total loss, to include the cross that sat upon it. All of it must be removed for the safety of all our Parish Family, especially our clergy and members of our ministries that serve on the altar every day. That effort was accomplished this week, with a temporary roofing system being installed until the full roof replacement can be completed this summer.

As we **Build Our Future, Serve Our Past**, we still need all the gifts, prayers, and support of our Parish Family. If you have any questions, please contact Jean-Paul Boucher, at 239.566.8740 or email: jp@sjecc.com.

Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager



#ToKnow, #ToServe – Interfaith Engagement is More Than Tolerance

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus to the world through the season of Advent, it was such a powerful moment of unity and community that Our Holy Father chose to travel to Bangladesh to discuss how we, as part of the human family, should respect and engage all people of good will:

In Bangladesh, where the right to religious freedom is a founding principle, this commitment stands as a subtle yet firm rebuke to those who would seek to foment division, hatred and violence in the name of religion.

It is a particularly gratifying sign of our times that believers and all people of good will feel increasingly called to cooperate in shaping a culture of encounter, dialogue and cooperation in the service of our human family. This entails more than mere tolerance. It challenges us to reach out to others in mutual trust and understanding, and so to build a unity that sees diversity not as a threat, but as a potential source of enrichment and growth. It challenges us to cultivate an openness of heart that views others as an avenue, not a barrier.

Allow me to explore with you briefly some essential features of this “openness of heart” that is the condition for a culture of encounter.

First, it is a door. It is not an abstract theory but a lived experience. It enables us to embark on a dialogue of life, not a mere exchange of ideas. It calls for good will and acceptance, yet it is not to be confused with indifference or reticence in expressing our most deeply held convictions. To engage fruitfully with another means sharing our distinct religious and cultural identity, but always with humility, honesty and respect.

Openness of heart is also like a ladder that reaches up to the Absolute. By recalling this transcendent dimension of our activity, we realize the need for our hearts to be purified, so that we can see all things in their truest perspective. As with each step our vision becomes clearer, we receive the strength to persevere in the effort to understand and value others and their point of view. In this way, we will find the wisdom and strength needed to extend the hand of friendship to all.

Openness of heart is likewise a path that leads to the pursuit of goodness, justice and solidarity. It leads to seeking the good of our neighbours. In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Saint Paul urged his hearers: “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Rom 12:21). This is

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a sentiment that all of us can echo. Religious concern for the welfare of our neighbour, streaming from an open heart, flows outward like a vast river, to quench the dry and parched wastelands of hatred, corruption, poverty and violence that so damage human lives, tear families apart, and disfigure the gift of creation...

A spirit of openness, acceptance and cooperation between believers does not simply contribute to a culture of harmony and peace; it is its beating heart. How much our world needs this heart to beat strongly, to counter the virus of political corruption, destructive religious ideologies, and the temptation to turn a blind eye to the needs of the poor; refugees, persecuted minorities, and those who are most vulnerable. How much, too, is such openness needed in

order to reach out to the many people in our world, especially the young, who at times feel alone and bewildered as they search for meaning in life!

Dear friends, I thank you for your efforts to promote the culture of encounter, and I pray that, by demonstrating the common commitment of believers to discerning the good and putting it into practice, they will help all

believers to grow in wisdom and holiness, and to cooperate in building an ever more humane, united and peaceful world. – Pope Francis 12/1/17 (http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2017/december/documents/papa-francesco_20171201_viaggioapostolico-bangladesh-pace.html)

This is why our Parish Family focuses so much effort on interfaith engagement, like the Catholic-Jewish Dialog, the Theological Center of Naples, and other connections with Faith Based Organizations. If there is one thing the Christmas star should be pointing us all towards, it is each other, cherishing each moment together, and encountering anyone who is hurting with our Catholic love, mercy, and healing.

image: Pope Francis prays with religious leaders and Rohingya refugees from Myanmar during an interreligious and ecumenical meeting for peace at the archbishop's residence in Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 1. (Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)



Hymns for the 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 9 & 10, 2017

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Entrance Hymn: **38** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Preparation Hymn: **44** A Voice Cries Out

440 We Will Rise Again

Communion Hymn: **72** Creator of the Stars of Night

339 Behold the Lamb

Closing Hymn: **40** People Look East (Verses 1 & 2)

Choral Anthem at 9:15AM Mass

Communion: *Air for Advent (Fettke)*

For the Love of Children

The Ladies of Charity 5th Annual

Christmas Sneaker and Sock Drive

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

Items must be NEW.

Goal: **600 Pairs**

Ending: **December 16-17**




- Ornaments depicting the children's different shoe sizes can be found on Christmas trees in the Narthex.
- Please take an ornament, or two, and generously donate NEW only sneakers and socks.
- **Please wrap your package and be sure to attach your ornament to the outside of the gift box.**
- You may also write a check to Saint John the Evangelist with "Sneakers Drive" written in the memo line. Your checks can be placed in the collection baskets passed during Mass or taken to the church office during regular office hours.
- Please bring your gift to the church by Sunday, December 17.

Please help us reach our goal of 600 pairs.



Wedding Banns

First announcement between

Shauna Withers
and Matthew Klopach



Seven-Week Grief Support Group Begins January 9

A seven-week grief support group will begin at St. John on Tuesday, January 9. The gathering will be from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. each Tuesday and will meet in Room 11 in the Claussen Family Center. Meeting dates are: January 9, January 16, January 23, January 30, February 6, February 13, and February 20.

Anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. To register, please call Geri Poletti at Catholic Charities at 455.2655.

Any parishioner who needs individual grief support or immediate assistance may contact the parish office to set up an appointment with one of our priests.

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 Sjostrom: bsjost@yahoo.com or 815.670.3733*

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: Robert Stift: rcs0242@gmail.com or 239.989.5149*

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. *Anne Petrillo: gapetrillo41@gmail.com or 239.248.2189*

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). **Season Hours:** Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. If interested in volunteering, contact *Elaine 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 Squittieri: faithandwine@gmail.com or 239.272.4257*

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: frog lady505@gmail.com 239.370.1521*

Marriage Ministry: Together Forever. Enriches the sacrament of marriage. Couples gather: 1) To share and know, 2) To grow and love, 3) To listen and serve and to celebrate our healthy marriages. All married or engaged couples are welcome to join us in celebration of their marriage as we take this journey together. Meets monthly on Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. *Rachel Baier: 239.498.4197*

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 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. *Men's: Jack Nalipinski: 412.613.3551 and Millie Lucanegro: 239.566.9854; Ladies: besunnyinflorida@gmail.com*

Respect Life. Educates and informs the parish community on all aspects of respect life, which include the unborn, mothers who have had abortions, the elderly, mentally challenged, the physically challenged, the imprisoned, and the terminally ill and the poor and hungry. *Rosemary Erickson: 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. *Carl Monticelli: (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: jmcd708@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*

LET US PRAY...

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 8:00 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
Christian McLaughlin - U.S. Navy Sicily
Sgt. Larry Oldenburg - U.S. Army Iraq
Austin Spagnola
Staff Sgt. Andrew Zecchino -USAF Turkey

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To download the Consent Form visit our website: <http://sjecc.com/forms>

Thank you for your understanding.

OUTREACH & OTHER GROUPS

AA. Robert: 239.287.2442

Adult Children of Alcoholics. Tom Mooney, 239.287.0195

Al-Anon. Carol: 804.306.5323 and Juliette: Lysack

Food Addiction Support Group. Maryann Scandiffio, 239.784.2682

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:

Art Cahill and Loretta Rabuck Grecky

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

Baby Declan Aigner

Kaylee B

Jean Balliro

Beagan Family

Richard Becker

Gallen Boardman

Lori Breyman

Caeleigh Brown

Connie Cahill

Kathy Conley

Corinne & Children

Lauren Carr

Frank Comeriato

Merlyn Comeriato

Tony Corvelo

Anthony D'Antuono

Mark DaBronzo

Donald Demski

Florence Demski

Melissa Diamantini

George Dillon

Jean Dunlop

Kathy Erickson

F.W.

Jim & Darlene Follese

Tara Follese & Family

Jeff Gatt

George Gonser Jr.

Philip Gorney

Jayne Hagg

Gerard Heyer

Rosie Heyer

Donald Howe

Krista Leigh Kozowyk

Rene Lacoste

Jean Lydon

M.M.

Diane Maloney

Margie Lynch

Maria and Family

Ron Marlow

Barbara Marsh

Donna Massee

Kevin McDonagh

J. McG

Paul McIntyre

Cynthia McLemore

Carolyn McNichols

Eileen Miner

Mary Ann Morreale

Lorrie Morrison

Gary Neidhard

Jane Oraziatti

Emma O'Rourke

Ronald J. Parker

Michael Paul

Francesca Pearo

Anne Perrino

Geno Pesce

Ann Petrillo

Irene Pires

Renee Rake

Ruth Rechtsteiner

Ellen Roberts

Lloyd Sample

Lisa Sanfelippo

Shelia Scaduto

Gary Schutebach

Thomas Sissman

Avery Smithies

Nancy Stewart

Edward Sullivan

Rita Taranto

William J. Teplica

Isaiah Thompson

Marilyn Thyen

Helen Thornburg

JoAnn Tinevra

Jim Tucker

Lawrence A. Varone

Mike Walsman

Dan Ward

Sandra Welker

Bernadette White

Joni Wilbur

Kirsten Wills

Nancy Wise

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5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, December 10, 2017: Second Sunday of Advent

Opening Song

Everlasting God

Brenton Brown

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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.

Preparation Song

Overflow

Matt Maher

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Verse 1

Your grace is power
Your will, forever
Your love is a river
Overflow in me! (to Chorus)

Preparation Song and Other Songs continued on page 11

prepare ye
the way of the Lord



Mass Times ~ Christmas and New Year

Sunday, December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve Mass ~ Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. is Children's Mass, 10:00 p.m. (Music starts at 9:20 p.m.)

Monday, December 25, 2017

Christmas Day Mass ~ Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m. (No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Monday, January 1, 2018

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(Not a holy day of obligation)

8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.,

5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

Sunday, December 10, 2017: Second Sunday of Advent

Verse 2

Your Word, true presence
Your Body, our recompense
Your Blood, salvation
Overflow in me! *(to Chorus)*

Verse 3

Our worship of you,
It's your gift to us from you.
No one could give this gift but you
Overflow in me! *(to Chorus)*

Bridge) We lift up our hearts; we lift up our souls; we lift up our minds
And ev'ry good thing is yours, yeah, ev'ry good thing is yours, so overflow

Communion Song

We Fall Down

Chris Tomlin

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We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus.
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.
And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy," we cry, "Holy, holy, holy,"
we cry, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb!"

2nd Communion Song: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Closing Song

My Glorious

Martin Smith & Stuart Garrard

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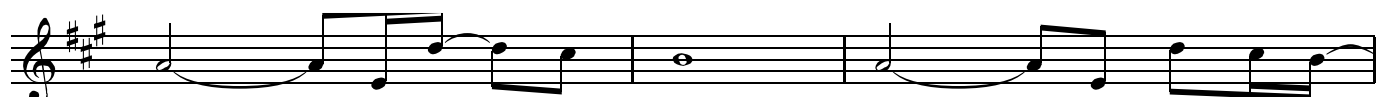
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v. 1) The world is shaking with the love of God
Great and glorious, let the whole earth sing.
And all you ever do is change the old for new.
People, we believe that

v. 2) Clouds are breaking, heaven's come to earth
Hearts awakening, let the church bells ring.
And all you ever do is change the old for new
People, we believe that



God is big - ger than the air I



breathe, the world we'll leave. God will save the day,



and all will say my Glo - ri - ous!

**HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP**
meets Wednesdays
from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP**
meets Sundays
from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Groups meet in the ballroom.

See more info in future bulletins.

– Kyle VanDuser,
CYO Social and Spiritual
Coordinator
kyle@sjecc.com

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PLEASE NOTE: All
participants must sign up
with Kyle at:
KYLE@SJECC.COM

YOUTH SPORTS COACHES AND PARENTS NEEDED!!

Coaches Training on January 27th Sign-ups outside of Mass

Nov. 26th ~ 9am, 11am, 1pm, 5pm.

Dec. 3rd ~ 7 am, 9am, 11am, 1pm, 5pm.

Dec. 16th ~ 3pm, 5pm.

Dec. 17th ~ 9am, 11am, 1pm.

**PLAY LIKE
A CHAMPION
TODAY**

CYO & CAO Concert Series 2017-2018 Season



Regina Russo



Gabi Frei

Also featuring
Keith Cute



A Cozy Christmas December 16

Your St. John Soloists, Choir, and CYO teachers will perform their favorite Christmas songs complete with a Christmas Carol Sing-a-long at the end. Cozy up with some hot chocolate and cookies and enjoy the music of the season.



***This FREE Concert begins at 7:00 p.m.
in the Saint John the Evangelist Church.***



Jennine Fuentes



Michael Hayes



Annie Dallas

CONCERT SEASON:

Philip Borter Cello Concert ~ January 25, 2018 • Paradise Coastman Barbershop Quartet ~ February 6, 2018

Annual Broadway Concert ~ February 24, 2018 • Garlic and Gaelic Festival ~ March 3 & 4, 2018

Dan Heck Quartet Jazz Concert ~ April 12, 2018

For more info on the concert series, email: jennine@sjecc.com

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Enjoy a date night with Catholic fellowship at Saint John the Evangelist as you enrich your marriage with our new enrichment series, entitled **The Choice Wine**. Enjoy appetizers and marriage discussion.

The Choice Wine offers a new topic each evening, so don't worry if you can't make all the dates.

Remaining Dates:

Jan. 20, Feb. 24, March 24, April 28,
May 19, June 30, July 28, Aug. 25

Next session:

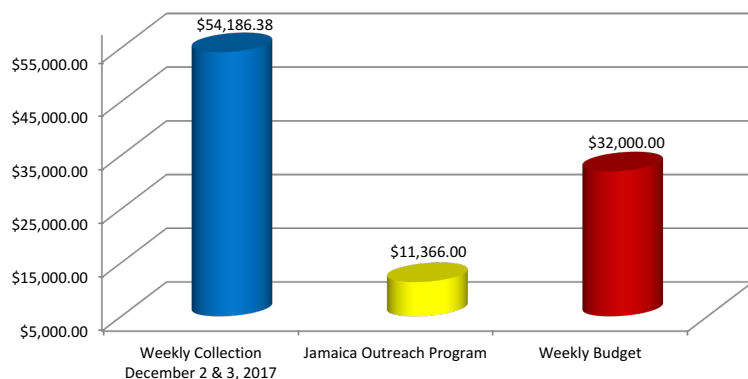
January 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm
in the Claussen Family Center

Join us for fellowship, food and marriage enrichment!

Please RSVP to the office at 239.566.8740 and indicate if you need the nursery.



Weekly Collection Summary



Calling All Shepherds and Angels for Christmas!

All Elementary School-age children are invited to participate in our annual 5:00 p.m.

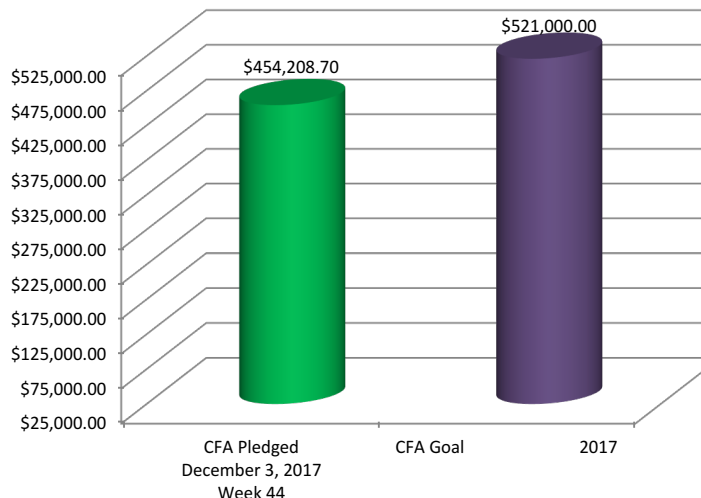
Christmas Eve Mass as angels and shepherds, proclaiming the joyous news of the birth of Our

Savior, Jesus Christ! If you are interested in being part of this wonderful celebration, please contact our Artistic Director, Jennine Fuentes, at jennine@sjecc.com, so she can provide you with the schedule of rehearsals.



photo from past Christmas Story program

CFA Summary



Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

Tuesday, December 12	
Brookdale Assisted Living	11:00 AM
+ Richard J. Lydon	req. by Rich and Gay Lydon
Wednesday, December 13	
Aston Garden	3:00 PM
+ Louis DeFrancesca	req. by Peter DeFrancesca
Thursday, December 14	
Solaris Health Care	10:00 AM
+ Mike Hart	req. by Rich Lydon
Friday, December 15	
Juniper Village	10:00 AM
+ Louis DeFrancesca	req. by Peter DeFrancesca

Second Sunday of Advent: Year B

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

The Word & Life

A Time of Promise

If you were to ask yourself how best to prepare for Christmas during the season of Advent, the answer lies deep in the heart of today's readings. If we are to encounter the comfort and the tender compassion of God, we must listen to the voice of those who lead us and show the way. In today's first reading, Isaiah prophesies the coming of the shepherd who will gently carry his lambs in his bosom. The words of Isaiah bring comfort and assurance to the people of Israel who were living in captivity of Babylon. God wants his people to prepare themselves for the time of promise.

As we begin to journey through the gospel of Mark, we are reminded that John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus and the promise that he will bring. John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He prepared the people for the coming of the people by proclaiming that someone was mightier than he, someone who would baptize with the Holy Spirit. As we continue our journey through Mark's gospel it becomes apparent that Jesus is that promise!

The reign of God that Jesus announced was the appointed time of promise. As we approach Christmas time, we are asked to remember the promise that continued after the manger in Bethlehem. From the moment of the annunciation to the Incarnation to the public life of Jesus, the promise of God unfolds.

We are invited to prayerfully contemplate what the coming of Jesus means to us during this Advent season. Jesus clearly showed us how to make straight the path of our lives so that we could journey toward the kingdom. Our baptism is a baptism with the Holy Spirit that constantly inspires us to live Jesus' way of life. The voice crying out in the wilderness remains constant for the world's renewal to prepare for the coming of Christ. The Church through its teachings is forever the prophetic voice in a world of sin.

During this season we are asked to discern what the coming of Jesus actually means to us. We must constantly be aware of the impact that the Incarnation has on our lives. The "Incarnation" means, "The Word became flesh." Two thousand years later we are challenged for the Word to become alive in us. In this way, we are shown that the



Word is still alive and active through the gift of the Church. It is through our compassion and concern that others encounter the Christ of Bethlehem today.

Reflection Questions

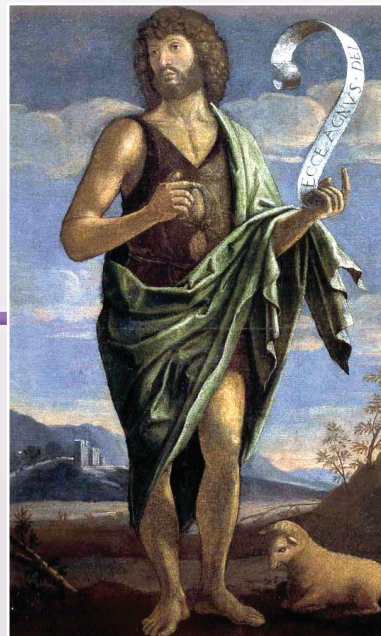
1. Identify the paths that you have taken that led you to this day.
2. Name the paths that you chose to take which led you to God.
3. Consider the paths that you have taken that have led you away from God.
4. What is God teaching you through this gospel?
5. What paths are before you now?
6. What does it mean to journey into Christ?
7. Are you ready to make this important journey of the heart?
8. Where will the Advent Season lead you this year?
9. How will you prepare yourself to meet the Lord?
10. How does that impact your life today?

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



Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus. Help us to make straight the path of our lives. Encourage us to bring the promise of your kingdom alive through our words and actions. May we be reflections of your divine love and inspire us with the gift of the Holy Spirit so that we can become closer to You. Amen.



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Voices of Faith

Make Straight His Paths

John was his name
A rugged man
Clothed in camel's hair
Locus and honey was his choicest fare
"Prepare a way for The Lord
Make straight his paths."
Was his prophetic call

Make straight his paths?
But numerous were those paths
Of ancient land
Twists and turns in those roads
Where patriarchs and prophets did tread
Worn and created by sinners alike
On a journey forward, awaiting God

Make straight his paths?
John spoke of highways and byways not
But the twists and turns of life
The complexities of heart and soul
Hearts hungering for God's presence
Souls waiting for divine assurance
Man's waiting for peace and fulfillment

Make straight his paths?
Man asks himself now
Examining the footprints of his life
And how he has used his freedom
Given freely by the Giver of all gifts
Aware of his frailty, weakness and failure
He is called to set his feet upon the journey that leads to God

And so man embarks on the journey of faith
Casting off the robes of misery and grief
He clothes himself with justice and right
Comforted by the warmth of the splendor of God
He is touched by grace
With his feet firmly planted on the road of transformation
His path will surely lead to God

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

Faith Formation

2017-2018 School Year

DECEMBER

- 10** Sunday Faith Formation Class
~ 9:15-10:45 a.m.
Parent Faith Formation in Rome Room
High School Confirmation Class
AM and PM
- 13** Wednesday Faith Formation Class
~ 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Parent Faith Formation in Rome Room
High School Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Christmas Faith Formation Holidays for the rest of the month of December. Faith Formation Classes resume Sunday, January 7, 2018.

Our Faith Formation Office will be closed from Sunday, December 17- Tuesday, January 2. We wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

2nd Sunday of Advent



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me."

- Mk 1 :4, 6-7a

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Catechetical Sunday Rescheduled Due to Hurricane Irma



This year, the Church celebrated Catechetical Sunday on September 17. Due to hurricane Irma, we had to reschedule and we are celebrating this special day this weekend on Sunday, December 10 at the 11:15 a.m. Mass. The 2017 theme is "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith (*taken from usccb.org*)

We are so blessed to have so many wonderful Catechists in our parish!

We thank our Faith Formation Catechists for their Service in Ministry!

Molly Anton	Rachel Dermody	Katie Martinez
Peggy Aune	Margaret Frino	Travis Martinez
Paula Aurit	Trisch Gerber	Sharon Pelletier
Valerie Barbosa	Michelle Guadagno	Teddy Sitter
Rachel Baier	Debie Haugh	DeChelle Summers
Kristin Barson	Denise Helm	Christina Talford
Jeanne Biada	Loren Hoffman	Kim Tedrow
Shannon Blanke	Joanne Janopoulos	Stephanie Wardein
Donna Boucher	Liz Koplitz	Ben Weber
Cindy Bozza	Sally Lappin	Theresa Weber
Elaine Buscemi	Gina Manfredi	Nicole Weber
Michelle D'Agostino	Danielle Manzano	Charlotte Williams
Anthony D'Agostino	Janeen Molan-Young	Charlotte A. Williams
Sylvia DeFeo	Marlene Morganthal	Pat Zewalk

Faith Formation Office Hours: Mondays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. • Wednesdays: 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. (*on the days of Faith Formation classes only*) Fridays: 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. Sundays: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. (*on the days of Faith Formation classes only*)

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

Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES, *a practical, modern-day look at sin and virtue!*



Bishop Robert Barron's enlightening study on sin and virtue is based on Dante Alighieri's great poem *The Divine Comedy*. Dante created in *The Divine Comedy* a poem that is, at once, a great story of an epic journey through Hell, up Mount Purgatory, and into Heaven – as well as **an exploration of the great truths concerning human nature, our relationship with God, and the soul's journey to happiness.**

Dante is a master architect and constructs his poem in such a way that each image not only “works” to support the story, but also represents multiple layers of allegorical truth about the human condition and the ways of God.

Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust are all presented as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. For example,

- Envy, the daughter of pride, is described as pleasure in the sorrow of another and resentment over their happiness or success.
- Scripture tells us “Be angry but do not sin.” This

surprising advice from St. Paul points to the truth about anger: namely that it is a normal part of human existence and that it is only sinful when taken to excess.

- Avarice, St. Thomas tells us, is the immoderate or unreasonable desire for riches. It is not wrong to own property or make a profit. Sin only enters into the situation when we love these created things more than we love God or our neighbor.
- Lust, which our culture has long taught us to believe is the very worst sin, Dante regards as the lightest and least serious of the deadly sins. Why?

However, Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, which are the “seven lively virtues.” The seven lively virtues offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness.

The aim is to increase understanding, promote reflection, and encourage practical action.

This Lent join us for this five-week program

The first four 90-minute sessions will cover the seven deadly sins. Each session includes a video presentation by Bishop Barron and small group discussion.

The fifth session will address the Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Penance or Confession. Taken from the newly released program *The Bible and the Sacraments*, this lesson is based on the work of Dr. Scott Hahn and presented by popular speaker and author Matthew Leonard. It unveils the mystery of the sacraments, their foundation in Sacred Scripture, and their connection to the rites of the Catholic Church.

Take the journey from sin to sanctity this Lent.

Watch this space for days and times.

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, December 12

Becoming Catholic – Inquiry (RCIA) ~ 6:00 p.m.,
Adult Space

Wednesday, December 13

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, Maccabean Revolt,
Messianic Fulfillment part 1 ~ 5:30 p.m., Rome Room
The Bible Timeline, Messianic Fulfillment part 1 ~ 7:30 p.m.,
Rome Room

Thursday, December 14

Women of the Word, New Testament and Modern Prophets
~ 9:30 a.m., Seminar Room

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

December 10, 2017 ~ Second Sunday of Advent



Join us for Zumba
at St. John the Evangelist

Drop in class is \$10.00. Monthly Unlimited
is \$40.00

Classes are Monday, Wednesday,
& Saturday

9:00 am - 10:00 am located
in the Seminar Room

Checks made payable to SJECC
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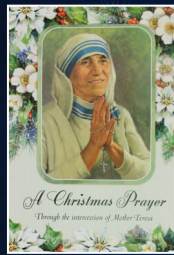


"Keep Christ in Christmas"

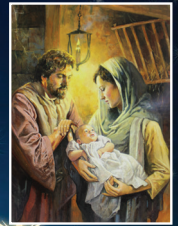
Help to "Keep Christ in Christmas"
by sending religious Christmas cards.

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring an

evangelization program designed
to emphasize the real meaning
of Christmas through the sale of
Christmas cards. There will be a large
assortment of cards available after
each Mass in front of the church.



Buy early to get
the best selection.



Christmas for Everyone in Divine Gift Boutique

It is a Christmas Wonderland in the Divine Gift Boutique. From a beautiful manger set to Christmas crosses, Christmas figurines, and Christmas clocks. From an assortment of holiday candles and votive holders to baby, children and adult ornaments. There are also festive night lights and cookie cutters.

The gift shop also stocks a variety of stocking stuffers and holiday gift bags. There is a wide range of gift items for all the favorite people on your Christmas list.

Please stop by and get lost in this wonderland right here in your own church across from the restrooms.



Walking God's Paths "Metaphors For A Unique Relationship "

Sunday, December 17 at 2:30 p.m.



This is one of a series of short videos designed to discuss the differences and commonalities of the Catholic and Jewish religions. Commentary by representatives of both faiths following the film, dialogue discussion and refreshments.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Claussen Center
625 111th Avenue North • Naples

Event is FREE of charge. RSVP is appreciated to
cjdialogue@naples.net or (239) 370-4277

A program of the Catholic Jewish Dialogue of Collier County

Winter 2018 CYO and CAO Arts and Music Classes

We are offering the following classes starting next January.
Please register as soon as possible to ensure
that your class of interest is offered.

CYO:

Piano 1 Saturdays at Noon beginning January 13
Piano 2 Saturdays at 10am beginning January 13
Strings Tuesdays at 4:30pm beginning January 9
Singing/Vocal Program Fridays at 4:45pm
beginning January 12

Guitar Sunday's at 3:15pm beginning January 14

Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 4pm beginning
January 10

Theater and Acting Saturdays at 10am beginning January 13

Improv Comedy Monday's at 6:45pm beginning January 8

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 January 13



CAO:

Strings Program Tuesdays at 5pm beginning
January 9

Vocal/Cantor Program Friday's at 5:45pm
beginning January 12

Guitar Saturdays at 1:00pm beginning
January 13

Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 5pm
beginning January 10



Improv Comedy Monday's at 7:45pm beginning January 8

Art and Painting Saturdays at noon beginning January 13

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

Email jennine@sjecc.com for more information.

*Now is the time to mark
your calendars for*

The Valentine's Day Dinner Dance Thursday, February 15, 2018

*Billy Dean and Dawn
will entertain us again!*

Tickets (\$50 each)
go on sale at all
weekend Masses beginning
Saturday, January 13.

Frisco's Catering

Open Bar

50/50

More details will follow.

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PLAYING OUR
SONG. LET'S
DANCE!**

**BIG BAND
DANCES
STARTING SOON.**

**The Men's Club 2018
Big Band Dance
Schedule:**

Tuesday, January 23
Tuesday, February 13
Tuesday, March 20
Tuesday, April 10

Dance from 6:30 PM
to 9:30 PM

Doors open at 6:30 PM
\$10.00 per person
Lite dinner food
available
for purchase
For reservations
(table of 8 or 10 only)

CONTACT: 239-821-9395

**SAVE THE DATE:
Sock Hop
Friday, January 26**

Sponsored by St. John's
Men's Club and Ladies
Auxiliary
St. John the Evangelist
Ballroom
625 111th Avenue North,
Naples, FL

**Mark Your Calendar for
the Venetian Charity Ball**
which will be held at 6:00
p.m. on Saturday, February 3
at the Hyatt Regency Coconut
Point Resort in Bonita Springs.
For more info, visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

Christmas Spiritual Bouquet



For the Intentions of

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Your donation will furnish the Sanctuary with flowers during the Christmas season and your loved ones will be remembered in the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet during the Christmas Masses.
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Donor Name _____

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for St. John Evangelist CYO at
St. John the Evangelist
625 111th Avenue North
Naples, FL 34108

**Saturday
January 27, 2018**

**Coach Clinic
11:45am - 2:45pm**

**Coach Commissioning
Mass 3pm**

**Sport Parent Workshop
4:00pm - 5:15pm**

**Location:
Rome Room for Coach &
Parent Workshops
Church for the
Commissioning Mass**

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Play Like a Champion Today provides leadership in a worldwide effort to renew the culture of sport for youth. It does this primarily by educating ethically responsible sport leaders-coaches, parents, students, and athletic administrators-who in turn will reach millions of young people.

COACHING AS MINISTRY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Crafted by leaders in the fields of sports psychology, coaching education, Catholic theology, and moral development, *Play Like a Champion Today* is:

- Centered around the principles of justice, tolerance, respect, and solidarity
- Designed using the best athlete-centered practices supported by research into character development and faith formation through sports
- Originating at the University of Notre Dame and collaborating with concerned faculty and coaches throughout the country

Play Like a Champion Today deals with tough sport issues and supports schools in promoting:

- Athletics as Character-Building for Athletes and Families
- Building Teams as Moral Communities
- Champion-Centered Best Coaching & Parenting Practices
- Sportsmanship
- Responsible Decision Making

Over the course of the clinic, participants will learn about:

- The Spirituality of Sport
- The GROW Approach to Athlete Motivation
- Child and Adolescent Development
- Promoting a Safe Sport Environment
- Strategies for Developing Partnerships Between Coaches & Parents



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Catholic Youth Organization

Working with Coaches and Sport Leaders to Shape a Positive Sports Culture for All Young People Since 2006.

Annual Vocations Dinner Dance

Friday, January 12, 2018 • 6:00 p.m.



Please join us to support our Seminarians
and to honor and thank the priests of our Diocese

at Saint John the Evangelist PLC Ballroom
625 111th Ave. N, Naples, FL 34108

A night of fun, food, dancing and entertainment!

Dinner by "Frisco's" • Music by "Legends of Las Vegas"

Open Bar • Silent Auction

Tickets: \$40.00 per person

Dress Code: Jacket and Tie Requested



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Donate an auction item, or make a cash donation.

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DECEMBER 31 FROM 7 PM TO MIDNIGHT

Cocktail Hour with Open Bar at 7:00 p.m. (pay bar after cocktail hour)

APPETIZER DISPLAYS

Artisan Cheese
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NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION CANCELLED

It is with great sorrow that we are forced to cancel our New Year's Eve Party on December 31, 2017 due to circumstances beyond our control. As you may know, the ballroom has been undergoing extensive repair and renovation due to the damages incurred as a result of hurricane Irma. It was anticipated that all repairs would be complete for the NYE party, however, the Parish was informed by Collier County that the needed inspections and permitting for occupation cannot be achieved by our party planned window of completion.

Again, we are so sorry for this cancellation and we promise to provide our parishioners and friends in the community great events in 2018.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thanks again for your continued support for our events and charity fundraisers.

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