

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Have you been away? Welcome Home!

the  **EVANGELIST**  
 SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

**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)

**NOTE:** There will be no Nursery available for Christmas Masses

**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. – regular daily Masses

**Holiday Office Closings**

The Parish Office will be closed in observance of the holidays on the following days:

Thursday, December 21 at Noon;

Friday, December 22; Monday,

December 25; Tuesday, December 26;

and Monday, January 1.

***Pre-K/Atrium Advent Preparation for the Feast of Christmas***

The children in the Pre-K/Atrium have been enthusiastically involved in the Advent season in preparation for the Feast of Christmas. They have been pondering what it means to prepare their hearts by listening to the words of the Old Testament prophets who speak about “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light” and the Child who is to be born will be called “Prince of Peace”, “Wonderful Counselor”, “Mighty God”, “Everlasting Father”. We had an Advent procession where we introduced the Advent Wreath as part of our prayer table and have been lighting

the purple and rose candles as the season progresses. We have learned that in the life of the Church, purple signifies the color of preparation and white signifies celebration. We are also learning about where the wonderful events surrounding Jesus’ birth took place in the Land of Israel.



*Left to right top to bottom: Willow Burkard ~ Practical Life; Giuliana Scarantino ~ Chasuble Work; Nicolas Moran ~ Advent Wreath on Prayer Table; Jaxon Wimmer ~ Flower Arranging.*

*– See more photos on page 12*

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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.

# PARISH INFORMATION... OPERATIONAL

## PARISH CLERGY



**Fr. John J. Ludden, Pastor**

Fr. Robert Murphy Associate  
Fr. Paul D'Angelo Associate  
Deacon Hal Brenner  
Deacon Forrest Wallace  
Deacon Frank Paniccia Senior Status

### Altar Servers:

Jean-Paul Boucher [jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

### Arts & Liturgical Environment:

Kay and Andy Sanfelippo  
[ksanfelippo@comcast.net](mailto:ksanfelippo@comcast.net)

**Eucharistic Ministry** [EMMinistry@sjecc.com](mailto:EMMinistry@sjecc.com)  
**Mass**

Maureen Reed [Maureen@sjecc.com](mailto:Maureen@sjecc.com)

### Homebound

Lisa Godlasky [lisa@sjecc.com](mailto:lisa@sjecc.com)

### Hospital

Mary Ellen Metro [maryellen@sjecc.com](mailto:maryellen@sjecc.com)

### Lectors Ministry

L. Philip Baier [lectors@sjecc.com](mailto:lectors@sjecc.com)

### Greeters & Ushers:

Bill Fuller [wfuller1@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.sjecc.com)

**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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

*Business Office is located in the PAC (behind the Church)*  
**All Administrative Staff**  
**239.566.8740**

### General Manager

Jean-Paul Boucher: [jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

### Parish Secretary

Deborah Marsh [deb@sjecc.com](mailto:deb@sjecc.com)

### Front Office Manager

Tricia Schwarz [tricia@sjecc.com](mailto:tricia@sjecc.com)

### Pastoral Musician and Liturgist

Gary Prettyman [gary@sjecc.com](mailto:gary@sjecc.com)

### Artistic Director

Jennine Fuentes [jennine@sjecc.com](mailto:jennine@sjecc.com)

### Sacristan & Martha's Guild

Lan Tran [lan@sjecc.com](mailto:lan@sjecc.com)

### Director of Family Mission

Jean-Paul Boucher [jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

### Parish Publications/Bulletin Editor

Kathy Sims [kathys@sjecc.com](mailto:kathys@sjecc.com)

### CYO Social and Spiritual

#### Coordinator

Kyle VanDuser [kyle@sjecc.com](mailto:kyle@sjecc.com)

### Memorial Garden

Jean-Paul Boucher [jp@sjecc.com](mailto:jp@sjecc.com)

### Bookkeeper

Karen Beebe [karen@sjecc.com](mailto:karen@sjecc.com)

### Divine Gift Boutique

Elaine deLaurentis [elaine@sjecc.com](mailto:elaine@sjecc.com)

### Facilities

239.566.8740, dial 0

## Education Staff

### Director of Religious Education

Natalie Campbell: [natalie@sjecc.com](mailto:natalie@sjecc.com)

### Coordinator, Adult Faith

#### Formation & RCIA

Jack Kindsvater: [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com)

## 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](http://www.sjecc.com)



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## St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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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](mailto:info@sjecc.com)  
Thank you!

### Choirs:

Gary Prettyman: [gary@sjecc.com](mailto: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.*



**ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
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INTEGRITY AND SERVICE*

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SCHEDULE A TOUR  
239.455.3044 x201

[WWW.SJNCELTICS.ORG/ADMISSIONS](http://WWW.SJNCELTICS.ORG/ADMISSIONS)



## Faith and Wine

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

### “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.*

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.FaithandWine.com)**

# MASS INTENTIONS... SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS

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

### December 16, 2017 Saturday

8:00 AM + Jack McGlinn Mike & Joyce Kane

#### Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 SI + 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

### December 18, 2017 Monday

8:00 AM + Peggy Kegaly Jack Kegaly  
9:00 AM + Helen O'Connor Douglas O'Connor

### December 19, 2017 Tuesday

8:00 AM + Barbara Chin Ellen Hannan  
9:00 AM + Dorothy Shew Isabelle, Susy, Imelda & Noemi

### December 20, 2017 Wednesday

8:00 AM + William J. Haggerty Paul Haggerty  
9:00 AM "Novena Mass for Life - For a greater respect for all human life"  
6:30 PM + Esabella Nicolosi Ninetta Magistro

### December 21, 2017 Thursday

8:00 AM + Patricia Sullivan Madeline Gaffey  
9:00 AM + Paulo Roberto Machado Luciene Machado

### December 22, 2017 Friday

8:00 AM SI Gorana Ristobic Steve Saner  
9:00 AM + Theresa Pauza Pat Lamb

### December 23, 2017 Saturday

8:00 AM + Theresa Luongo Steve Saner

#### Saturday Vigil Masses for Sunday

3:00 PM + Jerome VanderHorst Vicki VanderHorst  
5:00 PM + Becky Comeriato Joan Ortlepp

### December 24, 2017 Sunday

7:00 AM + "Zoe" Hamel Mary Lou Kanach  
9:00 AM + Anthony & Jean DeCesare Kay Reid  
11:15 AM For Our Parishioners  
3:00 PM + Ozzie D'Addario Janet D'Addario  
5:00 PM + Kevin Joseph Ferreira Ferreira Family  
10:00 PM + Anthony & Maria Cipolla Liz & Bob Koplitz  
and PM + Lewis R. Albero Squittieri Family

## SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### 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

### Monday, December 18, 2017

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

### Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

### Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

### Thursday, December 21, 2017

#### St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

### Friday, December 22, 2017

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

### Saturday, December 23, 2017

#### St. John of Kanty

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

### Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

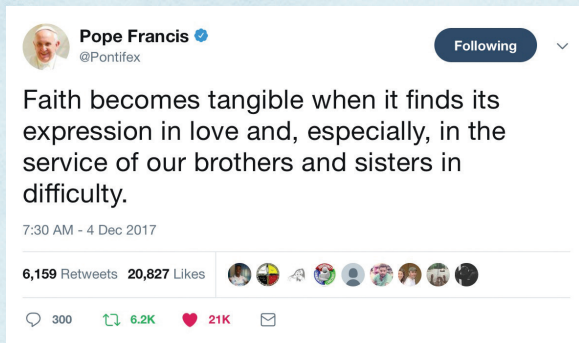
### Sunday, December 24, 2017

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**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 17, 2017



## *CYO Soccer Donates over 200 Toys to Immokalee Children*

Even in the midst of the difficulties of our recovery from Hurricane Irma, and the stresses and priorities of preparing for Christmas, the families of the Optimist Soccer League and our Catholic Youth Organization came together on the first weekend of Advent to donate over 200 new and gently used toys for the children of Immokalee.

I have thanked the Dina's, Greening's, and the Tedrow's several times before, but this amazing expression of the love and caring of our community showcases their leadership in living out our Mission. They have helped hundreds of families each time they set up the SJE donation program at the soccer fields.

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](mailto:jp@sjecc.com).



Jean-Paul Boucher, General Manager

## #ToKnow – End of Year Giving Opportunities for Our Parish Family

Over this past year, we have been blessed to receive wonderful gifts from our Parish Family. There has seemingly been no end to the generosity of our church, from then completion of our first goal for the Life Center, to the massive response of diapers immediately after Hurricane Irma, to our repair matching campaign, and even for the over 200 turkeys for Thanksgiving in the Park. We have always responded to the needs of our church and our community. Thank you for living out our mission with both your giving and your actions!

If you would like to provide additional stewardship for St. John with your treasure, I would like to provide you with a few end-of-the-year options that will not only be tax deductible, but in some cases, support our efforts without assessment from the Diocese:

- Capital Campaign:** The Pulte Family Life Center is currently under construction and will be completed in 2018, providing our Parish Family and the larger community with a brand-new space and more importantly programs that will reach every interest and every age group. While we have reached our Core Goal, we have not yet reached our other goals. Your generosity for our Hurricane Repairs have been applied to pay off the significant insurance deductibles for the church and the Parish Activity Center damage. We know we will have additional costs over and above what the insurance will cover for the repairs and renovations we are undergoing. These repairs will be ongoing for the next nine months, even though we had planned to execute this work over the next several years. The financial consideration of repairing the church and the rest of our campus is significant. If you choose to continue to support these repairs, your giving to the campaign is placed in a separate bank account, and will not be assessed by the Diocese. If you have not yet provided a pledge, I urge you to do so. If you have pledged, please consider accelerating your payments, since that will enable us to move forward quickly.
- Catholic Faith Appeal:** The Catholic Faith Appeal is a Diocesan fundraising program which engages every parish to give to the Diocese to support Catholic



A Capital Campaign for Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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



Charities, the Seminarians, and many more programs. Even in the midst of the efforts we have undergone to repair our campus and the massive area-wide response



to Hurricane Irma, we are still required to meet our annual assessment of \$518,000. We are close, having nearly 90% of this goal met, but we have only a few weeks left to reach it. If you would like to make a donation that will make an impact in the

region, I recommend giving to the CFA. Please visit the Diocese website: <https://dioceseofvenice.weshareonline.org/2017CatholicFaithAppeal> to make a donation or call our office and we can assist you.

- Christmas Gift for Our Parish Family:** We have an easy way for you to give specifically to Saint John the Evangelist during this Christmas Season. Please go to: <https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/Christmas> and you can set up a one-time donation, or establish annual giving for the holidays. This gift will assist us in our daily focus on the Mission of our Parish Family: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community.



Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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Christmas Collection



During the season of giving please remember Saint John the Evangelist and our Mission: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community. Your gift will enable us to continue to live that mission.

**Create a Recurring Donation**  
Select this option to set up a weekly, monthly, or other recurring donation.

Recurring Donation →

**Make a One-Time Donation**  
Select this option to make a one-time donation today.

One Time Donation →

## 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](mailto:jennine@sjecc.com), so she can provide you with the schedule of rehearsals.



*photo from past Christmas Story program*

## Christmas Day Televised Mass for the Homebound with Bishop Frank J. Dewane as Celebrant

The one hour televised Christmas Day Mass for the Homebound with Bishop Frank J. Dewane as celebrant, will air at 9:30 a.m. for viewers in the northern portions of the Diocese on the CW Network; and in the southern portions of the Diocese, the Mass will air at 8:00 a.m. on WFTX-TV (FOX-4 in Cape Coral). Please check your cable provider for channel listings.

Leaflet missals are available upon request by calling 941.484.9543 or by writing: Diocese of Venice, TV Mass, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285.

For more information contact Gail Ardy at 941.486.4714 or email [ardy@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:ardy@dioceseofvenice.org).

## 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

*Second announcement*

*between*

Shauna Withers  
and Matthew Klopack



## 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 Sjoström: 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 Stiff: 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: froglady505@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](mailto: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](mailto: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. [pmgry@aol.com](mailto:pmgry@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

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.

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 [robbyndeville@earthlink.net](mailto:robbyndeville@earthlink.net)

**Gambler's Anonymous.** 1-800-ADMIT-IT  
**Habitat for Humanity.** Kouloheras: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:*

Donald Howe

*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	Gerard Heyer	Renee Rake
Kaylee B	Rosie Heyer	Ruth Rechtsteiner
Jean Balliro	Krista Leigh Kozowyk	Ellen Roberts
Beagan Family	Rene Lacoste	Lloyd Sample
Richard Becker	Jean Lydon	Lisa Sanfelippo
Gallen Boardman	M.M.	Shelia Scaduto
William M. Boardman	Diane Maloney	Gary Schutebach
Lori Breyman	Margie Lynch	Thomas Sissman
Caeleigh Brown	Maria and Family	Avery Smithies
Connie Cahill	Ron Marlow	Nancy Stewart
Kathy Conley	Barbara Marsh	Edward Sullivan
Corinne & Children	Donna Masee	Rita Taranto
Lauren Carr	Kevin McDonagh	William J. Teplia
Frank Comeriato	J. McG	Isaiah Thompson
Merlyn Comeriato	Paul McIntyre	Marilyn Thyen
Tony Corvelo	Cynthia McLemore	Helen Thornburg
Anthony D'Antuono	Carolyn McNichols	JoAnn Tinevra
Mark DaBronzo	Eileen Miner	Jim Tucker
Donald Demski	Mary Ann Morreale	Lawrence A. Varone
Florence Demski	Lorrie Morrison	Mike Walsman
Melissa Diamantini	Gary Neidhard	Dan Ward
George Dillon	Jane Oraziotti	Sandra Welker
Kathy Erickson	Emma O'Rourke	Bernadette White
F.W.	Ronald J. Parker	Joni Wilbur
Jim & Darlene Follse	Michael Paul	Kirsten Wills
Tara Follse & Family	Francesca Pearo	Nancy Wise
Jeff Gatt	Anne Perrino	
George Gonser Jr.	Geno Pesce	
Philip Gorney	Ann Petrillo	
Jayne Hagg	Irene Pires	

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# 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

## Sunday, December 17, 2017: Third Sunday of Advent

### Opening Song

### Love Has Come

Matt Maher

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Verses

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



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



Refrain

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



more. Love has come to show the way.



Hal - le - lu - jah, peace be with



us. Love has come to show the way.

### Preparation Song

56 Emmanuel

### Communion Song

This is Jesus Jim Cowan

#### Chorus

This is Jesus  
 Emmanuel God is with us  
 In this sacrament  
 Come receive Him adore Him  
 This is Jesus our Lord

#### Verse 1

Bright Star of David  
 Radiance of God  
 Now become the living bread  
 The body of the Lord  
 Come in adoration  
 Receive with trembling hands  
 The sacrament most holy  
 The banquet of the Lamb

prepare ye  
the way of the Lord



Communion Song and Other Songs continued on page 11

## Advent Penance Services – Local Area Churches

*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

### Hymns for the 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 16 & 17, 2017

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

Preparation Hymn:   **534**  Abba Father

Communion Hymn:   **91**    Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

**690**  Mary's Song

Closing Hymn:       **40**    People Look East (Verses 1 & 3)

### 5 PM Mass Music Worship Aid

### Sunday, December 17, 2017: Third Sunday of Advent

Verse 2

Drink of living waters  
Flowing from the Lord  
Taste the cup of blessing  
Partake of precious blood  
River of salvation  
Holy cleansing tide  
Fountain of redemption  
Flowing from the Savior's side

Verse 3

Priest of highest honor  
King and Sov'reign Lord  
Unblemished Lamb of sacrifice  
Your very life outpoured  
Royal Paschal victim  
True begotten Son  
Offered as our ransom  
By the Holy One

### 2nd Communion Song       **697**  Holy is His Name

### Closing Song

### Trading My Sorrows

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I'm tra - ding my sor - rows, I'm tra - ding my shame, I'm tra - ding my sick - ness, I'm tra - ding my pain,  
I'm lay - ing them down for the joy of the Lord.  
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord! Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord!  
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, a - men!

*Bridge*) Oh, I am pressed, but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned, struck down, but not destroyed.  
I am blessed beyond the curse for his promise will endure that his joy's gonna be my strength!  
Though the sorrow may last for the night, his joy comes with the morning!

# Pre-K/Atrium Advent Preparation for the Feast of Christmas

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*(Left to right, top row): Willow Burkard ~ Chasuble Pasting Work; Clara Bowles ~ Polishing Practical Life Work; John Harned ~ Altar Area; Kaitlyn Born ~ Flower Arranging.*

*(Bottom row): Clara Bowles and Giuliana Scarantino ~ Good Shepherd Presentation; Cody Born ~ Altar Area.*



*text and photos by Charlotte Williams and Marlene Morgenthal, Pre-K/Atrium*

## CYO & CAO Concert Series 2017-2018 Season

continues January 25 with

### Philip Borter, Cellist

Philip Lawrence Borter is quickly becoming recognized as one of the most diverse stringed instrumentalist of his generation. Being equally comfortable in traditional as well as non-traditional performance styles, Dr. Borter has prided himself in exploring and sharing an incredibly varied repertory.

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



#### REMAINING CONCERT SEASON:

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](mailto:jennine@sjecc.com)

# Marriage Ministry: Together Forever

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.

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## THE CHOICE Wine™

7 STEPS

TO A SUPERABUNDANT MARRIAGE

### Remaining Dates:

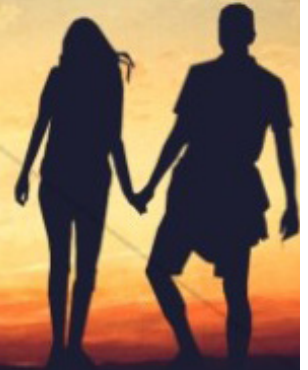
Jan. 20, Feb. 24, March 24, April 28,  
May 19, June 30, July 28, Aug. 25

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.

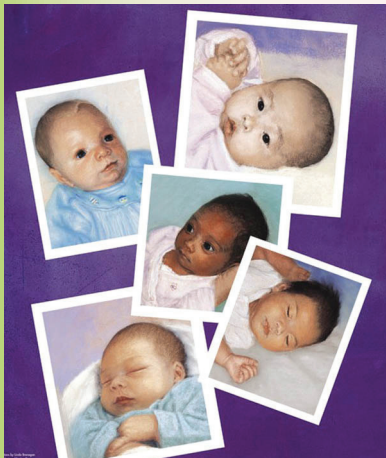


## Spiritual Adoption Program Ends With Month Nine

***“Here I Am!” HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY!***

### ***MONTH 9- Here I am!”***

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month – nine months after her mother conceived her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. She is no different now than she before birth except that she breathes and eats differently. She is truly a miracle. She began as a



46-chromosome cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we now can see. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved her life. Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies and their parents for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth “so that they might have life and have it to the full!”

”The next Novena of Masses for Life at St. John will be Wednesday, December 20 at 9:00 a.m. This Mass will be celebrated in special observance of the life of Jesus in the womb of our Blessed Mother.



### **Masses at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities**

<b>Wednesday, December 20</b> <b>Bentley Village</b> + Glenna Gelock	<b>10:00 AM</b>  req. by Peter DeFrancesca
<b>Friday, December 22</b> <b>Harbor Chase Memory Care</b> + Mary Riley	<b>10:00 AM</b>  req. by Stephen Reed and Gloria Eng

### ***Bishop Frank J. Dewane to Honor Couples Celebrating Marriage with a Special Mass This Winter***

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 17 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, and 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 10 at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs.

More details will be available in future bulletins.

Third Sunday of Advent: Year B

Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11

Responsorial: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

# The Word & Life

## *The Christ of Promise*

**I**t would seem that today's gospel is a repeat of last Sunday's gospel. We hear John's gospel echo the message of Mark's gospel last week. Once again we focus on the character of John the Baptist. The fourth gospel account emphasizes the role of the Baptist. He is not Elijah or one of the prophets from of old, neither is he the Christ. John describes himself as the fulfillment of the Prophet of Isaiah — he is the voice crying out to the world of his time to make straight the way of the Lord. John the Baptist's mission is to prepare the world for the coming of Christ and to testify to the light.

Little did John know how powerful the coming of Christ would be. In today's reading from Isaiah, we hear of the anointed one who was sent to bring glad tidings to the poor, healing to the broken, liberty to the captives, release to prisoners, and to announce the year of the Lord. This anointing blessed the world when Jesus began his public ministry and all these things came to pass. The coming of Jesus as the Christ (Anointed One) brings with it the healing and comfort of heaven. Jesus' presence brought transformation for those who encountered him during his ministry on earth.



As we enter the third week of our advent season, we rejoice in the Lord's initiative to save us. Preparing for Christmas does not only bring beautiful memories of childhoods gone by, it reminds us of why Christmas came in the first place. The advent season calls to mind our salvation in Christ. It reminds us of the promise given in our baptism. It recalls all the hopes and expectations of those who waited in faith for the coming of the Messiah. As Christians, we know that Jesus has already come to the world and departed it to be seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. However, we await the second coming of Christ with hope and faith-filled expectation. The dream of the Christian is to look upon the face of Jesus one day and gaze into his heart. In the meantime, we experience his presence

veiled in the Eucharist and are called to recognize him in the needs around us. During this time of preparation, we are asked to reach out to those who will have nothing this Christmas or know one to care for them. This is our calling and challenge as we wait for Christ to come to each one of us.

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



### Reflection Questions

1. How do you fulfill the anointing of your baptism?
2. What does it mean to be Christian?
3. How do you bring glad tidings to the poor?
4. In what ways do you bring liberation to others?
5. Do you allow God to use you to build his kingdom?
6. Is seeking justice part of your life?
7. How do you bear fruit for the gospel?
8. Do you allow yourself to prepare a way for the Lord in the lives of others?

### Prayer

*Heavenly Father, help us to prepare ourselves for the second coming of your Son. Thank you for the generosity that you have shown us by sending your Son into the world to save us from sin. Let us remember with great joy the event of the Incarnation and the revelation of your Word made flesh. May we be challenged by the word and example Jesus shared through the proclamation of the good news. Find us ready to experience the fullness of your presence this Christmas. Amen.*

### Wisdom of the Fathers



*Pope Francis gestures as he speaks during his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican October 29, 2014. (Catholic News Service photo/Paul Haring)*

“In order to comprehend the relationship, in the Church, the relation between her visible reality and the spiritual realm, there is no other way than to look to Christ, whose body is constituted by the Church and who generates her, in an act of infinite love....

...In the case of the Church, however, we must ask ourselves: how can the visible reality be at the service of the spiritual reality? Once again, we can understand it by looking at Christ. Christ is the model for the Church, because the Church is his body. He is the model for all Christians, for us all. When one looks to Christ, one does not err.... He [Christ] has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord's favour”. Behold how Christ used his humanity — for was also a man — to proclaim and fulfil the divine plan of redemption and salvation — because he was God; so too must it be for the Church. Through her visible reality, all that can be seen, the sacraments and witness of all us Christians, the Church is called every day to be close to every man, to begin with the one who is poor, the one who suffers and the one who is marginalized, in such a way as to make all people feel the compassionate and merciful gaze of Jesus...

... Our witness is to make others understand what it means to be Christian. Let us ask not be a source of scandal. Let us ask for the gift of faith, so that we can understand how, despite our smallness and our poverty, the Lord has made us a true vehicle of grace and a visible sign of his love for all humanity. We can become a cause of scandal, yes. But we can also become a cause of witness, by saying with our life what Jesus wants of us.”

— Pope Francis during his General Audience, Wednesday, 29 October, 2014

# Faith Formation

## 2017-2018 School Year

December 17 - January 6  
No Faith Formation Classes

Our Faith Formation Office will be closed  
from December 17 - January 2.

### PARENT FAITH FORMATION

At St. John we are very blessed to offer Faith Formation Sessions while the children are in class on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. With volunteers from our Adult Faith Formation ministry, under the Direction of Jack Kindsvater, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, parents have an opportunity to enrich their faith journey as well. There is no charge to attend and no pre-registration necessary.

For more information, please feel free to contact Jack at [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com). Please join us! More details can be found on the Adult Faith Formation Pages of our weekly bulletin as well.

### 3rd Sunday of Advent



John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1 :26-27

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### Thank you, Sister Katie Flanagan and our Friends at St. John Neumann High School

Middle school students in our Faith Formation had the unique opportunity of having a special visit and lesson about St. John Bosco from Sister Katie Flanagan and her support team from St. John Neumann High School. The kids had a wonderful time learning about St John Bosco and about St. John Neumann High School, located here in Naples. The students had a wonderful time and loved their SJN t-shirts and treats! We look forward to another visit in the New Year!



**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)

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# Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

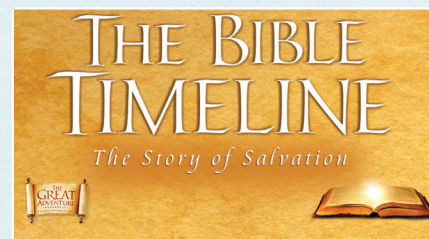
## The Star of Bethlehem

Women of the Word invite ALL women at St. John to join them for a presentation of the Star of Bethlehem, **Thursday morning at 9:30.**

Scholars debate whether the Star of Bethlehem is a legend created by the early church or a miracle that marked the advent of Christ. Is it possible that the star was a real, astronomical event? From Producer Stephen McEveety (*The Passion of the Christ*) comes an amazing documentary on the Star of Bethlehem. This presentation as seen by tens of thousands in the U.S. and in Europe explores the exciting truth of scripture and reveals the evidence for God's existence as seen in the stars above. Presenter Rick Larson walks you through Biblical and historical clues revealing the incredible significance of this celestial event as well as the vastness of God's creativity. Discover the secret of the Star - a secret of magnificent beauty.



## The BIBLE TIMELINE



The lunchtime section of *The BIBLE TIMELINE*, begun last Spring, will resume on **Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. beginning January 10** in the Seminar Room.

The program will pick up with session 13, *Divided Kingdom, part 1*. Please let us know if you will be attending; just email [jack@sjecc.com](mailto:jack@sjecc.com) or leave a message on extension 3918.

## An Invitation to Adult Parishioners Who Have Not Been Confirmed

If you were baptized Catholic and received your First Communion, but for whatever reason have not been confirmed, ADULT CONFIRMATION is available to YOU.

Like Baptism, which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark. "Confirmation is an assertive counterpart to passive baptism, an ecclesial symbol that those who are empowered by the Holy Spirit can transcend their own limitations and can be instruments of grace in the world." (Karl Rahner)

Through the laying on of hands, anointing with chrism, and prayer, those already baptized are strengthened by the Holy Spirit so that they may spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ.

Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at Saint John the Evangelist parish in late April or May on both adult baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed, as well as our young adults who have completed two years of preparation.

It is never too late to receive Confirmation; in previous years our adult confirmani ranged in age from 18 to 80 and spanned three generations. There will be five preparation sessions in the weeks leading up to Confirmation, held on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. to accommodate almost anyone's schedule.

Whether you are definitely interested or would simply like more information, please contact Jack Kindsvater, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator NOW. Contact info below.



## This Week's Schedule

**Wednesday, December 20**


**The Bible Timeline, Messianic Fulfillment part 2** ~ 7:30 p.m.,  
Rome Room

**Thursday, December 21**

**Women of the Word, The Star of Bethlehem**  
~ 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](mailto:jack@sjecc.com)



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

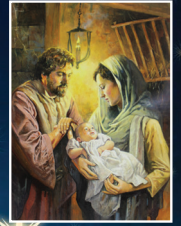
Checks made payable to SJECJ  
- St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
Credit Cards accepted for monthly payment  
please visit: <https://saintjohntheevangelist.com/event/zumba>



## “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.



## Trappist Preserves and Creamed Honey on Sale in Divine Gift Boutique

If you are looking for Christmas gifts, hostess gifts, or something for yourself, check out our gift shop. The Divine Gift Boutique has stocked up on the renowned Trappist Preserves and Creamed Honey.

The Boutique is selling Red Raspberry, Blackberry, Blueberry, Strawberry, Rhubarb-Strawberry, Mango-Pepper, Ginger, Cranberry Preserves, Seville Orange Marmalade, Sherry Wine Jelly, and Port Wine Jelly for \$6.00 each.

Made by the Roman Catholic priests and brothers of St. Joseph’s Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts, the Preserves are prized for their exceptional richness and taste.

The Trappist Creamed Honeys, from the Trappists of Holy Cross Abbey in Berryville, Virginia, are also available in the gift shop.

The gift shop is selling Natural (plain), Almond, Orange, Cinnamon, and Lemon Top Creamed Honey flavors for \$8.00 each.

Don’t miss these authentic monk made delicacies!



# 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](mailto: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 Jan. 13
- Piano 2 Saturdays at 10am beginning Jan. 13
- Strings Tuesdays at 4:30pm beginning Jan. 9
- Singing/Vocal Program Fridays at 4:45pm beginning Jan. 12
- Guitar Saturdays at noon beginning Jan. 13
- Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 4pm beginning Jan. 10
- Theater and Acting Saturdays at 10am beginning Jan. 13
- Improv Comedy Monday's at 6:45pm beginning Jan. 8
- Art and Painting for Elementary Age students Saturdays at 9am beginning Jan. 9
- Voice Saturdays at 10am beginning Jan. 13
- Art and Painting for Middle/High School Age Students Saturdays at 10:30am beginning Jan. 13



### CAO:

- Strings Program Tuesdays at 5pm beginning Jan. 9
- Vocal/Cantor Program Friday's at 5:45pm beginning Jan. 12
- Guitar Saturdays at 1:00pm beginning Jan. 13
- Ballroom Dance Wednesday's at 5pm beginning Jan. 10
- Improv Comedy Monday's at 7:45pm beginning Jan. 8
- Art and Painting Saturdays at noon beginning Jan. 13
- Voice Saturdays at 10am beginning Jan. 13



Register online on our website: [www.sjecc.com](http://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](mailto: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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# 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.

*Saint John the Evangelist  
CAO and Knights of  
Columbus Council 11281*



For the Intentions of

Living \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**DROP THE FORM AND DONATION IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS.**

*For your convenience, envelopes are also available in the Narthex.*

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Play Like a Champion Today Coach and Sport Parent Education Program

**PLAY LIKE  
A CHAMPION  
TODAY**

Character Education Through Sports  
learn more at: [playlikeachampion.org](http://playlikeachampion.org)

### COACH & PARENT WORKSHOPS

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**

**RSVP to:  
[kyle@sjecc.com](mailto:kyle@sjecc.com)**

*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



[playlikeachampion.org](http://playlikeachampion.org)

[plactoday@gmail.com](mailto:plactoday@gmail.com)



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



## Honoring All Priests of the Diocese of Venice

Tickets can be purchased by calling Paul Curti  
at 612-616-5535, or on our website at:

<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/2017VocationsDinner>

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

Donate an auction item, or make a cash donation.

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# BIG BAND DANCE

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**First Dance of the Season**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist PLC

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

*Dance to the Music of the Big Band Era*

*Featuring the Live Southwest Florida 16-piece Orchestra  
Sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller & Stan Kenton*

**Big Band Dance Schedule:**

**Tuesday, January 23 • Tuesday, February 13 • Tuesday, March 20  
• Tuesday, March 28 • Tuesday, April 10**

**Admission:**

\$10.00 cash only at the door ~ includes snacks

**Cash Bar:** Water and Soda ~ \$1.00

- Beer ~ \$2.00 per 12 oz. cup; \$7.00 per 60 oz. pitcher
- Wine and Mixed Drinks ~ \$4.00

**Dress:** Country Club Casual  
(No shorts please.)

*Sponsored by the Men's Club and Women's Auxiliary*

Lite dinner food available at reasonable prices

**Singles Tables Available**

*For Reservations (table of 8 or 10 only)  
CONTACT:  
239.821.9395  
Prepayment Required*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:  
SOCK HOP  
JANUARY 26,  
2018**



**JAN.  
27**



PLEASE NOTE: All participants must sign up with Kyle at: [KYLE@SJECC.COM](mailto: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**

**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](mailto:kyle@sjecc.com)**